

August 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Timperman at the Pennington Firehouse.

Present by roll call were fire commissioners Tom Timperman, Bill Naylor and John Tredrea.

Also present were Chief Jim DeForte, Deputy Chief Glenn Kraemer, President Leigh Abey and Attorney Barbara Griswold.

The minutes of the July 16 meeting were approved by motion.
Approved by resolution was paying bills totaling \$22,276.76.

There were 48 calls in July, 10 of them in the borough.

Chief DeForte and Deputy Chief Kraemer said that recently set up overnight duty crews, Monday-Friday, are working well, as is the Saturday crew. Chief DeForte said he is investigating the possibility of setting up a cadet program for those 14 years old and up. He said he and Assistant chief Nick Gaudioso received good training at the I-Chiefs program, held recently in Chicago, IL.

Four bid proposals were received for the special services truck:

- *\$125,426, plus bid options, from Gabrielli-Kenworth in Dayton, NJ
- *\$152,480, plus bid options, from Absolute Fire Protection in South Plainfield, NJ
- *\$125,941, plus bid options, from Swab Wagon, Inc. in Elizabethville, PA
- *\$147,914, plus bid options, from Toyne, Inc. in Breda, IA

Ms. Griswold said she would inspect the proposals to see if they meet legal requirements.

Mr. Abey proposed that the rent for the engine bay, etc. be increased from \$42,000 annually to \$59,300. He said the proposed increase reflects the market value of the property based on research he has done.

It was agreed that the storm reimbursement money received from FEMA could be spent on the following:

- *Five pairs of hip boots, for \$1,270.
- *Two 20-inch chain saws for \$1,212
- *Submersible pumps and hose adaptors for \$1,296.90

Other approved expenditures include:

- *One set of turn-out gear for \$2,771.23 each on NJ State Contract
- *Pump testing for \$860; ladder testing for \$1,013; hose testing for \$2,289 through HTwp Co-op purchasing
- *Grip hoist for \$2,837.58 from All Hands Fire Equip
- *Slings and shackles for grip hoist \$823.88

The possibility of holding a special meeting on the 2014 budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2013.