

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

September 11, 2019

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse
Cmsr. Bovenizer
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:

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to approve the meeting minutes from the August 14, 2019 meeting. Motion approved with two abstentions.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Budget Discussion: The preliminary 2020 budget was discussed. It was decided to continue the discussion at the regularly scheduled work session on September 25th and it will be presented to Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners on September 26th.

Treasurer's Report: 19-27

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 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 2019 budget in the amount of \$35,178.43 for a total of \$35,178.43
Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2019 budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

There are 4 upcoming events in the community in which the Fire Department will participate. On September 20th is the Harvest Moon concert and the fire department will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. The Harvest Fair will be on September 21st. Nominations for 2020 officers will be taking place in October.

Ladies Auxiliary-

There was no one present to give a report.

EMU Chief Report:

There were 17 call for the month of August with 3 scratches. Daytime calls are getting harder to cover as many people work and have family commitments. Chief Brown contacted a representative from Horton regarding a quote on an ambulance but has not heard back from the representative. The back bumper of one of the ambulances snapped off but has already been replaced.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 16 calls for the month of August with no notable calls. The trucks are all in decent shape mechanically speaking. Tanker 52 returned from Sutphen and is back in service. A meeting regarding fire gear is set up for the following week to investigate a new vendor which may save money. An active member may be leaving for a new job opportunity in Tennessee. Deputy Chief Mullen has obtained the title of certified emergency manager which is a great accomplishment.

Insurance-

No report.

Legal-

No report.

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

Committee Reports- None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Bovenizer and seconded by Cmsr. Evans and approved the meeting adjourned at 8:46. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on October 9, 2019.

