

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

MINUTES August 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:43 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, Joe Carducci and Attorney Griswold.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were 50 calls in July, 2018: 8 of them in Pennington Borough, 30 in the Township, 3 in Hopewell Borough and 9 other. Calls included 2 auto/machinery, 2 motor vehicle/rescue, 1 trash/dumpster, 2 wires/transformer, 3 gas leaks and 1 CO call. There were 21 accidental alarm activations and 12 mutual aid calls. 3 scheduled drills were held.

The chief will try to produce the call sheet electronically and further break down the nature of the calls to which the company responds (mutual aid, etc.).

- Activities:

- The chief attended the I-Chiefs conference and found it very educational.
- Some members attended Hopewell Borough's new truck wet-down this past weekend.

- Annual Testing:

- Fail-Safe reports will be distributed.
- Pump Test –
 - Engine failed due to engine overheating (idling issue; baffles surrounding the radiator will be replaced).
 - Rescue failed due to valve issues; not uncommon in this vintage vehicle - plastic valves are no longer made so refitting and re-piping will be necessary to completely correct the issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting were presented for approval. On a motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, and seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco 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 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 2018-24** - Paying bills in the amount of \$21,644.82 was approved by roll call vote.

Invoices, some dating back to 2016, were recently submitted by Somerset County Training Academy for payment. Cmsr. Hofacker will contact SCESTA.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of Old Aerial – Cmsr. Blackwell is coordinating the sale of the apparatus.

Lease with Fire Company – Discussion of terms and conditions will take place in closed session.

SOG's – Progress is being made in updating the document.

Vehicle Registrations – Cmsr. Meytrott to pursue replacement registrations for 2 vehicles.

Pumper Replacement – The committee is researching vehicle design and potential vendors. They expect to have viable cost estimates by the next meeting. Procedural matters were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

CLOSED SESSION

On a Motion by Cmsr. DiFalco, seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker and passed, the public meeting was adjourned and **Resolution 2018-25** – Authorizing a closed session of the board was approved by roll call vote. The board will not reconvene at the conclusion of its closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 18, 2018.