

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

September 14, 2016

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

ABSENT: Cmsr. Davies

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:48 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 Evans the August 10, 2016 open session meeting minutes were approved with Commissioner Myers abstaining.

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 \$31,300.36 including a payment to Liberty Mutual for \$4093.50 on 8/25/16. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The building is still undergoing some construction focusing mainly on the upstairs kitchen. The new floor has been installed and now the fire department is awaiting the arrival of the cabinets for the kitchen. The Ladies Auxiliary members have to be involved in a discussion about the layout of the kitchen also.

Ladies Auxiliary-

Meetings have resumed for the year. There are still 60 blankets left in blue and black. The next meeting of the Mercer County Ladies Auxiliary will be September 21st at Pennington Fire Company. One member was hurt at work and is at home recuperating.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 26 calls in August with 1 scratch which occurred on a Thursday at 5:30 pm. The sirens and lights on the Squad Jeep are not functioning properly which may be a result of the radio draining the battery. Deputy Chief Mullen thinks he may be able to fix the problem which will save money. Engineers Fiel and Novak reported that ambulance 152-1 has a major oil leak which may need to be repaired. The ambulance will be going to a Ford dealership for evaluation.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 24 calls in September. 14 calls in Hopewell Township, 5 in Hopewell Borough 2 in Pennington and 1 in East Amwell. The call in East Amwell was not easily accessible due to down trees in the area. There were 5 carbon monoxide alarms and 2 auto accidents. There was a head on collision on Hopewell Pennington Road and a truck that flipped at Trap Rock. There was a fatal fire in Titusville. The crew from Hopewell found the body and no one needed critical incident stress debriefing. One firefighter was injured at the fire which has been reported to the workers compensation insurance company. The injury needs to be posted at the fire department per PEOSHA standards. Copies of insurance forms will be made available on the fire trucks. Quint 52 will be going for repairs in Lancaster on October 3rd. Every truck will be riding in the Mercer County Fire Prevention parade in Pennington for their 125th anniversary. Training will be suspended on Tuesday nights in order to get the trucks prepared. At the 9/11 memorial event, Quint 52 hoisted the flag with Tower 51. Next year another artifact from 9/11 will be received in the form of a crushed vehicle from the scene. There was a brief discussion on the amount of mutual aid provided to Pennington.

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

Committee Reports

It was decided not to have a Fire Commissioner Twitter account.

Commissioner Myers reported the cost of insurance in the budget should be increased by \$5000 due to the fact that no one can predict the cost of Workers Compensation. Commissioner Myers is looking into alternatives to Liberty Mutual and also will be investigating the JIF in that Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners is a member.

It was decided that Commissioner Bovenizer and Commissioner Evans would go before the Local Finance Board regarding the rescue truck now that the contract with Hopewell Township was signed. It was decided another resolution would be needed for the application.

Resolution 2016-33

On a motion by Commissioner Evans and a second by Commissioner Bovenizer the resolution was passed authorizing an application for the Local Finance Board regarding the purchase of a new rescue truck. Motion was passed with one absence.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Evans approved the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on October 12 2016.