

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

MINUTES May 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:30 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 32 calls in April, 2018: 4 of them in Pennington Borough, 17 in the Township, 0 in Hopewell Borough and 11 other. Calls included 1 gas leak, 1 HazMat, 1 motor vehicle/rescue, 1 brush fire, 1 wire/transformer calls, 2 CO calls and 1 building water pump-out. There were 11 mutual aid calls. 3 scheduled drills were held.

- NFRS reporting is being brought up to date; The chief is completing the Bureau of Labor Statistics survey.
- The township deputy mayor, a township fire commissioner and Chief Martin visited the firehouse to see the engine bays.
- Activities:
 - The fire company will hold a fundraiser cooking for Pennington Day.
 - The fire company participated in Operation Dream Lift at the airport.
 - Operation Head On is coming up soon at the high school and the fire company will participate.
 - In June the tower apparatus will go to the Special Olympic event in Ewing.

I-Chief's Conference (International Ass'n of Fire Chiefs) – Chief Gaudioso will attend in August.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

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. One invoice was added to the list of bills to be paid – Clean Air Company (\$68,000.00) for the purchase and installation of the engine bay vehicle exhaust system, chargeable to the 2017 encumbered Capital (Non-Bondable) appropriation. The Chief Financial Officer certified there were sufficient encumbered funds from prior years' budgets and unencumbered funds in the 2018 budget to pay the bills as presented and supplemented. On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker and passed, **Resolution 2018-17** - Paying bills in the amount of \$78,650.80 was approved by roll call vote.

2017 AUDIT - Mr. Carducci presented the document for commissioners' review. Formal action will be taken next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Lease with Fire Company – Under review by the fire company; attorneys will meet to discuss.

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

Exhaust System – There is a minor issue to be addressed with tail pipe adaptation of one truck; inspection done and certificate of approval issued.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchases – 12 SCBA air bottles need to be hydro-tested. This will be done by Continental Fire & Safety, at which point all bottle testing will be completed. Cmsr. Blackwell will look into electronic records storage rules and research the cost of equipment and systems to accomplish same.

PNC Bank Account - On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2018-18** – Authorizing Execution of Banking Resolutions to update account signatories was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

On a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker and seconded by Cmsr. Meytrott, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 19, 2018.