

HOPEWELL BOROUGH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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AGENDA

September 26, 2012

Call to order:

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Notification of meeting (Sunshine Law)

Roll call

Minutes: (August 8, 2012)

Public Comment:

Treasurer's Report:

Fire Department Administration:

Ladies' Auxiliary

EMU Chief Report:

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Official Report: On file

Committee Reports:

Attorney Report:

Other Business:

Resolution #12-022 Supporting Sprinklers in New Construction

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

August 8, 2012

PRESENT: Cmsr. Anderson
Cmsr. Bovenizer
Cmsr. Evans
Chair Morehouse
Cmsr. Reichman

Minutes: (July 11, 2012)

On a motion made by Cmsr. Evans and seconded by Cmsr. Anderson, the minutes of July 11, 2012 were approved as presented. (Cmsr. Bovenizer was absent at the meeting and did not vote on the approval).

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 unencumbered funds to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted in the amount of \$84,646.71; there was no LOSAP transfer this month. The Quint payment and funds for the radio purchase agreement represented significant expenses this month.
2. \$30,800.00 was received from the township toward the tanker downpayment.

On a motion made by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Anderson, the treasurer's report was accepted and the bills proposed for payment. Payment of the bills passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Fire Department Administration:

The borough and the fire company are working to remediate the oil leak discovered upon removal of the tanks.

Ladies' Auxiliary:

1. The next meeting will be held in September..

EMU Report:

1. 22 calls in July – 6 in the borough, 11 in the township, 5 other. 4 scratch calls - all daytime.
2. Commissioners questioned whether the number of scratch calls this month is an anomaly or whether a chronic problem is emerging that needs a solution. The situation will be monitored. Princeton Rescue recently did a study on this issue that the board may want to review.
3. A Respiratory Emergencies class was held in July. A Geriatrics class will be held in August.

Fire Chief Report:

1. 28 calls in July – 2 in the borough, 14 in the township, 2 in Pennington Borough, and 10 other.
2. The large Cascade bottles are due for hydrotesting this year. The cost will be roughly \$1400 and is included in the fire department budget.
3. Hose testing was completed. One pony line and one length of 1 ¾" rubber hose failed. They will not be replaced at this time.
4. The brush truck was repaired for less than the \$1200.00 estimate.

5. \$3165.00 was budgeted for preventive maintenance. Quotes from vendors will be sought.
6. The Quint will be out of service for about 1 month during repainting. It is not scheduled yet.
7. The township-wide water study will be presented in September. There is a question about the feasibility of dredging Hiohela Pond, which the township owns. The valley fire chiefs are in favor of this and are hopeful new sources of water, either public or private, have been found.
8. The firefighters who attended the Baltimore Fire Expo said it was a good experience.
9. A Jaws of Life recertification class is upcoming.
10. There will be a valley-wide chief's meeting on the cooperative pricing air pack bid on July 13th.
11. The fire company received a water bill issued by the borough. There was a discussion of potential water resources for fire company purposes (inactive wells or cisterns) that will not involve NJ American Water.
12. At one time East Amwell Township paid the fire district for providing services in part of that township. Research will be done into when the last payment was received.
13. The township has questioned why the replacement of Engine 52 is not on the long-term planning document. At this time the board feels it would be wiser to replace the rescue truck with a vehicle that carries a lot of water instead of replacing Engine 52. Discussion will continue.

Fire Official Report: On file.

Attorney Report: None.

Committee Reports: None.

Other Business:

SCBA: On a motion by Cmsr. Anderson and seconded by Cmsr. Bovenizer, Resolution 2012-20 was proposed. The Board approved **Resolution 2012-020** authorizing the purchase of MSA SCBA from Breathe Safe Fire & Safety pursuant to the *Hopewell Valley Fire Districts Cooperative Pricing Agreement* in an amount not to exceed \$155,000.00; payment of a down payment of up to \$40,000.00; and financing for the balance in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00.

FEMA AFG Communications Grant: On a motion by Cmsr. Anderson and seconded by Cmsr. Bovenizer, Resolution 2012-21 was proposed. The Board approved **Resolution 2012-21** confirming its participation in a FEMA AFG grant for the purchase of new communications equipment for fire personnel and vehicles, authorizing the execution of a Purchasing Agreement with Hamilton Twp. Fire District No. 3, as lead agency, for this purpose; and authorizing payment to the lead agency in the amount of \$22,456.60 for its share of the equipment purchase price and costs associated with the grant.

Tanker: Cmsr. Evans reported that the Local Finance Board questioned the 3.5% interest rate in the board's financing proposal. It granted conditional approval of the proposal, contingent on the submission of three (3) additional quotes from lenders and submission of a copy of the board's Resolution approving the purchase of the truck and authorizing application to the LFB for financing approval. The Resolution has already been forwarded to them, and Cmsr. Evans will secure and submit the additional quotes from lenders.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Morehouse and seconded by Cmsr. Anderson, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.