

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

November 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 Chairman 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:

There was one change in the minutes. Commissioner Myers called the meeting to order.

Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the meeting minutes of October 11, 2017. Motion passed with one abstention.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 17-31

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 funds in the 2017 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2017 budget of \$106,525.56. Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2017 budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

No report given.

Ladies Auxiliary-

No report given.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 22 calls for the month of October with 1 scratch. The scratched call occurred in the early morning and 159 handled the call. Both ambulances have oil leaks that need to be addressed. At the last meeting it was decided to go forward with fixing both leaks. One ambulance has been repaired and the second ambulance is still in the process of being repaired. The second ambulance's oil leak was more complicated. Due to the increase in the amount of the repair some money will need to be transferred. 1 new member joined and will be going to EMT school.

The 2018 budget was reviewed once again and slight adjustments were made.

Fire Chief Report:—There was 21 calls for the month of October with 2 residential structure fires. At a meeting of the Valley chiefs an all-call tone was instituted. With the all-call tone all the valley pagers can be activated with one tone. The siren was fixed on Louellen Avenue. Tires need to be replaced on some of the trucks. Two or more quotes must be obtained if the price is above the quote threshold.

Resolution 17-32 On a motion by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Evans the resolution was passed authorizing budget transfers for the 2017 budget. Motion passed with no absences.

Fire Official Report: On file and a copy was provided to the Commissioners. Fire inspection fees will be increasing by 29%.

Resolution 17-33 Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies the resolution was passed authorizing advertisement of repair to the Quint. Motion passed with no absences.

Committee Reports—Workers compensation quotes are in good shape for 2018.

LOSAP—There were two requests for LOSAP withdrawals from vested members. Both requests met the requirements and Commissioner Davies signed the requests. The process of reclaiming funds from inactive, unvested members' accounts will begin soon.

It was determined to not participate in lease-to-purchase fire gear. The brush truck was discussed and would cost approximately \$80,000 to refurbish. Further discussion will occur at a later time.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Evans and seconded by Cmsr. Bovenizer approved the meeting adjourned at 9:03. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on December 13, 2017.

