

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

September 9, 2020

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse
Cmsr. Bovenizer
Cmsr. Davies
Cmsr. Evans
Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT:

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 Chairman Morehouse 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 Evans to approve the meeting minutes from the August 12, 2020 meeting. Motion approved with one abstention.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 20-25

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 \$27,580.34
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 2020 regular budget was given to the Board for review.

The 2021 budget was discussed. Insurance and equipment line items were adjusted. The ambulance down payment was discussed. The budget will be submitted to the Township Board within the week. Due to a new system, Commissioners must enter the budget on the State's website.

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Evans to have Commissioner Evans and Commissioner Davies will work on that project with assistance from Chief Mullen.

Motion passed with one absence.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The monthly meetings are continuing to be held via Google meetings. The gym is open in the firehouse with restrictions clearly posted. There will possibly be a company picnic in October. Barry Davison passed away. Details of his funeral will be forthcoming.

Ladies Auxiliary

There was no one present to give a report.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 26 calls for the month of August. The fire department participated in a Valley Wide training on tankers. The fire department is working on new training initiatives and putting together more crews to do training. Mandatory training will be spread out over Tuesday nights. There is a 9/11 ceremony coming up on September 12th at 11am at Woolsey Park. The flag will be hoisted by Quint 52 and there will be food. Engine 52 is still at Station 53 as there is major work being done on one of their trucks. Utility 52 needs new brakes and Tanker 52 needs new tires. The ladder control on Quint 52 was malfunctioning but Four Lanes was able to fix the problem which saved a significant amount of money.

EMU Chief Report:

There were 19 calls in August with 4 scratches. There is one new EMT. A1521 is having an issue with the load manager and Chief Brown is trying to have the problem fixed locally. The new ambulance was discussed. Chief Brown was requested to have the technical specifications ready for the October meeting. Once the ambulance is ordered the build will be about 250 days.

Insurance-

No report.

LOSAP

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 8:13. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on October 14, 2020 via Google.