

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

April 14, 2021

PRESENT: Cmsr Morehouse

Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Evans

Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT : Cmsr. Bovenizer

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 7:05, following adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (annual notice published and revised meeting notice published in the Times of Trenton and transmitted to the Hopewell Valley News provided to the Borough Clerk for posting, 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 Davies and seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the meeting minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting as printed. Motion passed with one absence.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 21-22

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 and the 2021 temporary budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid for the 2020 encumbered regular budget in the amount of \$233.79 and the 2021 temporary budget of \$16,180.32 for a total of \$16,414.11. Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies.
2. The list of encumbrances from the 2020 encumbered regular budget and the 2021 temporary budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Administration Report:

The monthly meeting in April was a hybrid meeting. There were 9 people who attended the meeting in person and 20 people attended via Google Meet. Memorial Day parade preparations are starting and the attitude is positive throughout the firehouse.

Ladies Auxiliary:

There was no one present to give a report.

EMU Chief Report: There were 22 calls in March with 3 scratches. Members completed CORE refreshers. CORE refreshers may be conducted at the firehouse in the future. The 9th district meeting will be at Station 52 on Wednesday April 21st. The process for state certification is progressing. In person training will be resuming. Chief Brown received a phone call regarding a generous donation of an additional Lucas device.

Fire Chief Report: There were 17 calls for the month of March with 8 calls in the local area. The fire department was also dispatched to Lambertville, Raritan, Montgomery and Hillsborough. The Tanker went out of service during the Province Line Road fire when it got blocked in by fallen utility poles. The Polar Bear Plunge was conducted in the parking lot of Hopewell Township Municipal building and was well attended. There are several road closures around the town including Carter Road, Moores Mill Mount Rose Road and Aunt Molly Road. The fire department received a thank you note for a fire in January. Operation Dream Lift was cancelled for this year. Most members are vaccinated. The building is now fully open however social distancing and mask wearing is still mandatory inside.

There was a discussion about moving the election to November. It was discussed and decided to move to the November election. A resolution will be presented at the May meeting.

Insurance:

No report.

LOSAP:

The 30-day posting period for LOSAP has been completed. The Borough portion of LOSAP for 2020 is \$18,687.06 with the total expended for LOSAP being \$62,290.20 (township portion \$43,603.14).

Legal:

Financial Disclosures need to be submitted by April 30th.

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

Committee Reports: None

Resolution 21-23

Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies to accept the shared services agreement with Hopewell Township regarding fire inspections. Motion passed with one absence.

Chairman Morehouse met with Hopewell Township's Chairman Malkiewicz to discuss fire district issues and both are committed to having a receptive and productive relationship between the Boards.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Davies approved the meeting adjourned at 7:57. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on May 12, 2021 via Google Meet.