

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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

ABSENT: Cmsr. Myers

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 Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies the January 10, 2018 minutes were approved with one absence.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 18-12

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 certified that there were sufficient encumbered funds in the 2017 budget and the 2018 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 2017 budget of \$24,904.32 and the 2018 temporary budget of \$7,370.40 for a total of \$32,274.72. 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 and the 2018 temporary budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

There was no representative from the fire department administration at the meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary-

There was no one present to give a report.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 36 calls for the month of January with 4 scratches. A152-1 has another oil leak coming from the high pressure oil line. There was a discussion about scratched calls. Due to state and local agreements other agencies are mandated to cover mutual aid calls. It was suggested to analyze the future of the EMU program for the long term regarding equipment and manpower.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 27 calls for January including 1 structure fire and 4 motor vehicle accidents. Members of the fire department traveled to Minnesota to do a mid-point inspection on the new Rosenbauer Rescue Pumper. Some items were changed such as tires and some cabinets were added inside the truck. The cab is done as well as the pump. The final inspection will be most likely in late March or April. Delivery will be after the final inspection. The command vehicle is being repaired at Boro Collision.

Financing for the truck was discussed. Commissioner Bovenizer presented a contract from a leasing company to the Commissioners. Before signing the contract certain actions must be taken. Chairman Morehouse will call the representative from the leasing company and try to come to an agreement and then a special meeting will be conducted to sign the contract.

Engine 52 was lent to station 53 as their truck was out of service for an extended time. It was mentioned that Richard Van Doren passed away recently.

Resolution 18-13—On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans the resolution authorizing the annual payment for the tanker was passed unanimously with one absence.

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

Committee Reports

LOSAP Commissioner Davies is working with the Fire Department on 2017 LOSAP.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Evans and seconded by Cmsr. Davies and approved the meeting adjourned at 8:58. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on March 14, 2018.

