

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

February 8, 2023

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse
Cmsr. Myers
Cmsr. Davies
Cmsr. Blasi

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Morehouse following proof of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was given through the Annual Meeting Notice and was filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the municipal building, the board's office, the fire district website, and advertised in the official newspapers of the District as required by law.

Minutes:

Commissioner Blasi notes there were 346 fire calls for 2022 not 348. Motion by Blasi, 2nd by Myers, all in favor approving January minutes.

Public Comment: None present

Treasurer's Report:

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 funds in the encumbered 2022 budget and the temporary 2023 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2022 budget in the amount of \$8,423.75 and \$88,303.23 from 2023 budget. Motioned by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2023-15 roll call vote 4-0 motion carries.

Resolution 2023-16 authorizing the payment of the rescue lease, motion by Commissioner Davies, 2nd by Commissioner Blasi, roll call vote 4-0, motion carries.

Fire Department Administration:

Commissioners invited to super bowl party. Looking to update LOSAP requirements as it has not changed since 2009. Dinner dance 2/18.

Ladies Aux: No report

EMU Report:

Chief Read, via Google Meet, advised 26 calls 6 handled by career staff. 4 SOPs to be drafted and submitted to FD membership and then Board. Attended 151 meeting and submitted wish list of items they are gifting to other organizations. Will be attending a working EMS group meeting with Twp Fire Board 2/9.

Fire Chief Report:

Ast. Chief Crane reported there were 14 calls for January. Vehicle maintenance quotes went out only received 2 back. Trained on new water appliances. Water rescue gear being purchased. Will start sizing for this year's fire gear order.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report: Responded to HIPPA request, more in closed session.

Committee Reports:

LOSAP – will have been posted 30 days 2.12.23, will pass resolution at March meeting.

Resolution 2023-17 appointing a custodian of records, John Blasi, motion by Commissioner Myers, 2nd by Commissioner Davies, roll call vote 4-0, motion carries.

Resolution 2023-18 passing volunteer FF and EMS property tax credit. Several minutes of discussion, on how it would affect tax base and overall funding. Motion by Commissioner Davies, 2nd by Commissioner Myers. Roll call 4-0 motion carries.

Resolution 2023-19 closed executive session, moved by Commissioner Morehouse, 2nd by Commissioner Davies. Roll call 4-0 motion carries. Returned to public session at 8:57 pm.

*Closed session minutes are not for public release at this time.

Public Comment (non-agenda): No public in attendance to comment.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Commissioner Morehouse and seconded by Commissioner Davies unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on March 8, 2023.