

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING**

DECEMBER 22, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE BY CHAIRMAN -

Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. stating that the notice of the meeting had been forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and The Trenton Times, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG - Chairman Chipowsky led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL BY CHAIRMAN - Those answering the roll call of Chairman Chipowsky:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Chipowsky, Vice Chairman Lenarski, Treasurer Cseremsak, Commissioner Kintzel, Secretary Orlandi

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Martin

OTHERS PRESENT: Captain Schmitt (151), Specialist Schafer (50/159)

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Vice Chairman Lenarski and seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to approve the December 15, 2011 regular session meeting minutes.

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2011-32

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THREE PROPOSALS TO THE LEGALLY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AT IT'S ANNUAL FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2012.

Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached

Motioned by Commissioner Kintzel, seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adopt the resolution as read.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Kintzel explained the need for this resolution as part of the Board's application to the Local Finance Board for the purchase of self contained breathing apparatus units and the possible grant funding of a county wide radio system.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION 2011-33

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE MERCER COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE FUEL OIL

Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached

Motioned by Commissioner Kintzel, seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adopt the resolution as read.

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

TREASURER'S REPORT**BILLS & CLAIMS**

Summary read by Commissioner Kintzel

BILLS & CLAIMS

Authorized cash disbursements requiring approval for payment of bills in the following amounts:

Check Register:	\$195,622.57
Payroll Ending 12/17	\$28,306.05
Total Disbursements:	\$223,928.62

Motioned by Commissioner Kintzel, Seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak

DISCUSSION:

Chief Martin advised the bill list included notable payments of 4th quarter payments to the Hopewell Borough Fire District, the Pennington Borough Fire District, the Pennington First Aid Squad, and the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad. Additionally, a principal and interest payment was made for Quint 52.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: None

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Chief Martin expressed his thanks to Commissioner Kintzel for his work with the bond matter. Chief Martin thanked Commissioner Kintzel for his work on the corporative fuel oil purchasing program. Chief Martin reported on the ongoing communications problem with emergency medical dispatching. Chief Martin reported he has obtained the healthcare contributions for the employees to begin on January 1, 2012 and is awaiting a resolution from Attorney Hart to begin the Section 125 Plan.

CHIEF OF UNION FIRE COMPANY REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)

Captain Schmitt (151) presented the Board with the Pennington First Aid Squad's most current call statics. Captain Schmitt reported that the squad is preparing for classes that will be held shortly. The Board and Captain Schmitt discussed the 2011 call statics vs the 2010 call statics.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Commissioner Kintzel and seconded by Vice Chairman Lenarski to to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: None

At 8:05 p.m. a motion by Secretary Orland, and seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to close executive session and return to open session. At 8:07 p.m. a motion by Secretary Orlandi and seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Martin
Chief of Emergency Services