

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

September 11, 2024

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse Cmsr. Blasi Cmsr. Evans

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. A moment of silence was held for the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Minutes:

Commissioners reviewed August minutes and with a motion by Commissioner Blasi and 2nd by Commissioner Morehouse the motion passes 3-0 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.

Discussion held over bills and the progress of the utility truck build. The fate of the old utility was discussed and was noted that the truck will be auctioned unless the Township exercises their first right of refusal.

Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2024 budget for a total of \$109,829.50. Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2024-40 passed 3-0.

Fire Department Administration: No one present

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report:

Chief Read advised finalized roster for the EMS certifications for the State. Discussed EMS billing ordinance for the Borough. Chief Springer mentioned the extra billing items that can be included in the ordinance which pertains to rescue services. Chairman Morehouse is working with Chief Martin to work

out details. Chief Read mentioned there was 43 calls for the month. Cmsr. Blasi asked about cancellations for ems calls. Have 3 new EMTs who just joined which 2 are pre-med and the other is a nurse. One member in EMT class.

Fire Chief Report:

Chief Galatro reports 31 calls for August. Several firefighters will be at the annual convention this weekend. Valley Chiefs instituted a Valley wide all call. One new member in FF1.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report: Not present

Committee Reports:

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

Public Comment (non-agenda): None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Evans and seconded by Cmsr. Morehouse unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on October 9, 2024.