

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

MINUTES February 20, 2018

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 published in the official newspaper of the district and the Hopewell Valley News, filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the Pennington Borough Municipal Building and Board offices, posted on the fire district's web site and provided to any person requesting same in advance of the meeting).

ROLL CALL

Present by roll call were Commissioners Mark Blackwell, Bob DiFalco, Brian Hofacker, Bill Meytrott. Absent: Gene Schooley. Also present were Commissioner-elect Blauth, Chief Gaudio, Peter Hallock (LOSAP) and Attorney Griswold.

Commissioner Meytrott was appointed Acting Secretary in Commissioner Schooley's absence.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

The 2018 budget was approved by voters (16 "Yes", 2 "No") at the February 17th referendum, as was the capital expenditure for the purchase of a Class "A" pumper truck in 2019 (15 "Yes", 2 "No"). Wayne Blauth was elected to a 3-year term on the Board of Fire Commissioners; his term will begin in March. The results were certified and have been submitted to the State and Township.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were 51 calls in January, 2018: 8 of them in Pennington Borough, 33 in the Township, 3 in Hopewell Borough and 7 other; calls included 4 motor vehicle/rescue incidents, 1 non-residential, 1 residential, 2 wire/transformer calls and 10 mutual aid. 2 scheduled drills were held.

The Plymovent system is being installed.

There are firefighters in need of TB tests and Hepatitis B titers and/or shots. The chief is looking into sources to provide these services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. On a motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, the minutes 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. 2 invoices were added to the list of bills to be paid at this meeting: Samsie's \$255.48 and \$245.98 for uniform shirts. Payment to KS State Bank (\$103,459.33) for the annual payment due on the ladder truck is included in the month's bills. The Chief Financial Officer certified there were sufficient encumbered and unencumbered funds in the 2018 budget to pay the bills as presented and supplemented. On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2018-12** - Paying bills in the amount of \$111,713.81 was approved by roll call vote.

The chief reported that one of the fuel pump keys has been malfunctioning. He was given a replacement key by the township's public works department. The chief will cross-check fuel logs with the bill to verify the problem has been corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

OLD BUSINESS

LOSAP - 2017

The certified list of volunteers indicating those who qualified for LOSAP contributions in 2017 has been posted for member review for at least 30 days with no objection thereto. 65 volunteers earned contributions.

On a motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker and passed, **Resolution 2018-13** - Authorizing a periodic cost of living adjustment (2.10%) and payment to the LOSAP Plan Provider of the board's share of the 2017 LOSAP contribution in the amount of \$20,596.28 was passed. (Cmsr's. Blackwell and Hofacker each abstained from voting only as to the portion of the payment attributable to each of their individual LOSAP awards).

Sale of Old Aerial - The estimated fair value reserve was not met at the end of the GovDeals.com auction on February 15th; the auction has been reopened to conclude on February 26th.

On a motion by Cmsr. Blackwell, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2018-14** - Authorizing the re-advertisement of the auction of the aerial apparatus on GovDeals.com if the estimated fair value reserve is not met at the conclusion of the auction ending on February 26th was passed.

Lease with Fire Company - Presented again for board review and comment.

SOG's - Fire company officers reviewing.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott and seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 20, 2018.