

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

**October 9, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cmsr. Anderson  
Cmsr. Bovenizer (arrived late)  
Cmsr. Evans  
Cmsr. Myers

**ABSENT:** Cmsr. Morehouse

**Call to Order:** The scheduled meeting of the board was called to order by Commissioner Evans at 7:37 pm. Proof of publication under the Open Public Meetings Law (Annual Meeting Notice published in the official newspapers of the district, posted at the Hopewell Borough Municipal Building and the board offices) was provided.

**Minutes :** Addressed later in the meeting.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Treasurers 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 previously certified that there were sufficient encumbered funds from the 2012 budget and unencumbered funds in the 2013 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

The total bills submitted for payment are \$10,585.90 (2012 encumbered \$3,300.00; 2013 budget \$7,285.96). There was no LOSAP transfer this month. Significant expenses were the purchase of hose tarps for the trucks, fuel, and inspection and service of CAC pumps.

On a motion by Cmsr. Anderson and seconded by Cmsr. Myers, the foregoing bills were presented for payment. Payment was approved on a roll call vote.

The 3rd Q tax payment from the Borough (\$49,883.00) and Selective Insurance's reimbursement for the hose loss (\$5,462.00) were deposited during the month.

**Fire Department Administration:** No report.

**Ladies' Auxiliary:** No report.

**EMU Report:**

1. 35 calls in September: 13 Township, 19 Borough, 3 other. No scratch calls. There have been 244 calls thus far in 2013.
2. The joint mass casualty incident drill has been postponed.

Commissioner Bovenizer arrived.

**Fire Chief Report:**

1. 29 calls in September: 14 Township, 5 Borough, 3 Pennington Borough, 7 other. Of these calls, 10 were alarm activations.
2. The hose has been ordered and should be delivered in a few weeks. The 'Y' appliance will be delivered in November.
3. The Bell & Whistle restaurant has gone out of business. The fire company will review the garbage collection (dumpster) contract it shared with the restaurant.

**Fire Official Report:** On file

**Committee Reports:** None

**Attorney Report:** None

**Minutes :** (September 11, 2013)

On a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Anderson the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting were approved as presented. (Cmsr. Evans did not vote on the motion)

**Other Business:**

1. Tanker Public Auction - The vehicle sold at auction for \$29,450.00. After paying the commission the fire district will net \$27,241.25. The buyer will pick up the truck within the week and thereafter, Commissioner Myers is authorized to cancel the insurance on the vehicle
2. Budget 2014 – Proposed increases are below the cap ceiling. There is no proposed increase in the tax rate. Figures will be presented to the township next week.
3. Election 2014 – There are two 3-year seats open on the board next year, those held by Commissioners Anderson and Myers.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Anderson and seconded by Cmsr. Bovenizer, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on November 13, 2013.