

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

MINUTES September 20, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Blackwell at 7:37 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, Dep'ty Chief Gaudoso, Ass't. Chief Bainbridge, President Abey, LOSAP Plan Administrator Hallock, Accountant J. Carducci and Attorney Griswold.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER**

On a motion by Cmsr. Blackwell and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, Brian Hofacker was nominated to fill the seat on the board vacated by William Naylor, who moved from the fire district. Mr. Hofacker will serve until the next regularly scheduled election in February, 2017. The motion unanimously passed and Mr. Hofacker was sworn in as Commissioner by Attorney Griswold.

**LOSAP REPORT**

Mr. Hallock reported that a member inquired into the availability of an annuity-type payout of his LOSAP account. Mr. Carducci will inquire into this option. The fire district's LOSAP representative at Lincoln Financial is Bruce Linger.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. Blackwell and passed, the minutes of August 16, 2016 were approved as presented. (Cmsr. Hofacker abstained).

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 49 calls in August, 2016: 7 of them in Pennington Borough, 25 in the Township, 3 in Hopewell Borough, 14 other. Calls included 3 residential (one with fatality), 1 motor vehicle incident, 3 gas leaks, 2 brush fires, 4 CO alarms, and 17 mutual aid calls. The fire company responded to 16 accidental alarm calls. Some 5" hose was damaged at a mutual aid residential fire in Titusville.

- I-Chief's Convention – only the chief was able to attend this year – the other registrations will be credited to next year.

- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance – the parade and events will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Elevator Training – a two-day program will be presented by Safety & Survival Training, LLC. The first day will be classroom sessions, the second will be hands-on training at the hospital.

-Brush Truck – the step bumpers (running boards) are deteriorating. The issue was tabled at this time.

-Rain Jackets – a quote was obtained for \$689.00 for two jackets. The purchase will be revisited.

-Fold-a-Tank – the unit is leaking and requires a new lining. The lowest quote is from Fire and Safety at \$1,330.00.

**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. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker and passed, **Resolution 2016-24** – Paying September bills in the amount of \$29,950.46, was unanimously approved by roll call vote of those commissioners present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Aerial Truck: The next inspection trip has been rescheduled to October 8<sup>th</sup>. The vehicle is expected to be completed in the spring of 2017.

Siren: PSE&G will be setting the pole soon. The project should be completed by mid-November at the latest.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Insurance – Cmsr. Blackwell spoke with the workers' comp provider. The insurer determines the number of employees it charges for from records maintained by the fire department. An occasional responder has coverage if injured while acting on behalf of the fire district.

New Members – An application for 1 senior membership in the fire company was approved. 3 members have applied for membership in the Relief Association.

October Meeting Rescheduled - The regular board meeting scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> conflicts with a prior obligation of Fire Company/Department officials. On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. Timperman and passed, the meeting will be rescheduled Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Pennington Firehouse. Notice will be published.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on October 17, 2016.