

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

MINUTES August 16, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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).

**ROLL CALL**

Present by roll call were Commissioners Mark Blackwell, Bill Meytrott and Tom Timperman. Absent: Gene Schooley. Also present were Chief DeForte, Ass't. Chief Bainbridge, LOSAP Plan Administrator Hallock, President Abey (arrived late) and Attorney Griswold.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, the minutes of July 19, 2016 were approved as presented.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 55 calls in July, 2016: 13 of them in Pennington Borough, 33 in the Township, 2 in Hopewell Borough, 7 other. Calls included 2 residential, 2 non-residential structure, 1 auto/machinery fire, 2 gas leaks, 7 CO alarms, and 6 wires down/transformer incidents. The fire company responded to 23 accidental alarm calls.

- Hose and ladder testing was completed. The ladders all passed; some hose failed and may need to be replaced.

**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 unencumbered funds to pay the bills as presented.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Timperman, seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2016-22** – Paying August bills in the amount of \$19,451.75, was unanimously approved by roll call vote of those commissioners present.

Commissioner Blackwell proposed amending previously passed Resolution 2016-19 (May, 2016) to increase the amount authorized therein for the siren by \$346.25, and additional expense necessary to accommodate a change in the manner the county sends out tones. On a Motion by Cmsr. Blackwell and

seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2016-23** – increasing the amount authorized in Resolution 2016-19 to \$ 11,443.12 was adopted.

Purchase orders were issued for budgeted turn-out gear and uniforms. The purchase of raincoats for fire police will be tabled until next month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Aerial Truck: The next inspection trip will be at the end of September. The vehicle is expected to be completed in the spring of 2017.

Cmsr. Blackwell will renew the loan commitment for the new aerial and Mr. Carducci will prepare an amortization schedule for the loan repayment and submit it to the Township Board for its budget preparations.

Web Site Management: The lowest and most responsive quote was from City Connections, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 per year. They have municipal web-site experience and will design and host the site with information provided by the fire district. On a Motion by Cmsr. Blackwell, seconded by Cmsr. Timperman and passed, Cmsr. Blackwell was authorized to execute a contract with City Connections, LLC. for web-site design and management in an amount not to exceed \$900.00. The fire district will have copyright ownership of all content, graphics, page design, program codes, etc. associated with the page.

Trunking Radios – No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

LOSAP – Mr. Hallock reported that one member has resigned from the fire company and has fully withdrawn his funds from Lincoln Financial.

Insurance - President Abey inquired into the costs of workers' compensation insurance for members, the number on the roster now, and when a member becomes disqualified for coverage. Further discussion will follow. An insurance rider should be issued in connection with the fire company's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities (parade, etc) to be held in October. Cmsr. Blackwell will look into this.

New Members - Applications for 1 senior and 2 junior memberships in the fire company were recommended for approval. On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman and passed, approval was granted.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Schooley, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 20, 2016.