

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

MINUTES July 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting was conducted remotely by means of a web-based conference call through ZOOM and was called to order by Commissioner Blackwell at 7:40 p.m., following adequate notice under the Open Public Meetings Law (revised meeting notice including information on how the public could access and join the meeting published in the Times of Trenton, provided to the Borough Clerk for posting, posted at the Board offices and 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, Bob DiFalco, Brian Hofacker and Wayne Blauth. Absent: None. Also present were Assistant Chief Baldorossi, Joe Carducci and Attorney Griswold (joined late).

COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION

As he no longer resides in the fire district Commissioner Meytrott has submitted his resignation from the board. The board accepted his resignation with regret. Commissioner Meytrott has been a respected and valuable member of the board for many years and his knowledge and insight into local government, public safety and the fire services will be sorely missed. Board members expressed their thanks to him for his service, loyalty and leadership and wished him well in his retirement. The open position on the board will be filled by the remaining members of the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

CHIEFS' REPORT

There were 49 calls in June, 2020: 10 in Pennington Borough, 28 in the Township, 0 in Hopewell Borough and 11 other. Calls included 2 brush/leaves fires, 1 residential, 1 auto/machinery, 1 motor vehicle/rescue, 3 Wires/transformer and 1 gas leak. There were 25 accidental alarms and 11 mutual aid calls. 3 scheduled drills were held.

- Knox Boxes – No update
- Tablets in vehicles – No update.
- ID Tags – No update.
- Rescue Truck – “Open Door” warning light system; no update.
- Trailer – Caps installed.

Attorney Griswold joined 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. After certification that there are sufficient encumbered and unencumbered funds in the 2020 budget to pay the bills as presented, on a Motion by Cmsr. Hofacker, seconded by Cmsr. DiFalco and passed, **Resolution 2020-17** - Paying bills in the amount of \$27,548.77 was passed on roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Cmsr. DiFalco, seconded by Cmsr. Blauth and passed, the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2019 Financial Audit** - On a Motion by Cmsr. Blauth, seconded by Cmsr. Hofacker and passed, **Resolution 2020-18** - Certifying to the Local Finance Board that the commissioners have received and reviewed the fire district's annual audit for the year ended December 31, 2019, and authorizing execution of the required Group Affidavit attesting thereto, was approved. The audit contained no negative comments or recommendations by the auditor.

- **Sale of Old Aerial** - No update.

- **SOG's** - Draft revised and under review.

- **Outstanding Pagers** - No update.

- **Insurance** - Board and membership discussion with insurance broker to review policies and benefits and to answer questions will be held as soon as feasible.

- **Drivers' Records** - No update.

- **Gear Dryer** - No update.

- **New Truck (pumper)** - COVID19 has caused delays in the manufacture. No word yet on the mid-inspection date.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Missing Radio** - Ass't. Chief Baldorossi reported that a radio that was in the gator cannot be found. Efforts will be made to locate it by remote means; if unsuccessful the situation will be reported to County Dispatch and the police. Ass't. Chief Baldorossi will keep the board informed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. on August 18, 2020.