

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

November 8, 2023

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

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:05 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:

Commissioners reviewed minutes. Csm. Blasi requested a change under public comment. Motion by Myers, 2nd by Blasi, all in favor approving October minutes.

Public Comment: None

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 Clerk certified that there were sufficient funds in the 2023 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

Bills were submitted to be paid in the amount of \$34,037.47 from 2023 budget. Motioned by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2023-45 roll call vote 5-0 motion carries.

Fire Department Administration: FD cooked and sold for Harvest Fair, Past Chief Springer advised the Sea Box (storage) has been delivered, and the radio antenna has been grounded and the Old #1 bay has been refurbished to allow the new swift water boat.

Ladies Aux: None

EMU Report:

Chief Read advised 63 calls for the month. Capt Pennington Memorial service was attended, still waiting to hear from Sqd 151 on how they are disposing of their savings. Juniors – hope to have 7 members enrolled in EMT for January. Dempster Training Center does not take the EMT training fund. There may be a large expense to make that happen. Contracted with an architect to formalize fire alarm system for

bunk room. Up to 20 members on board so far this year. Chief Read attended a meeting at 48 Rescue in which it was asked of us to take over a third of their response area. Board states that we cannot over extend ourselves to cover other departments calls, there would need to be a contract drawn up from the Boards attorney. Station 49 and 17 in Hunterdon County advised they would need to be paid \$32k for the year to provide services. Leftover members at 48 Rescue were advised they could apply for an accelerated membership here. Board inquired as to why they haven't looked into contracted services like Capital Health. Ambulances are being repaired in house to save some money in budget. Csm. Myers asked about the accident with Amb 152-1 as to whether or not it would need to be repaired or start a claim.

Fire Chief Report:

23 calls reported for fire last month. New trailer is in service, with all items mounted in place. Air packs and masks have been tested with one failure. Utility will be brought up for December meeting prior to budget introduction. Juniors to be recognized at the Twp Commish meeting.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report: n/a

Committee Reports: Resolution 2023-46 Purchase Fire Alarm system for firehouse that houses Board equipment and vehicles. Motion by Commissioner Myers, 2nd by Blasi, all in favor, motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2023-47 transfers tabled until next month.

Board has decided to move forward with replacing the Utility truck, and place the special questions at the next regular meeting.

Public Comment (non-agenda): None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Commissioner Morehouse and seconded by Commissioner Blasi, unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on December 13, 2023.