

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

October 14, 2020

PRESENT: Cmsr. Bovenizer
Cmsr. Davies
Cmsr. Myers
Cmsr. Evans (arrived at 7:15)

ABSENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting was conducted remotely by means of a web-based conference call through Google and was called to order by Commissioner Davies at 7:00 pm, following adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (annual notice published and revised meeting notice published in the Times of Trenton, posted at the Board offices and on the fire district's web site providing information on how the public could access and join the meeting, as well as provided to any person requesting same in advance of the meeting.)

Minutes:

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Davies to approve the meeting minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting. Motion approved with two absences.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 20-26

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 2020 regular budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2020 regular budget in the amount of \$33,467.27
Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2020 regular budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

There will be a company picnic on October 17th from 12p to 6p. The picnic will be socially distanced and masks will be required. It was also voted on that the fire company meetings may begin to be held in a hybrid format: virtually, as well as members will be allowed to go to the firehouse for meetings as long as the mandated capacity is not exceeded, masks are worn and people are socially distanced.

Ladies Auxiliary

There was no one present to give a report.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 20 calls for the month of September and 190 calls for the year so far. 4 tires will be replaced on the Tanker. Facial masks will be purchased. The fire company purchased new accountability system and Chief Mullen explained the new system. The current SOP's are from 2000 and need to be updated.

EMU Chief Report:

There were 26 calls in September with 4 scratches which occurred during the weekday hours. There was a high idol problem on 152-1 which was taken to Union Line to be repaired. The alternators in both ambulance had to be replaced and fuel leak was repaired. There was a slight fender bender with one of the ambulances but the damage was minor. New SOP's need to be written in order for state licensing. Chief Brown will be working on that project.

The budget was discussed. Final numbers were approved by Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners so the budget could be sent to the accountant.

Resolution 20-27

Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pass the resolution accepting the audit from 2019. Motion passed with one absence.

Insurance-

No report.

LOSAP

Several issues came up regarding LOSAP. Commissioner Davies asked for new statistics for LOSAP and a chart was forwarded to him from Lincoln Financial. Commissioner Davies was asked to find out if funds could be received by the beneficiary if member was deceased. It was discussed to start getting funds back from accounts from people who are not vested. This will be discussed at further meetings.

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. Evans and seconded by Cmsr. Bovenizer and approved the meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on November 18, 2020 via Google.