

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1

P.O. Box 387

Pennington, NJ 08534

MINUTES September 15, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Blackwell at 7:33 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 Gene Schooley. Absent: None. Also present were Deputy Chief Nick Gaudio, auditor Joe Carducci and attorney Barbara Griswold.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Schooley and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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 there are sufficient funds encumbered from the 2014 budget and funds in the 2015 budget to pay the bills as presented and designated the accounts to which each should be charged.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor, seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2015:26** - Paying bills in the amount of \$324,114.60, was unanimously approved by roll call vote. The total includes the downpayment on the Spartan aerial apparatus (\$300,000.00).

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 39 calls in August; 4 of them in the borough, 25 in the township, 1 in Hopewell Borough and 9 other. Calls included a car fire that started in an attached garage and spread to the residence. The fire was quickly brought under control and the structures saved.

Deputy Chief Gaudio received a citation for heroism at the 9/11 ceremony.

Hose Testing: Completed - a quantity failed, mostly due to age.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Aerial Apparatus: The contract has been finalized and the apparatus has been ordered. The pre-build/engineering conference will be held in PA soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of a new member (fire police) and issuance of budgeted purchase orders.

Engine: The water tank is leaking. The estimated cost to investigate the source and diagnose the best means of repair, if possible, is between \$2,500 and \$3,000. It is a 21 year-old apparatus; it could cost upward to \$15,000.00 to replace the tank if repair is not feasible.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Blackwell and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman and passed, **Resolution 2015:27** – Authorizing 4 Lanes End to investigate the cause of the leak in the engine's water tank and make a recommendation as to the feasibility and estimated cost of repair, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, was proposed and passed. The expense will be chargeable to the 2016 Truck Repair appropriation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Schooley and seconded by Cmsr. Naylor, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held at 7:30 pm on October 20, 2015.