

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

October 13, 2021

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

ABSENT:

Call to Order: : The regularly scheduled meeting was conducted remotely by means of a hybrid conference call through Google and in person and was called to order by Chairman Morehouse at 7:00, following adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (annual notice published and revised meeting notice published in the Times of Trenton and transmitted to the Hopewell Valley News provided to the Borough Clerk for posting, 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:

On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers the September 8, 2021 minutes were approved with one abstention. The abstention was Commissioner Evans who was not at the September meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 21-40

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 are sufficient funds in the 2021 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2021 budget of \$16,030.57 for a total of \$16,030.57

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 2021 budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

It was reported that the nominations have begun for 2022.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The president of the Ladies Auxiliary is in the hospital.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 38 calls for the month of September with 9 scratches. The squad has implemented a new scheduling system to better staff the weekend days. Some members are returning. The membership committee is working on a "Coffee with an EMT" program. Core refreshers have been scheduled for the weekend of November 13th. With the exception of the SOP's and an agreement with the Borough to provide EMS services, the state certification is ready to move forward. Chief Brown is now in out patient rehab. A training class for first aid for the cub scouts will take place at the fire house.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 49 calls for the month of September including water rescues, fire alarms, and appliance fires. The Engine has been sold and will be relocated to Massachusetts. Chief 52's car is still at the dealership getting a new transmission. While at the dealership rodents chewed through some wiring so that also needs to be replaced. Car 152 was totaled and it was stripped of its parts. Insurance checks will be issued for both vehicles. The claim for Car 152 will remain open because the insurance will cover the graphics and everything that needs to get outfitted on the new vehicle. VFIS is offering an online training program. There was a low turnout for the Fire Safety Open House. The replacement tank for the tanker is at Sutphen and the company is prepping it for paint then putting it on the chassis. Covid booster shots are still pending. The 2nd annual police vs firefighter flag football game will be held. 1 member passed Firefighter 1 training and placed 1st in his class.

Insurance-

Amtrust has been in communication with Commissioner Myers regarding Chief Brown's accident.

Attorney Report

3 resumes were received and the Board will be reviewing them. It was decided to table the 21-41 resolution concerning the updated SOP's as they are not complete yet.

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

Committee Reports

The budget was discussed and some adjustments were made. The budget will be presented to the Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners at their next meeting.

LOSAP A resolution will be presented at the next meeting regarding recouping funds from non-vested members.

RESOLUTION 21-41

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the resolution going into closed session.

Motion passed with no absences.

Back in open session at 9:04

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Evans approved the meeting adjourned at 9:10. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on November 10, 2021.

