

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

MINUTES April 17, 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, Wayne Blauth, Bob DiFalco, Brian Hofacker, Bill Meytrott. Absent: None. Also present were Chief Gaudioso, J. Carducci and Attorney Griswold.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were 72 calls in March, 2018: 13 of them in Pennington Borough, 43 in the Township, 1 in Hopewell Borough and 15 other. Calls included 6 residential, 1 brush fire, 1 hazmat, 3 motor vehicle/extrications, 7 wire/transformer calls and 8 building water pump-outs. 1 special drill and 4 scheduled drills were held.

- Personnel were present 24/7 in the firehouse during the 3 storms in March.
- Installation of the vehicle exhaust system in the engine bays is complete, training conducted, and the system is in operation. A few minor issues will be addressed by the manufacturer/installer.
- The fire company responded to a bomb threat recently; the incident was resolved satisfactorily.
- A member was injured at the firehouse during a work detail, sustaining a broken toe and requiring stitches. Commissioner Blackwell will handle details through workers' compensation.
- The chief and Lt. Rodriguez are working on the NFRS reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. On a motion by Cmsr. DiFalco, 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. The Chief Financial Officer certified there were sufficient encumbered funds from the 2017 budget and unencumbered funds in the 2018 budget to pay the bills as presented. On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott and passed, **Resolution 2018-16** - Paying bills in the amount of \$17,055.88 was approved by roll call vote. A check written in January for siren parts in the amount of \$975.00 will be cancelled and a replacement reissued.

A voucher for the township board's annual payment on the ladder truck was sent to them.

The 2017 financial audit is progressing.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of Old Aerial – A representative from Adirondack Fire Equipment will meet with Cmsr. Blackwell regarding sale of the apparatus.

Lease with Fire Company – Attorney Griswold will reach out to the fire company's attorney to discuss the document.

SOG's – Cmsr. Hofacker is the contact person for the board in this regard. Progress is being made in updating the document.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase orders - Issued for Class B uniforms (Samze's \$2160.00) and for helmets and helmet shields (Witmer Public Safety \$ 1125.00). The chief is researching prices for turn-out gear, notification boards and cord reels.

Siren – Cmsr. Meytrott noted that there have been inquiries to the Borough regarding the siren. He and Cmsr. DiFalco will construct a letter or an article discussing the siren for the Borough's public newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 8:51 p.m. on May 15, 2018.