

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1

P.O. Box 387

Pennington, NJ 08534

MINUTES July 21, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Blackwell at 7:30 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).

**RESIGNATION/ APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner John Tredrea submitted his resignation from the board, as he has moved from the district. On motion by Cmsr. Naylor and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman, Mr. Tredrea's resignation was accepted. On a motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. Naylor, Eugene Schooley was unanimously selected by the board to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Tredrea and to serve as Commissioner until the next annual election of Commissioners in February, 2016. Mr. Schooley was sworn in as Commissioner.

**ROLL CALL**

Present by roll call were fire commissioners Mark Blackwell, Tom Timperman, Bill Meytrott, Bill Naylor and Gene Schooley. Absent: None. Also present were Chief Jim DeForte, Deputy Chief Nick Gaudio, auditor Joe Carducci and attorney Barbara Griswold.

**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS**

PACO - Chairman Blackwell appointed Cmsr. Schooley as the PACO officer to act until the next annual election of officers or until another appointment is made. (Memorialized - **Resolution 2015-24**)

Secretary – On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. Schooley and unanimously passed, Commissioner Naylor was named Secretary of the Board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

One invoice was added to the list of bills being paid at this meeting: John Kurtz (\$628.08) for chain saw repairs, chargeable to Firefighter & Radio Repairs.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor, seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2015-21** - Paying bills in the amount of \$27,801.17, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 39 calls in June; 4 of them in the borough, 17 in the township, 3 in Hopewell Borough and 13 other. Calls included a residential fire, 2 automobile/machinery fires, 2 motor vehicle accidents/rescues, including one fatality, and a trailer fire.

Three members graduated from the Burlington County Fire Academy.

Apparatus: Engine 51 – Tank has slow drip leak. The chief will watch and present more detail next month. The 24 year-old truck has had valve problems and is due for replacement next year. Special Services vehicle – A recall notice will be addressed. Rescue 51 – Tires were replaced. Chief's Vehicle – Tires are needed. Available on NJ State Contract.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor, seconded by Cmsr. Schooley and passed, **Resolution 2015-22** – Authorizing the purchase of tires pursuant to NJ State Contract # 82527, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Truck Committee: Has been formed to research a low profile engine, capable of negotiating low bridges in the township, to replace Engine 51.

SCBA – At this time there is not an MSA authorized dealer in this area.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Siren: Federal Signal has not responded with a proposal to replace/repair the siren. Cmsr. Blackwell will continue to pursue resolution of the issue.

Aerial Truck Financing: Four financing proposals were received. After review and discussion of the terms and conditions of each proposal, on a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor, seconded by Cmsr. Timperman and passed, **Resolution 2015-23** – Accepting the 10 year lease-purchase proposal of State Bank (Baystone Government Finance), pending approval of same by the NJ Local Finance Board, unanimously passed on a roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Schooley and seconded by Cmsr. Naylor, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held at 7:30 pm on August 18, 2015.