

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

December 11, 2024

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse Cmsr. Davies Cmsr. Peters
 Cmsr. Blasi Cmsr. Evans (guest) Cmsr. Myers

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 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 November minutes and with a motion by Commissioner Myers and 2nd by Commissioner Blasi the motion passes 4-0, all in favor.

Public Comment: None

New Business: Chairman Morehouse advised that there was an open seat due to Commissioner Evans not running in the election, therefore the Board can appoint an interested party to the seat until the November 2025 election. Resolution 2024-59 was moved by Chairman Morehouse, seconded by Commissioner Davies all in favor motion passed 4-0.

Swearing in: Commissioner Blasi was sworn in by Attorney Acker after winning his election bid in November. Commissioner Peters was sworn in by Attorney Acker after being appointed by the Board via Resolution 2024-59.

Reorganization of the Board: With the Board now back to 5 members, appointments were made. Chairman will be Commissioner Morehouse, Vice Chair will be Myers, Secretary will be Blasi, Treasurer will be Davies and Commissioner at large will be Peters.

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 2024 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2024 budget for a total of \$21,326.96. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2024-52 passed 5-0.

Resolution 2024-55, 57 and 58 were combined; motion moved by Commissioner Davies, 2nd by Commissioner Myers, all in favor passes 5-0.

Resolution 2024-49 transferring of funds between budget lines was moved by Blasi, 2nd by Davies motion passes 5-0. Resolution 2024-54 was read aloud by Chairman Morehouse and gratitude expressed by the Board to Commissioner Evans for his time and effort over the last 10 years. Motion was moved by Myers, 2nd by Blasi, motion passes 5-0. Resolution 2024-56 naming a PACO, moved by Blasi, 2nd by Myers; motion passes 5-0 naming Peters as PACO.

Budget Introduction: The Board reviewed the 2025 Budget and read aloud Resolution 2024-53. Motion by Davies, 2nd by Blasi, motion passes 4-0. (Commissioner Peters left meeting at 7:50pm for ems call)

Fire Department Administration: Discussed Project Santa, Christmas party and Fire Alarm system.

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report:

Deputy Chief Brown advised A152-1 had brakes repaired, 152-2 had electrical issues resolved, and discussed ordinance that needs to be passed by the Borough to begin billing for EMS services.

Fire Chief Report:

Chief Galatro reports 28 calls for November. One graduate of fire school. Possibly sending 4 new members to fire school in January. Asked to have the old utility truck appraised prior to it being auctioned off.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report: None

Committee Reports: Dumpster was brought up again, seems the Greek restaurant has closed, Board advised they are not paying their share. Consensus was to have Boro Bean pay that share at 75%.

Public Comment (non-agenda): None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Blasi and seconded by Cmsr. Morehouse unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on December 30, 2024.