

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1**  
**PO Box 387**  
**Pennington, New Jersey 08534**  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

The re-scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:43 pm, following proof of adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (notice provided to the municipal clerk, posted at the Pennington Borough Municipal Building and Board offices, and provided to and published in the official newspaper of the district and the Hopewell Valley News).

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners M. Blackwell, T. Timperman, J. Tredrea. Absent: Commissioners W. Naylor, W. Meytrott. Also present: Deputy Chief G. Kraemer, Ass't. Chief N. Gaudio, LOSAP Coordinator P. Hallock, Attorney Griswold, J. Carducci.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting. On a motion by Cmsr. Blackwell and seconded by Cmsr. Tredrea, the minutes of the December 17, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2014 BUDGET**

The Chairman opened the public hearing on the budget. On a motion by Cmsr. Tredrea and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman, Resolution 2014-08 was proposed. The board approved

**Resolution 2014-08** authorizing the 2014 budget to be read by title.

After taxpayers of the district and all persons having an interest therein were given an opportunity to speak, on a motion by Cmsr. Tredrea and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman, the Chairman closed the public hearing and proposed the 2014 budget for adoption in the same form and amounts as the approved budget. The board approved **Resolution 2014-09** adopting the 2014 fire district budget and authorizing its submission to the state.

**LOSAP REPORT**

The certified list of 2013 volunteer members and LOSAP recipients was presented to the Board. 50 members earned contributions for 2013 totaling \$69,407.60. On a motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Tredrea, Resolution 2014-10 was proposed. The board adopted **Resolution 2014-10** approving the 2013 LOSAP list and authorizing its posting for member review.

Mr. Hallock distributed a memorandum from Lincoln Financial Advisors outlining the LOSAP plan rules regarding hardship (unforeseeable emergency) withdrawals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BILLS**

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 encumbered (2013 budget) and unencumbered funds (2014 temporary budget) to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

One additional bill was presented for payment at this meeting: \$455.78 to European Plus for repairs made to the chief's vehicle, chargeable to the 2014 Truck Repair appropriation. Total bills to be paid, including that to European Plus, total \$24,665.23. On a motion by Cmsr. Tredrea

and seconded by Cmsr. Blackwell, the foregoing bills were proposed for payment and payment was approved on a roll call vote.

On a motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Tredrea the board approved a policy whereby the treasurer will forward copies of monthly bank statements to the accountant each month.

#### **ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS (attached)**

On motion by Cmsr. Tredrea and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman the following resolutions were proposed:

1. Resolution #2014-01 A Resolution Designating Depositories of Funds and a Cash Management Plan
2. Resolution #2014-02 A Resolution Adopting a Temporary Budget for 2014
3. Resolution #2014-03 A Resolution Appointing Official Newspapers for 2014
4. Resolution #2014-04 A Resolution Designating Meeting Dates for 2014
5. Resolution #2014-05 A Resolution Appointing an Attorney for 2014
6. Resolution #2014-06 A Resolution Appointing an Accountant/Auditor for 2014
7. Resolution #2014-07 A Resolution Appointing an Insurance Broker of Record for 2014

**Resolutions #2014-01 through 14-07** were adopted by the board.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The fire company responded to 43 calls during December, 2013: 13 Pennington Borough, 22 Hopewell Township, 2 Hopewell Borough, 2 other. The total calls in 2013 were

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Annual Election -: Three candidates filed petitions for the two 3-year seats open on the board - Mark Blackwell, William Meytrott and Benjamin Tredrea. Cmsr. Timperman will open and close the polls on February 15, 2014. Cmsr. Timperman will appoint poll tellers, the compensation for which will not exceed \$200.00 each, chargeable to the 2014 elections appropriation.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 18, 2014.

*Motion by Tredrea. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Timperman. Motion passed without objection.*