

Nov. 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Mark Blackwell at 7:43 p.m. at the Pennington Firehouse.

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

Also present were Chief Jim DeForte, Deputy Chief Glenn Kraemer, Assistant Chief Nick Gaudio, President Leigh Abey, attorney Barbara Griswold and accountant Joe Carducci.

The minutes of the Oct. 21 meeting were approved by roll call vote.

Paying bills in the amount of \$19,443.32 was approved by roll call vote.

Chief DeForte reported there were 52 calls in October, 14 of them in the borough. Two motor vehicle accidents were dealt with very well, he said. Deputy Chief Kramer reported that the Company's average response time for its first truck out of the station has recently been reduced from eight minutes to four minutes. A second truck now usually rolls as well, he said.

It was agreed that a portable gear rack that can hold eight sets of gear will be purchased for \$550, plus \$250 for shipping, from the firefighting equipment account.

It was noted that approval of the commissioners' proposed budget would result in the borough fire tax rate going up one cent, to four cents per \$100 of assessed property value. Also noted was that the February fire election ballot will seek voter approval, on ballot questions separate from the budget, to bond \$1.4 million for a ladder truck and to exceed the cap levy by \$40,000.

Approved as new members of the Fire Company were Ian Green and Sandy Caraccio.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.