

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

**MINUTES October 16, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:36 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 and John from BKC, CPA's.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

There were 31 calls in September, 2018: 8 of them in Pennington Borough, 18 in the Township, 1 in Hopewell Borough and 4 other. Calls included 1 auto, 1 brush, 2 hazmat and 3 CO call. 3 scheduled drills were held.

- Activities:

- The fire company pancake breakfast was a success.
- Members participated in the HV Emergency Services open house during fire prevention week.
- There will be an emergency services appreciation dinner on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Assembly of God Church.
- Members attended the Knights of Columbus Shields Awards Dinner being held tonight.

- Personnel Meeting:

- Members of the township board met with the Valley chiefs. In discussing daytime response the township affirmed its intent to continue the current practice of having at least one of its paid personnel respond with a truck to each daytime call in the township. The township fire marshall is trained and certified to drive Pennington's tanker should the incident commander of an emergency situation request the apparatus and his assistance. Chief Gaudosio mentioned that although he doesn't feel it is necessary now, it might be beneficial to train a township responder on an additional apparatus and to be available to the fire company if extra manpower is ever needed.

- Rescue

Pump Repair: Parts to remedy the valve issue will be ordered and the repair scheduled.  
Bumper Lights – To be installed.

- Tower

Will be out of service for about a week for warranty repairs and to address two recall issues.  
Will ask repair vendor to look again into truck leaning after automatic stowing of its basket.

- Shipping Costs – Awaiting word from the accountant as to the best way of paying for/reimbursing miscellaneous costs incurred between meetings for shipping gear or radios for repair, etc.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 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. 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. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2018-27** - Paying bills in the amount of \$19,030.98 was approved by roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sale of Old Aerial – Sales agent canceled visit - expect him by the end of the month.
  - Lease with Fire Company – Discussion between the parties underway.
  - SOG's – Progress is being made in updating the document.
  - Outstanding Pagers – Efforts are underway to secure the return of pagers from members who have left the fire company and have yet to turn them in. Cmsr. Meytrott is coordinating effort with the chief.
  - Gasoline Purchases – Township expects to have its pumps repaired within a week. Cmsr. Hofacker suggested looking into the county as an alternate source for times the township pumps are unavailable.
  - LOSAP – Efforts continuing to recoup funds from inactive members with money in LOSAP accounts.
- 2019 Budget – Cmsr. Blackwell met with the township board and presented the proposed 2019 budget. It is tax levy compliant. The board hopes to have the document prepared and ready for approval at its next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS** –

LOSAP Review – A draft copy of the year-end 2017 review was given to board members for input prior to it being finalized by the auditors.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on November 20, 2018.