

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

February 10, 2021

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

ABSENT: Cmsr. Myers

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting was conducted remotely by means of a web-based conference call through Google and was called to order by Commissioner Morehouse at 7:00 pm, following adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (annual notice published and revised meeting notice published in the Times of Trenton, posted at the Board offices and on the fire district's web site providing information on how the public could access and join the meeting, as well as provided to any person requesting same in advance of the meeting.)

Minutes:

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the meeting minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting. Motion approved with one absence.

Fire Chief Report:

There were 19 calls in January including a fire in Pennington Borough. The training door was delivered. There was a fire in 52's local which was extinguished quickly. One member was transported to the hospital. On February 22nd, there will be a Valley Chiefs meeting to discuss protocols for Engine 50. There are 3 very large developments which will be built in 51's area which will affect the current responses. The Fire Marshal is pushing for fully suppressed buildings with the new development. There was a COVID vaccination clinic held at Hopewell Elementary School which was very successful.

EMU Chief Report

There were 28 calls for the month of February with 5 scratches during the day. The squad is working with the Township to provide EMS coverage at the vaccine clinics. The updated SOP's are completed and Chief Brown will be reaching out to the State to schedule an inspection. Chief Brown purchased two more disinfecting sprayers for the ambulances.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Resolution 21-12

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans to pass the resolution authorizing payment of the Tanker loan. Motion passed with one absence.

Resolution 21-13

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the resolution authorizing payment of the rescue truck loan. Motion passed with one absence.

Treasurer's Report: 21-14

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 2020 regular budget and in the 2021 temporary budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid in the amount of \$101,398.47 with \$28,610.06 being from the 2020 encumbered budget and \$72,788.41 coming out of the 2021 temporary budget and debt services.
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 2020 encumbered regular budget and the 2021 temporary budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The meetings continue to be held virtually. The Fire Department is discussing procedures for upcoming events. Plowing and salting was also discussed for the parking lot. President Myers is going to reach out to Hopewell Borough to see if they can go through the parking lot with the salt truck after plowing was completed.

Ladies Auxiliary

There was no one present to give a report.

Insurance-

No report.

LOSAP

Commissioner Davies is waiting on the total points accumulated report from the Fire Department.

Legal

Governor Murphy announced the April 20th, 2021 election will be held in person. It was decided to re-advertise the election in the Trenton Times.

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

Resolution 21-15

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the resolution authorizing insurance premium installment payments between meetings. Motion passed with one absence.

Resolution 21-16

Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to approve the resolution to go into closed session. Motion passed with one absence.

Committee Reports- None

The Commissioners went into closed session at 8:23.

Back in open session at 8:33

Motioned by Chairman Morehouse and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer not to deviate from the LOSAP rules. Unless the deceased member is vested the monies held in LOSAP are not inheritable.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Davies the meeting adjourned at 8:34. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on March 10, 2021 via Google.

