

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1

P.O. Box 387

Pennington, NJ 08534

MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mark Blackwell at 7:45 p.m. at the Pennington Firehouse, following 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 and published in the official newspaper of the district and the Hopewell Valley News.

ROLL CALL

Present by roll call were fire commissioners Mark Blackwell, Bill Meytrott, Tom Timperman, Bill Naylor and John Tredrea. Also present were Chief Jim DeForte, Deputy Chief Nick Gaudio, Assistant Chief Jim Bainbridge, accountant Joseph Carducci and attorney Barbara Griswold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 17 meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Resolution 2015-15, to pay bills in the amount of \$ 29,305.48 was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief DeForte reported there were 40 calls in February, nine of them in the borough. The chief reported that emergency responders from throughout the Valley are meeting with state and other officials on developing an evacuation plan and other strategies in the event of an oil spill on the CXS railroad line, which passes through Pennington, Hopewell Township and Hopewell Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2015-13, which authorizes the fire commission to seek financing of an amount, not to exceed \$1,190,000, for a new ladder truck, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. To be included in the purchase of the truck is foam treatment and a three-year warranty on the vehicle.

Resolution 2015-14, which authorizes the commission to purchase a cloud-based computer system for \$5,974, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Fire District Election Results – In the Feb. 21 fire district election the 2015 budget was approved 18 to 1 and John Tredrea, running unopposed, was re-elected to a 3-year term on the fire commission with 19 votes.

The commissioners voted in the following officers: Mark Blackwell as chairman of the fire commission; Bill Meytrott as vice-chairman; Tom Timperman as treasurer; and John Tredrea as secretary.

The chairman appointed Tom Timperman as CFO of the district; John Tredrea as the PACO officer and public records custodian; Mark Blackwell as the fire company liaison; and Peter Hallock as the LOSAP local plan administrator.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.