

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

April 11, 2018

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 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 and provided to anyone requesting same prior to the meeting.

Minutes:

Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the meeting minutes of February 14, 2018. Motion passed with one absence and one abstention.

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the special meeting minutes of March 2, 2018. Motion passed with one absence and one abstention.

There was one correction to the March 14 meeting minutes. The election took place on February 17th not February 18th. Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the meeting minute of March 14, 2018 with the changes indicated. Motion passed with one absence and one abstention.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: Resolution 18-19

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

encumbered funds in the 2017 budget and the 2018 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 \$24,089.44 and the 2018 budget of \$19,033.13 for a total of \$43,122.57. Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2017 budget and the 2018 budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The roof over the squad bay is leaking and the fire department is looking to repair the roof.

Ladies Auxiliary-

No report given.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 36 calls for the month of March with 2 scratches. The days are getting very busy and two ambulances responded to different calls at the same time. There are 2 members in the EMT class. If a new ambulance is going to be purchased in the future, planning for the ambulance should begin in the near future.

Fire Chief Report:— There were 45 calls in March with 20 calls in one day due to winter storms. One house got electrified which in turn shocked one of the homeowners who was taken to the hospital. There was also a house fire which was a total loss. Chief Novak spoke to Rosenbauer regarding a date for the rescue truck final inspection and thus far no date has been set.

The leasing company will be holding the money paid to them in escrow and will issue it when the truck is delivered.

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

Committee Reports—There was no report regarding insurance.

LOSAP—Prior to last meeting the list of qualified members for LOSAP was received and posted. The amount of money earned, \$74,246.86 is well within the budgeted amount for 2017. At the time of this meeting the Boroughs portion is \$22,274.06 and the Township portion is \$51,972.80. This information will be provided to Chief Martin. 67 members qualified for LOSAP in 2017. Perhaps in the future the point system should be reevaluated and it was suggested to have a representative from Lincoln Financial come to the firehouse to speak to the members about their investments.

Resolution 18-20

On a motion by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers a resolution was passed authorizing the payment of the Hopewell Borough portion of the 2017 LOSAP. Motion was passed with one absence and Commissioner Myers abstained from voting for his portion of LOSAP.

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 8:17. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on May 9, 2018.