

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

April 13, 2022

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Blasi

Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Myers

ABSENT: Csmr. Evans

Call to Order The regularly scheduled meeting was conducted remotely by means of a hybrid conference call through Google and in person 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 Myers and seconded by Commissioner Blasi the March 9, 2022 minutes were approved with one absence.

Public Comment- None

Treasurer's Report: 22-20

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 previously certified that there were sufficient encumbered funds in the encumbered 2021 budget and the 2022 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 2021 encumbered budget in the amount of \$2663.26 and 2022 regular budget of \$8536.36 and an insurance payment on March 29, 2022 in the amount of \$2361.00 for a total of \$13,560.62. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote.
2. The list of encumbrances for the 2021 encumbered budget and the 2022 regular budget was given to the Board for review.

Hopewell Fire Department Administration:

The pancake breakfast took place on April 10th and 498 people were served and the fire department made \$3648.00. T-Shirts were sold for Ukraine and 75% of the proceeds went to the EMU for the

purchase of a power stretcher. The remaining 25% went to Ukraine. On May 6th, there will be a car show in Hopewell Borough and more shirts will be sold there as well as a boot drive. The SOP's are completed and will be sent to the membership for review.

Ladies Auxiliary-

There was no one present to give a report, however they will be having a flower sale for Mother's Day.

EMU Chief Report:--There were 32 calls for March with 10 scratches. The scratched calls were handled by 159 and 151 and were all during the weekdays. The EMU had trauma training and will be participating in an extrication drill on April 26th. On April 20th, Chief Tunison will be meeting with the State regarding certification via Zoom. Chief Tunison also has a meeting set up with Stryker to investigate power stretchers.

Fire Chief Report:—There were 31 calls for March. Training is going well. Past Chief Springer and Past Chief Mullen taught a course regarding water operations. The Firehouse migration is on hold for right now.

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

Committee Reports

Insurance:

Resolution 22-21

The resolution was presented but many changes had to be made to the resolution. Between Attorney Acker and the commissioners it was determined the resolution had to be rewritten and would be tabled to the next meeting. Attorney Acker and Commissioner Davies will work on the rewording of the resolution and it will be presented at the next meeting in May.

LOSAP

The Fire Department gave Commissioner Davies the list of qualified members for LOSAP for 2021 and it has been reviewed.

Resolution 22-22

Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pass the resolution accepting a certified list from the Hopewell Borough Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit for eligibility in the Length of Service Awards Program for the year 2021.

Motion passed with one absence.

Attorney Report:

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Davies and seconded by Cmsr. Myers approved the meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on May 11, 2022 via Google Meet and in person.

