

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

August 28, 2024

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse Cmsr. Blasi
 Cmsr. Myers Cmsr. Davies

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Morehouse following proof of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice 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:

Commissioners reviewed July minutes and with a motion by Commissioner Myers and 2nd by Commissioner Davies the motion passes 4-0 with all in favor.

Public Comment: none

Treasurer’s Report:

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 funds in the 2024 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2024 budget for a total of \$20,980.74. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2024-36 passed 4-0.

Treasurer spoke about certain lines already over in expense and may need to scale back on spending to cover the overages.

Fire Department Administration: No one present however Chief Springer advised Old #1 bay floor has been epoxied, and the gym has been refurbished. New washer/dryer installed for smaller items. (not gear) Shed has been cleaned and reorganized. Working on getting new bar type table installed for members room.

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report:

Chief Read advised 45 calls for July; two new EMTs certified, collecting final paperwork for EMS certifications for the State. Does not see an issue with being dual certified between the State and First Aid Council. There was an accident with the ambulance and a police car. Insurance was contacted – no damage to ambulance.

Fire Chief Report:

Chief Galatro reports 27 calls for July. Brush truck repaired and back in service. Search for missing child went well. Few water rescues handled during rain storm few weeks ago. Valley wide picnic will be held Sept 28th from 3-7. All commissioners invited. Utility truck is in, has had the plow installed now at body shop waiting on paint booth spot. Once painted will have utility body installed and sent back to Ford for upfit. Expect delivery in October.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report:

Committee Reports:

Chairman would like to convene a Valley wide commissioner meeting in October.

Discussion of Resolution 2024-37 pagers/2024-38 water rescue gear, motioned by Csm. Blasi and 2nd by Csm. Davies, motion passes 4-0.

Final budget discussion about 2025 budget and the 2% budget cap. Explained issue with no longer needing to go out for Referendum, able to use cap bank. Resolution 2024-39 motioned by Csm. Myers and 2nd by Csm. Blasi, passed 4-0.

Public Comment (non-agenda): None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Davies and seconded by Cmsr. Morehouse unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on September 11, 2024.