MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1

June 12, 2024

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse Cmsr. Evans

Cmsr. Myers Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Blasi

<u>Call to Order:</u> 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 May minutes and with a motion by Commissioner Blasi and 2nd by Commissioner Evans the motion passes 5-0 with all in favor.

<u>Public Comment</u>: Mayor Kennedy spoke very highly of Chief Springer for his service to the Borough as the OEM Coordinator at the last Council meeting. Also enjoyed the FD services at the 5th grade spray down for HES.

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 \$69,639.84. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2024-29 passed 5-0.

<u>Fire Department Administration</u>: No one present

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report:

Chief Read advised 41 calls for May; Princeton student will be putting in 40 hours per week. Squad meeting held and discussed going licensed by the State. Making sure we have all certifications in hand

for inspection. Had 2 new EMTs join. Re-chassis of 152-1 was quoted to be about \$129,561 with Blaze Emergency out of Langhorne. 152-2 would be replaced at a cost of \$330,000.

Fire Chief Report:

Chief Galatro reports 25 calls for May. Possibly 2-3 EMS members are interested in attending fire school. Fire at NJ Bio Chem arrived to a smoke condition from an overheated motor after being alerted for a fire alarm. Called in Trenton HazMat but were not needed. Quint had emergency repair for a steering issue. Large Valley wide drill held at Janssen Pharm. Tanker may go out for brake repair next week. Rescue should be back this week from body shop on paint repair. 5 new members joined the swift water team. Added more storage for gear. 2 more members are now boat certified. Will be assisting with the 5th grade parade for HES.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report:

Committee Reports:

None

Had discussion about how to go out for referendum for exceeding the 2% levy cap. Also spoke of what large capital expenses are on the horizon. Scheduled to meet June 26th during the work session to finalize 2025 budget expenses.

Some Commissioners are not able to attend the August meeting, therefore without a quorum we will move the business meeting to the work session date of August 28th.

Public Comment (non-agenda):

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 8:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on July 10, 2024.