

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1

February 10, 2016

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse
Cmsr. Bovenizer
Cmsr. Davies
Cmsr. Evans
Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT: None.

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commissioner Morehouse following proof of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was given through the Annual Meeting Notice and was filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the municipal building, the board's office, and advertised in the official newspapers of the district as required by law.

Minutes:

On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers, the January 13, 2016 open session meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Liberty Mutual, the workers compensation insurance company quoted the commission the 2015 rates not the 2016 rates and had to prorate the bill. It was suggested to amend the resolution 16-15 to increase the amount allowed to spend from \$4000 to \$4500 per bill. This was motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the treasurer's report was made available to each commissioner with a list and description of the bills to be paid. The Chief Financial Officer previously certified that there were sufficient encumbered funds in the 2015 budget and unencumbered funds in the 2016 temporary budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2015 budget in the amount of \$21,289.00 and the 2016 temporary budget of \$13,204.15 including a payment to Liberty Mutual for \$4927.50 on for a total of \$34,493.15. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The Dinner Dance will take place on February 20, 2016. The fund drive letters will be going out soon and the annual breakfast will be in March.

Ladies Auxiliary-

Many of the blankets have been sold. There are only a few left in blue and black.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 27 calls in January with 13 in Hopewell Borough and 14 in Hopewell Township with no scratches. The new iPads have been installed in the ambulances. There will be an article in an upcoming issue of the Hopewell Valley News regarding the donation of the AED's from Cardiac Science to the fire department. There are currently 4 members in EMT class. The recent snow fall caused no problems for the squad. Chief Morehouse will be getting updated quotes for the ambulance update. If they are above \$17,500, the update must be bid out. It is intended to speak to Hopewell Township about the possibility of getting a second person in Station 52. Flemington took over EMS for East Amwell. A chain on one of the ambulances got bent and had to be repaired.

Fire Chief Report:—The truck maintenance service agreement for the trucks is up for approval. Four Lanes Fire Repair submitted the lower quote. The last open purchase order for the Quint will be taken care of later this month. There was a roof fire on Applewood Drive which was stopped quickly. The fire company went mutual aid to Montgomery to a room and contents fire. There was a chimney fire on Lambertville Hopewell Road which was stopped quickly and a refrigerator and wall fire on Greenwood Avenue which was also stopped. 1 member graduated Firefighter 1 and 2 members start Firefighter 1 in February. The fire department was sent to 188 Lindbergh Road but it had gone through 2 other departments before Station 52 was dispatched.

Insurance

Commissioner Myers reported the experience level for Station 52 for 2015 was .83 and for 2016 it was .79 which resulted in a refund of \$10.00. Liberty Mutual was happy with the desk audit and Commissioner Myers has a copy of the report.

Long Range Plan: No report.

Fire Official Report: On file and a copy was provided to the Commissioners.

Committee Reports: None

Resolution 16-17 It was decided that this resolution had to be tabled as it regarded the posting of the LOSAP list for 2015 and the Board had not received the list as of the time of the meeting.

Resolution 16-18 Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to approve the resolution regarding approving payment for Tanker 52. Motion unanimously passed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Evans unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on March 9, 2016.