

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

May 11, 2016

PRESENT: Cmsr. Bovenizer

Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Evans

ABSENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Myers

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 pm by Commissioner Davies 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 Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies, the April 13 , 2016 open and closed session meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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 unencumbered funds in the 2016 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2016 budget of \$21,158.76 including a payment to Liberty Mutual for \$4093.50 on 3/23/16. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

The rent for the Hopewell Fire Department will be paid at the June meeting and a resolution will be presented indicated the change in banks from Hopewell Valley Community Bank to Northfield.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

There was no one present from the administration at the meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary-

There was no one present from the Ladies Auxiliary at the meeting.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 27 calls for the month of April with 2 scratches and no mutual aid calls to East Amwell. 1 member graduated from EMT class and 3 more members are taking the State test soon. It is tough retaining members per Chief Morehouse. The ambulance maintenance is going well and Ambulance 152-2 will be going out shortly for refurbishment.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 29 calls for the month of April. The fire department will be taking part in Operation Head-On at the high school on May 31st which gives juniors and seniors an idea of the ramifications of drunk driving. The gear washer had a mechanical issue and in an attempt to save money a member tried to fix it but it did not work so now it has to be epoxied for \$1200.00. The lights for the ladder on the Quint were purchased however an electrical problem was found with the ladder and the nozzle. The fire department is trying not to replace all the wires and are hoping there is a short somewhere which can be fixed with spare wires. Deputy Chief Mullen would like to move forward with the purchase of more pagers. He is also going to make an effort to recover pagers from people who no longer ride. The quote from G1 was \$5200 and the Motorola quote was approximately \$4500. It was determined to go forward with pagers from Motorola.

Commissioner Bovenizer is going to request that Attorney Griswold talk to the Local Finance Board and see what needs to be accomplished for a new application to be submitted.

The fire department would like to start doing pool fills again. It is now possible to rent a meter from NJ American Water for \$100 a month to do the pool fills. It is a good fundraiser and gives new members an opportunity to get some pump training.

There is a leak in Rescue 52's transmission which needs to be repaired and Deputy Mullen will send emails to Commissioner Morehouse and Commissioner Myers for approval to spend the money to repair the leak with the authorization of the rest of the Board present at the meeting.

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

Committee Reports: It was decided to table the Local Finance Board discussion until June as Chief Novak is working on getting updated quotes and two commissioners are absent as well as the attorney.

It was suggested to have a representative from Lincoln Financial come to the firehouse on a drill night to give a presentation on LOSAP. Battalion Chief Myers will contact Lincoln Financial and work around their schedule to arrange a date.

It was also suggested to contact the insurance company and see if they would provide CEVO or EVOC training for the drivers of the department.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Davies approved the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on June 8, 2016.