

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

MINUTES May 16, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Bill Meytrott at 7:40 p.m. at the Pennington Firehouse, following adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (annual notice provided to the municipal clerk, posted at the Pennington Borough Municipal Building and Board offices, posted on the fire district's web site and published in the official newspaper of the district and the Hopewell Valley News).

**ROLL CALL**

Present by roll call were Commissioners Bob DiFalco, Bill Meytrott and Brian Hofacker. Absent: Commissioners Mark Blackwell and Gene Schooley. Also present were Chief DeForte and Attorney Griswold.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker and seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, the minutes of the April 18, 2017 regular meeting 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 encumbered funds from the 2016 budget and unencumbered funds in the 2017 budget to pay the bills as presented.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2017-17** – Paying total bills in the amount of \$27,657.81 was approved by roll call vote.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 34 calls in April, 2017: 6 of them in Pennington Borough, 16 in the Township, 1 in Hopewell Borough and 11 other.

5 sets of gear have been recalled from non-responding members and will be reassigned.

The chief will present costs for solar training and a pump class at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Aerial Truck – The vehicle is equipped and training has been underway. Minor issues and adjustments are being addressed. The chief anticipates the vehicle will be in service by May 22.

Insurance – No update.

Siren - Pursuant to discussion and approvals last year, the pole is ready for placement. On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2017-18** – Authorizing payment of up to \$1,190.00 to E.H. Allen & Sons, Inc. for the purchase of a 50' Class 1 pole, its installation and delivery was approved by roll call vote.

Vehicle Repair – The Deputy Chief's vehicle needs valve cover gaskets. Two quotes have been returned. On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2017-19** – Authorizing repair of the Deputy Chief's vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$650.00 was approved by roll call vote.

Audit – Due to the absence of 2 commissioners, tabled until the next meeting.

LOSAP – Process of reclaiming funds on deposit for inactive and/or separated members is underway.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Engine; Future Capital Purchase – research into apparatus offered through cooperative purchasing and cost is underway.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 20, 2017.