

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

MINUTES October 17, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER**

The rescheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Blackwell at 7:40 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, published in the official newspaper of the district and provided to the Hopewell Valley News).

**ROLL CALL**

Present by roll call were Commissioners Mark Blackwell, Bill Meytrott and Tom Timperman. Absent: Commissioners Gene Schooley and Brian Hofacker. Also present were Chief DeForte, Dep'ty Chief Gaudioso, Ass't. Chief Bainbridge, Accountant J. Carducci and Attorney Griswold.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, the minutes of September 20, 2016 were approved as presented.

**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. Blackwell and passed, **Resolution 2016-25** – Paying bills in the amount of \$17,770.86, was unanimously approved by roll call vote of those commissioners present.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 48 calls in September, 2016: 10 of them in Pennington Borough, 31 in the Township, 2 in Hopewell Borough, 5 other. Calls included 4 residential, 1 non-residential structure, 1 motor vehicle incident, 1 motor vehicle fire, 4 gas leaks, 2 CO alarms, and 7 mutual aid calls. The fire company responded to 22 accidental alarm calls.

- **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance** – the parade and events were a success. The chief noted that the younger members of the fire company really helped a lot with the preparations, particularly with washing and polishing the trucks, which looked great and drew a number of compliments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Web Site: The new contractor is transferring data from the Borough's site and updating the fire district's new site, PBBFC.org

Brush Truck – Step bumpers (running boards) will be replaced/repared pursuant to lowest quote of \$200.00.

Rain Jackets (Fire Police) - Still seeking quotes.

Shared Service Agreement (Hopewell Township) – Will be revisited next month when more board members can be present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

SCBA Flow Tests – Will be done this month. The cost is \$1,750.00 (Witmer Public Safety Group).

2017 Fire District Budget – For the health and safety of fire personnel, the purchase and installation of an exhaust system in the engine bays may be included as a capital purchase. It is proposed that a special vote of taxpayers be held in December for its inclusion in the budget. The township board agrees as to the wisdom of this purchase. The borough taxpayers' share of this will be around \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00.

The 25 year-old engine is due for replacement. Taxpayer approval for this purchase will be added as an additional question on the 2017 ballot and if approved, the apparatus will be put to bid in 2018. The cost will be around \$680,000.00, of which borough taxpayers will be asked to fund 24%.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Timperman and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November November 15, 2016.