

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

MINUTES June 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:35 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 Mark Blackwell, Bob DiFalco, Brian Hofacker, Bill Meytrott and Gene Schooley. Absent: None. Also present were Chief DeForte, Joe Carducci, Peter Hallock and Attorney Griswold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, the minutes of the May 16, 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 previously encumbered and unencumbered funds in the 2017 budget to pay the bills as presented.

On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. Schooley and passed, **Resolution 2017-20** – Paying total bills in the amount of \$21,960.04 was approved by roll call vote. Cmsr. DiFalco abstained from voting to approve payment for bookkeeping services.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were 42 calls in May, 2017: 11 of them in Pennington Borough, 20 in the Township, 5 in Hopewell Borough and 6 other. Three drills were held during the month.

The fire company participated in the Hopewell and Titusville Memorial Day parades.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Aerial Truck – A voluntary recall for a potential problem with the front end ball joints has kept the truck from being placed in service. It will go to the manufacturer's rep, Campbell Supply, for repair of the recall issue as well as to have another minor issue addressed. Thereafter the chief intends to place the vehicle in service.

Insurance – Cmsr. Blackwell will try to have the insurance broker come to the next meeting.

Firehouse Exhaust Removal System – The most recent cost estimate is \$68,011.72 and includes roof penetration and installation. Exhaust pipes will need modification to adapt to the system. Pursuant to discussion and approvals last year, on a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2017-21** – Authorizing the project to move ahead as long the total cost does not exceed the approved amount of \$68,000.00 was approved by roll call vote.

2016 Audit - On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2017-22** – Certifying to the Local Finance Board that the commissioners have received and reviewed the fire district's annual audit for the year ended December 31, 2016, and authorizing the execution of the required Group Affidavit attesting thereto. The audit contained no comments or recommendations by the auditor.

NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Cmsr. Schooley and seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on July 18, 2017.