

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
Pennington Borough Fire District No. 1
P.O. Box 387
Pennington, NJ 08534

MINUTES April 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Blackwell at 7:35 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 Commissioners Mark Blackwell, Tom Timperman, Bill Naylor, and Gene Schooley. Absent: Bill Meytrott. Also present were Chief DeForte, Deputy Chief Gaudioso, Ass't. Chief Bainbridge, accountant J. Carducci and Attorney Griswold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman and passed, the minutes of March 15, 2016 were approved as presented.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were 41 calls in February, 2016: 4 of them in Pennington Borough, 24 in the Township, 4 in Hopewell Borough, 9 other. Calls included 6 residential, 2 gas leaks, 1 hazmat, 1 cellar pump and 3 downed wire/transformer.

- The tower truck will be responding to Ewing for mutual aid for about a week
- The trailer for the 6-wheeler should be in soon.
- An individual is performing community service at the firehouse at this time.

Apparatus:

- The SWAB wagon had a broken fuel filter repaired under warranty.
- The chief's vehicle has 'check engine' light issues indicating a fuel pump module failure as well as minor issues with batteries and the alternator. Flemington GMC present a repair quote of \$2,740. Additional quotes will be sought.
- The utility vehicle need new batteries.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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 were sufficient encumbered and unencumbered funds to pay the bills as presented.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor, seconded by Cmsr. Schooley and passed, **Resolution 2016-17** – Paying bills in the amount of \$16,833.94, was unanimously approved by roll call vote of those commissioners present (Cmsr. Timperman abstained from voting on payment to Patricia Timperman).

Going forward, Chief DeForte will be given a copy of fuel bills from the township for his review prior to payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Aerial Truck: There is no projected delivery date yet. The apparatus should arrive in Pennsylvania this summer, maybe in July, at which time the committee will visit the plant.

Web Site Management: Cmsr. Blackwell is following up and will report next month.

Siren: Cmsr. Blackwell will report on progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Disclosure Forms: Local government officials, including the chief, must file on-line by April 30th.

AED's: Physio Control, Inc. presented the lowest quote for 2 AED's (\$2,500 ea) with maintenance contract (\$450 ea). The units will be placed in the chief's vehicle and the rescue. Research will be done as to whether a trade-in credit is available.

ID Printer: Upgraded software now allows personal information to be stored within the ID card, which could be beneficial for first responders. Further information will be presented at a future meeting.

US Dep't Commerce Census Survey: Received and will be filed on-line.

2015 AUDIT

A copy was presented by Mr. Carducci. There were no findings or recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Cmsr. Naylor and seconded by Cmsr. Schooley, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 17, 2016.

