

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

October 12, 2016

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

ABSENT: Cmsr. Bovenizer

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm 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 Myers and seconded by Commissioner Evans the September 14, 2016 open session meeting minutes were approved with one absence.

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 \$6763.38. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

Fund drive money is still coming into the firehouse. The cabinets in the kitchen are partially installed. Some of the younger members of the department are doing Halloween activities. In December the tree lighting service and Project Santa will take place. The boot drive conducted at Cruise Night earned \$1500.00 and \$500.00 was earned at Hopewell Harvest Fair.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The Ladies met for their September meeting. They will be helping out with the Halloween parade and will be handing out juice boxes and Rice Krispy treats. The Ladies will be going out to a restaurant for the Holiday party.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 24 calls for the month of September with 2 scratches. 159 handled the calls for the squad. As one of the scratches was a result of both truck batteries being dead it was suggested that the career staff could start the ambulances every day to make sure everything is working. Also members along with the career staff can make sure the ambulances are plugged in and the voltage meter is reading correctly. The batteries in both trucks were replaced. The battery problem with the Jeep was fixed and a new light bar was installed.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 26 calls for the month of September. The fire department responded to a dwelling fire in Lawrenceville with the Quint and the Tanker. The fire department had 30 people in the Mercer County Fire Prevention parade held in Pennington. The fire department took home 8 trophy's. On Thursday October 12, the Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners are presenting awards to the responders involved in the fire on 21 Elm Street where a person was rescued. Also at that meeting the 2017 budget will be presented. The Quint is in Lancaster getting multiple repairs. A discussion on which rescue tools to purchase was conducted.

Resolution 2016-35 On a motion by Commissioner Evans and a second by Commissioner Myers a resolution authorizing the purchase of equipment to outfit the new rescue truck not to exceed \$32,000 to be purchased through state contract or HGAC. Resolution passed with one absence.

The Board also authorized an amount not to exceed \$10, 000 for the maintenance and repair for existing rescue equipment.

Several companies worked well together at a vehicle extrication on Route 518.

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

Committee Reports

Commissioner Myers is working on a new Workers Compensation quote and will report further on the matter.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Evans and seconded by Cmsr. Davies approved the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on November 9, 2016.