

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2017

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

ABSENT:

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, the fire district website, 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 11, 2017 minutes were approved with no absences.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 17-13

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 and in the 2017 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 2016 budget of \$26,288.29 and the 2017 temporary budget of \$6,046.97 for a total of \$32,335.26. Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2016 budget and the 2017 temporary budget was given to the Board for review.

Resolution 17-14

On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers a resolution authorizing the annual payment on the tanker was passed. Motion unanimously passed with no absences.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

No report given.

Ladies Auxiliary-

No report given.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 31 calls for the month of January with one scratch. 18 of those calls were during the day and the ambulance was able to respond. The Lucas device was used on a call and the patient arrived at the hospital alive. A discussion commenced about the status of the active riding members of the EMU and the status of the EMU as a whole. Currently Chief Butler estimates there are 16 active riding members on the EMU who are spread out over each night and also ride during the day. The squad is looking to have an open house in spring to recruit some more members. Chairman Morehouse is concerned about the lack of members and will schedule a meeting with Hopewell Township Chairman Chipowsky to discuss the situation. It was suggested that Commissioner Myers speak to some lobbyists about the issue and Commissioner Bovenizer will speak to Princeton and see what actions they took when they were having a volunteer problem. Changing SOP's was also discussed as to only needing 1 EMT on the ambulance. Further discussion about this issue will take place in the upcoming meetings.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 38 calls for the month of January with 13 calls on the same night due to a power surge in the Hopewell Hunt development. Deputy Chief Mullen presented a report about the breakdown of what apparatus responded to calls. The contract was signed with Rosenbauer for the rescue truck, contingent on the budget passing later this month. After the election, providing the budget passes a letter will be written to the LFB. The plan is to take the \$90,000 budgeted for the rescue truck as a surplus this year and hold it out as restricted for 2018. There will be no down payment made at this time and Chief Novak was asked to ask Rosenbauer to give the Commissioners a 2-3 month warning as to when the truck will be delivered and payment expected.

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

Committee Reports

Commissioner Myers stated there was a slight increase in the monthly workers compensation bill, but the increase was covered in the previously passed resolution so no further action was needed.

The Hopewell Fire Department Dinner Dance will be on February 18, 2017 at the Princeton Elks, which is the same night as the election.

Annual Financial Disclosure Forms will be posted on the State website shortly for the Commissioners to fill out and submit.

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 8:58. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on March 8, 2017.