

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

**July 13, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Cmsr. Morehouse

Cmsr. Blasi

Cmsr. Davies

Cmsr. Myers

**ABSENT:** Cmsr. 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 Davies and seconded by Commissioner Myers the June 8, 2022 minutes were approved with one absence.

**Public Comment-** None

**Treasurer's Report: 22-27**

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 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 2022 regular budget of \$11,226.83 and an insurance payment on July 15, 2022 in the amount of \$4332.00 for a total of \$15,558.83. 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 2022 regular budget was given to the Board for review.

**Hopewell Fire Department Administration:**

Nothing to report.

### **Ladies Auxiliary-**

No report.

**EMU Chief Report:**-- There were 38 calls for July with 11 scratches, most of which were during the weekdays. State licensing was discussed as far as who was supposed to be fingerprinted. The State can't decide if it should be the Commissioners or the officers of the EMU. Chief Tunison is awaiting an answer from the State. There will be a meeting with Hopewell Township on the status of EMS within the Valley on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Morehouse and Commissioner Myers will be attending the meeting. 2 new EMT's were given stethoscopes and acknowledged in the last fire department meeting. The purchase of a new chief's vehicle was put on pause as the priority was the power stretcher. Chief Galatro has some contacts regarding a new car and will pass on the information.

**Fire Chief Report:**—There were 23 calls for July with 2 scratches. The draft pipe on Pennington Hopewell Road by the golf club which was damaged is getting repaired. FM 50 and Chairman Burd from the Township are working with Mercer County to get it fixed. The pond at Hieola will be dredged and restored to a new fill site. The Brush truck had a bad vacuum pump on the brakes which will be repaired. There was a great turnout for Joe Toth's viewing and funeral. Chief Galatro received preliminary drawings for the new proposed condo's at the Van Doren Lumberyard. The transition to ESO for tracking software was postponed for a month. Chief Galatro gave the attorney an article on Class B foam and asked for an opinion before buying more foam. Some old HT1250 radios need to be sold and it was decided that maybe Past Commissioner Bovenizer could help out with the project. There will be some participation at the Harvest Fair however it is occurring on Wildwood weekend so there will not be as many people present as in the past. There will be a fire truck there and an ambulance. There is an upcoming drill with Montgomery 46 and hose testing will be completed in the next few weeks.

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

### **Committee Reports**

**Insurance:** No report.

### **Resolution 22-28**

Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pass the resolution authorizing Mistras Group to perform annual ladder, pump, and hose testing.

Motion passed with one absence.

**LOSAP** No report.

**Attorney Report:** The election ad was submitted to the newspapers.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the: board, on a motion by Cmsr. Blasi and seconded by Cmsr. Davies approved the meeting adjourned at 8:29. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on August 10, 2022 via Google Meet and in person.