

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

November 14, 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, 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 Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the meeting minutes of October 10, 2018. Motion passed with one absence.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: Resolution 18-31

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 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 2018 budget of \$16,187.90 for a total of \$16,187.90. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote. Commissioner Myers abstained from voting for his reimbursement.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2018 budget was given to the Board for review.

Resolution 18-32

Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the resolution allowing the transfer of funds between line items in the 2018 budget. Motion passed with one absence.

Resolution 18-33

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the resolution authorizing payment of the 2018 SCBA loan. Motion passed with one absence.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The fire department is looking into being a drop off site for Toys for Tots and the local food bank. The tree lighting will be on Saturday December 1st followed by the company holiday party. Project Santa will be taking place the 2nd week of December.

Ladies Auxiliary-

No report given.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 31 calls for the month of October with 2 scratches. One scratch was in East Amwell. There was a brief discussion about the increased responses into East Amwell. The ambulances will be getting preventative maintenance. The squad Jeep is nearing the end of its life and due to that fact the fire department purchased a surplus police vehicle to replace the Jeep. State licensing is still being explored. It was suggested to ask for a new stretcher as a qualified charitable donation.

Fire Chief Report:— There were 20 calls for the month of October including a structure fire. The Rescue has returned from the manufacturer with the items on the punch list completed. The fire department was invited to view the new display at the Hopewell Museum dedicated to the fire department.

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

Committee Reports

Budget-The budget will be introduced at the December 12, 2018 meeting.

Rescue Truck Auction-Commissioner Bovenizer was not present to give an update but it was mentioned that a fire department in upstate New York may be interested in the truck.

Insurance- There was an issue that came up during the month regarding workers compensation for an injured firefighter. The issue ended up being between the workers compensation company and the hospital.

Resolution 18-34

Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the resolution appointing the meeting dates for 2019. Motion passed with one absence.

Resolution 18-35

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the resolution authorizing the signing of the shared services agreement between the Hopewell Borough Board of Fire Commissioners and the Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners for Fire Inspections from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. Motion passed with one absence.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Davies and seconded by Cmsr. Evans approved the meeting adjourned at 8:35. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on December 12, 2018.