

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

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**DECEMBER 15, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE BY CHAIRMAN -** Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order at 7:10 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.

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice Chairman Lenarski, Commissioner Kintzel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Treasurer Cseremsak, Secretary Orlandi

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chief Martin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Captain Schmitt (151)

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**MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Vice-Chairman Lenarski, seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to approve the December 8, 2011 Regular Session Meeting Minutes.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Kintzel requested that Chief Martin check with the Township Clerk to ensure enough members had voted to approve the minutes. If there were not enough affirmative votes to approve the minutes Chief Martin was asked to present the minutes again at a future meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Cseremsak, Secretary Orlandi

**ABSTAIN:** Chairman Chipowsky

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)**

Chairman Chipowsky opened the floor to public comments.

There were no public comments.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Martin advised the Board that the agenda did not contain any resolutions. Chief Martin requested that Commissioner Kintzel discuss a recent meeting of the Hopewell Valley Radio Committee. Commissioner Kintzel advised the Board that the Radio Committee is requesting guidance on the purchase of radio equipment that would be part of the new Mercer County Radio System. Commissioner Kintzel reported that the Board is currently part of a grant that could fund a large portion of the radio project. If the grant was not awarded the question before the Board is whether or not to purchase the radio equipment in full in 2013. The Board and Chief Martin discussed the subject of the radio project funding. The Board decided that since the status of the radio system's completion is in question it would hold off on placing the full purchase amount on the 2012 budget referendum. The Board reported they will place the grant amount (local share amount) on the 2012 budget referendum. If more information comes to light in early 2012 and the grant is not awarded the Board may consider a special election.

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## **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:	\$15,096.90
Total Disbursements:	\$15,096.90

**Motioned by Commissioner Kintzel, Seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski**

## **DISCUSSION:**

Chief Martin advised the bill list included notable payments of fleet repairs and the annual Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad clothing allowance payment.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Cseremsak, Secretary Orlandi

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### **CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Chief Martin reported his sincere appreciation for his attendance and a member of his staff attendance at the City of New York Fire Department Hospital FireFighting Conference. Chief Martin explained some of the highlights of the conference. Chief Martin also reported the conference was attended by 3 officers from the Pennington Fire Company.

Chief Martin reported that efforts continue with LifeComm Communications to correct the dispatch problems resulting with the dispatch of the Pennington First Aid Squad and the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad. Chief Martin reassured the Board that the Hopewell Township Police Department has been re-dispatching assignments to ensure the EMS crews are aware of assignments.

### **CHIEF OF UNION FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

No report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)**

Captain Schmitt reported that information obtained at a recent Mercer County Regional Emergency Medical Services Association (MCREMSA) meeting indicated that funding for continuing education for emergency medical technicians was ending. Captain Schmitt reported that funding for the emergency medical technician main course was being increased to match the increase in the length of the program.

Captain Schmitt reported that the Fire District's Medical Director advised those in attendance at the MCREMSA Meeting that he was resigning from Capital Health Systems. Captain Schmitt indicated the resignation would not affect his services as the Fire District's Medical Director.

Captain Schmitt reported that the recent access problem located in the pediatric unit at Capital Health System-Hopewell Campus had been corrected.

Chairman Chipowsky questioned Chief Martin if a meeting on December 22, 2011 was needed. Chief Martin indicated that the meeting should be held to issue payment to vendors and to present resolutions before the Board. The Board agreed to continue with the regularly scheduled meeting for December 22, 2011 and to evaluate the need for the final meeting in December.

Chairman Chipowsky asked if there was a need for an executive session. The balance of the Board and Chief Martin felt an executive session was not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48 p.m. a motion by Vice-Chairman Lenarski and seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Treasurer Cseremsak, Secretary Orlandi

Respectfully submitted,



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Matthew Martin  
Chief of Emergency Services