

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

MINUTES February 18, 2020

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 Bill Meytrott, Mark Blackwell, Wayne Blauth, Bob DiFalco. Absent: Brian Hofacker. Also present were Chief DeForte, Deputy Chief Demareski, Ass't. Chief Baldorossi, LOSAP rep. Pete Hallock, Jon Weiss and Attorney Griswold.

2020 Election Results – At the polls, Mark Blackwell and William Meytrott were re-elected to 3-year terms on the Board of Fire Commissioners and the 2020 budget was approved by voters (46 “Yes”, 12 “No”). Results of late mail-in ballots and provisional ballots will be forthcoming. The results will be certified and submitted to the State and Borough.

LOSAP - 2019

On a motion by Cmsr. DiFalco, seconded by Cmsr. Blauth and passed, **Resolution 2020-12** – Authorizing a periodic cost of living adjustment and payment to the LOSAP Plan Provider of the board's share of the 2019 LOSAP contribution in the amount of \$18,843.84 was passed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were 24 calls in January, 2020: 1 of them in Pennington Borough, 11 in the Township, 2 in Hopewell Borough and 10 other. Calls included 2 residential, 2 gas leak, and 1 CO call. There were 11 mutual aid calls and 7 accidental alarms/activations. 4 scheduled drills were held.

The Rescue is back in service but is having issues with the front suction and light tower. 4 Lanes End will look into it.

The non-functioning thermal imaging camera in the engine has been temporarily replaced by the one from the chief's vehicle. A replacement is necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 21, 2020, meeting will be held over 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 funds from a prior budget and unencumbered funds in the 2020 budget to pay the bills as presented. On a Motion by Cmsr. Meytrott, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2020-13** - Paying bills in the amount of \$18,597.46 was approved by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Disposition of Old Aerial – No progress report.
- SOG's – Discussion tabled until the next meeting.
- Outstanding Pagers – No update.
- Insurance – Plans are to discuss off-duty insurance benefits and other questions raised by members with insurance broker at a future meeting.
- Drivers' Records – Additional Consent forms obtained from members.

NEW BUSINESS

- Document Storage – Discussion of storage options for past years' fire district files.
- Requisitions: Ass't. Chief Baldorossi requested a purchase order for tool mounting brackets for the Rescue. On a motion by Cmsr. Blackwell, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, issuing the PO was approved once the vendor and price (not to exceed \$400.00) is known.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 p.m. on March 17, 2020.