

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

**SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**March 24, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting, conducted remotely through 'Zoom' was called to order by Chairman Blackwell at 7:32 p.m. following adequate and electronic notice under the Open Public Meetings Law and N.J.A.C. 5:39 (special meeting and public hearing notice, including information on how the public could access and participate in the remote meeting and public hearing, make public comment and where relevant documents, if any, would be made available was published in the Times of Trenton (3/20/21) and provided to Packet Publications (Hopewell Valley News) (3/19/21) and Trentonian (3/19/21), sent to the Borough Clerk for filing and posting and posted on the board's website, at the firehouse entrances and at board offices, as well as 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, Ryan Fraser and Brian Hofacker. Absent: None. Also present were J. Weiss and Attorney Griswold.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment of the 2021 adopted budget and to approve the necessary resolutions to complete the process of formally amending the budget.

**RECISSION OF ADOPTED BUDGET**

On a motion by DiFalco and seconded by Fraser, **Resolution 2021-21** - Rescinding Resolution 2021-02 "2021 Adopted Budget Resolution", dated January 19, 2021, was passed on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Chairman Blackwell opened the public hearing to present the budget amendment and the proposed 2021 amended budget and to address public questions or comments regarding them. The amendment to the 2021 adopted budget, approved by the board at its meeting on March 16, 2021, was read aloud in full; it increases the Election expense appropriation by \$5,000.00, the Professional fees appropriation by \$6,000.00, and the appropriation for Contingent expenses by \$4,000.00. As a result, Total Appropriations increase by \$15,000.00 (from \$724,312.00 to \$739,312.00) and the Amount to be Raised by Taxation increases by \$15,000.00 (from \$259,375.00 to \$274,375.00), raising Total Anticipated Revenues from \$724,312.00 to \$739,312.00.

No member of the public logged in by computer or telephone to participate in this meeting and no comments or questions were submitted in advance of the meeting. On a motion by Fraser, seconded by DiFalco and passed, the public hearing was closed.

#### **ADOPTION OF AMENDED 2021 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

The 2021 budget, as amended, was read. On a motion by DiFalco and seconded by Fraser, **Resolution 2021- 22** - Adopting the 2021 Fire District Budget, as Amended, was passed by roll call vote. A synopsis is appended to these minutes. The Amended Budget will be submitted to the state without delay.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned by Hofacker, seconded by DiFalco and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held remotely, via 'Zoom', at 7:30 p.m. on April 20, 2021.

**ADOPTED BUDGET 2021  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
PENNINGTON BOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

The amended budget adopted for the year 2021 by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Pennington Borough, Mercer County, New Jersey, at the conclusion of a public hearing held on March 24, 2021, is as follows:

Anticipated Revenues

Interlocal Service Agreement(Hopewell Twp)	302,833.00	
Capital Lease reimbursement (Hopewell Twp)	162,104.00	
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>274,375.00</u>	
Total Revenues		\$739,312.00 =====

Operating Appropriations

Administration:

Election	\$ 7,500.00	
Office Expense	5,500.00	
Professional Service	40,000.00	
Telecommunications	8,000.00	
Awards	2,500.00	
Subscriptions & Advertising	5,139.00	
Medical	1,000.00	
Contingent Expenses	<u>4,500.00</u>	
Total Administration		\$ 74,139.00

Cost of Operations:

Insurance	\$ 80,000.00	
Apparatus Housing	58,500.00	
Truck Repair & Maintenance	20,000.00	
Operating Supplies	2,250.00	
Education & Training	8,500.00	
Fuel & Oil	12,000.00	
Firefighting & Radio R&M	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Cost of Operations		191,250.00
Turnout Gear	\$ 16,250.00	
Firefighting equipment	35,275.00	
Radio Equipment	<u>11,550.00</u>	
Total Other Assets - non-bondable		63,075.00

Deferred Charge-expenditure w/o appropriation 77,694.00

LOSAP Appropriation 85,000.00

Capital Appropriations:

Principal Payments on Debt	\$ 150,056.00	
Interest Payments on Debt	31,098.00	
Reserve for future capital purchases	<u>67,000.00</u>	248,154.00

Total Appropriations \$ 739,312.00  
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Estimated Tax Rate per \$100.00 = \$0.053  
Based on 2020 assessed valuation of district \$514,529,996.00

A copy of the budget is available for review at the Pennington Borough Municipal Clerk's Office during normal business hours, on the fire district's website at [www.pbbfc.org](http://www.pbbfc.org) or a copy may be obtained by calling (908) 782-7900.