

Pennington Borough Board of Fire Commissioners

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**Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Blackwell at 7:45 PM at the Pennington firehouse after proof of publication in accord with the Open Public Meetings law.

Present on roll call: Commissioners Mark Blackwell, Thomas Timperman, William Meytrott, John Tredrea and William Naylor

Bills for the month of September were presented in the amount of \$19,041.38. On a motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Naylor, payment was approved by roll call vote.

The minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

Truck Committee: The committee for the ladder truck is working on developing specs.

Chief's Report:

There were 34 fire calls during the month of August, 10 of them in the Borough.

The Special Services vehicle will be in service as soon as training is completed. An extrication tool demonstration will be held soon at the firehouse.

The Deputy Chief's vehicle needs new tires soon. They are available on State Contract. On a motion by Cmsr. Naylor and seconded by Cmsr. Tredrea, a Resolution passed authorizing the purchase of tires on NJ State Contract, chargeable to the 2014 Truck Repairs & Maintenance budget appropriation.

The chief presented a draft of his 2015 budget.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

The new chief of the Bureau of Authorities and Auditing at DCA is Ann Zawartkay.

Special Meeting and Vote of Taxpayers:

The board proposes purchasing a siren to replace the old and unrepairable one located at the firehouse. In order to include this purchase in the 2015 budget, approval by a special vote of taxpayers of the district is necessary. Despite pagers and radios, the siren serves an important role in alerting volunteers of calls, warning the public of the imminent presence of emergency vehicles on the roads, and letting those in need know that help is on the way. Further, the siren will be a source of notification of weather or other situations requiring public attention. The purchase price, including installation should not exceed \$15,000.00.

On a motion by Cmsr. Blackwell and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, a Resolution passed authorizing a meeting of the board at which a special vote of taxpayers of the district will be held on November 18, 2014, at 7:30 pm at the Pennington Fire Company firehouse at 120 Broemmell Place in Pennington, NJ, at which meeting the voters will be asked to approve the purchase and installation of a siren to replace an existing one at the firehouse at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, to be paid all or in part through taxation or from the district's Restricted Capital Fund (savings) or a combination of both. The voters will be asked to approve having the purchase and payment included in the Capital Outlay section of the fire district's 2015 budget. Voters may cast their votes between the hours of 7:30 and 9:00 pm by ballot provided at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will take place on October 21, 2014.