

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

September 8, 2021

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Bovenizer

Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT: Cmsr. Evans

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting was conducted both in person and remotely by means of a web-based conference call through Google and was called to order by Chairman Morehouse at 7:00, 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:

On a motion by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers the August 11, 2021 minutes were approved with one absence.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: 21-37

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 unencumbered and encumbered funds in the 2021 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

1. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2021 budget in the amount of \$42,876.86.
2. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
3. The list of encumbrances from the 2021 budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The Concerts in the park are over for the year.

Ladies Auxiliary-

The Ladies Auxiliary are having their first meeting this Thursday. Peggy Kuntz passed away. They will be discussing a plan to gather supplies to store at the department to take care of those in need after a big storm or other natural disaster.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 36 calls for August with 8 scratches mostly in the day. 5 members of the EMU are not riding due to injury, illness or deployment reasons. There was a lengthy discussion on the state of the EMU and what measures should be taken to recruit and retain members. The lack of EMT's is a valley wide problem at this time and all the squads are meeting together to come up with some solutions with the support of the Township Commissioners. There is a responsibility to provide service to the public and all valley squads are amenable to working together to come up with a solution. The completion of the SOP's is delayed at this time and the application for State certification is on hold. Work will continue on the project in the near future.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 52 calls for the month of August with 26 calls in 9 hours due to storms. There were several water rescues due to the heavy amounts of rain in Hopewell Borough. Several things were learned from the storm. It was suggested to have swift water training and buy related equipment. A boat was also discussed maybe purchased through the Safer Grant or another grant. Car 152 was totaled due to an accident and Car 52 is out of service at the dealership. Due to the hurricane, there are several roads closed. The Tanker is at Sutphen awaiting delivery of the new tank. Sutphen did not want any money upfront for the repair of the Tanker.

Insurance-

No report

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

Committee Reports

LOSAP The return of non-vested money from member's LOSAP accounts was discussed. It was suggested to amend the resolution and come up with a paragraph regarding recouping money from unvested members. Commissioner Davis will work on this project.

The Engine was placed on Municibid on Tuesday and so far there are no bids. The auction ends September 21st. It was decided if there were no bids by the 21st it would go back on the site for 2 more weeks.

RESOLUTION 21-39

Motioned by Commissioner Bovenizer and seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the resolution allowing the relisting of Engine 52 on Municibid for another 2 weeks.

Motion passed with one absence.

Legal-- No report

RESOLUTION 21-38

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Bovenizer to pass the resolution accepting the 2020 audit.

Motion passed with one absence.

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Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Davies and seconded by Cmsr. Bovenizer approved the meeting adjourned at 8:52. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on October 13, 2021.