

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

April 10, 2019

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse
Cmsr. Bovenizer (arrived at 7:37)
Cmsr. Davies
Cmsr. Evans
Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT:

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Morehouse following proof of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting 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:

Minutes were postponed due to Commissioner Boveinzer's absence at the time.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

EMU Chief Report:

There were 30 calls and 0 scratches for the month of March. 3 new people joined the squad, all over the age of 21. They are not EMT's and will be getting CPR and First Aid. 1 junior turned 18 and 1 student graduated from the EMT class.

Resolution 19-18

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to pass the resolution authorizing payment for 2018 LOSAP program.

Motion passed with Commissioner Myers abstaining for his portion of the contribution and Commissioner Bovenizer abstaining for his portion.

Resolution 19-19

Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pass the resolution authorizing entering into an agreement with Four Lanes End Fire Apparatus for preventative maintenance.

Motion passed with no absences.

Treasurer's Report: 19-20

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 encumbered funds in the encumbered 2018 budget and the 2019 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the encumbered 2018 budget in the amount of \$23,124.14 and the 2019 budget in the amount of \$24,330.58 for a total of \$47,454.72.

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.

2. The list of encumbrances from the 2018 budget and the 2019 budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The Annual Pancake breakfast will be taking place on April 14th.

Ladies Auxiliary-

There was no one present to give a report.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 20 calls for the month of March including some large brush fires. There was one mutual aid call to East Amwell for a structure assignment. Old No 1 Engine went to the funeral for Ewing Fire Captain Jeff Lenarski. Deputy Chief Mullen is working on purchasing new pagers and a new phone system. Deputy Mullen also received a OPRA request for a fire in East Amwell and the report was sent. There was a discussion about the brush truck and Commissioner Boveinzer asked that he be kept in the loop in the ongoing discussions. The fire department received a letter far enough in advance from the County in order to plan for other fire companies to be dispatched to calls on the other side of the bridge.

Insurance-

The old rescue and the old squad chief vehicle have officially been deleted from the insurance policies.

Fire Official Report: On file and a copy was provided to the Commissioners.

Committee Reports

LOSAP

The deadline for Local Government Officials to file financial disclosure forms online is April 30th.

The Board received a payment for the old rescue in the amount of \$4625.00 which is the price of the truck minus the GovDeals commission.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Davies and approved the meeting adjourned at 8:46. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on May 8,2019.