

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

**JANUARY 19, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE** - Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. stating that the notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and 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:** Chairman Chipowsky, Treasurer Cseremsak, Commissioner Kintzel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Secretary Orlandi

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Assistant Captain Muccioli (151), Second Assistant Captain Ferrara (151), Chief Burd (53/153), Chief Martin (50/159)

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**MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

None

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)**

None

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2012 BUDGET ADOPTION** - Chairman Chipowsky opened the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION 2012-08**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE**

*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:** Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Secretary Orlandi

**ABSTAIN:** None

Chairman Chipowsky opened the floor to the public to comment on the budget. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Kintzel reported to those in attendance that the Department of Local Government Services had approved the introduced 2012 budget and had given it's consent to proceed with the budget adoption. Commissioner Kintzel read a revised budget message into the record at the request of the Department of Local Government Services (revised budget message below in italics)

*The amount to be raised by taxation in the proposed 2012 budget will increase by \$110,628.00 in comparison to the 2011 adopted budget; thus causing the tax rate per \$100.00 of assessed valuation to increase \$0.002. The District will utilize \$258,832.00 of Unrestricted Fund Balance and \$21,000 of Restricted Fund Balance in the 2012 budge to enable the fire district to stay within the Cap Law.*

*The Unrestricted Fund Balance is predicted to remain sufficiently funded to enable the fire district to utilize these funds to balance future budgets. However, the fire district is exploring ways to increase the revenues to some funding from motor vehicle accident reimbursement for services from insurance companies.*

*The Commissioners will continue to strictly oversee the budget to ensure compliance and funding for the 2012 & 2013 budget. The fire protection of the citizens and property owners will be the mandate of the fire commissioners. The commissioners are well aware of future responsibilities of the public and will take measures to ensure public safety and compliance with state mandates.*

Chairman Chipowsky closed the public hearing.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2012-09**

**2012 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION**  
*Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached*

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

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Secretary Orlandi

**ABSTAIN:** None

**RESOLUTION 2012-10**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFIED LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD FOR THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM**

**DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Chipowsky indicated the resolution should be tabled for the next regularly scheduled meeting when it can be considered by the full Board. Treasurer Cseremsak and Commissioner Kintzel agreed.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**BILLS & CLAIMS**

Summary read by Treasurer Cseremsak

**BILLS & CLAIMS**

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

Bill List:		\$113,775.17
Payroll Ending:	January 14, 2012	\$28,312.33
Total Disbursements:		\$142,087.50

Approved by the Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners on Thursday, January 26, 2012

*Motioned by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Commissioner Kintzel.*

**DISCUSSION:**

Chief Martin advised the bill list included notable payments of an workers compensation installment payment, bond counsel payment, insurance policy payments, and 2 quarterly payments to Trenton Water Works.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Secretary Orlandi

**ABSTAIN:** None

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**CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Chief Martin reported on the ongoing communications problem with emergency medical dispatching, and on his attendance at an emergency meeting of the radio committee where the communications problem was discussed with members of the Lifecomm management team.

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**CHIEF OF UNION FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Burd reported on the development of a recruitment and retention committee at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad that has been developed and is in it's early stages. Chairman Chipowsky asked Chief Burd to report on the status of the generator repair on Teli-Squirt 53. Chief Burd advised that the generator was still experiencing problems.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)**

Assistant Captain Muccioli presented the Board with the Pennington First Aid Squad's most current call statics. Commissioner Kintzel requested the LOSAP information from the Pennington First Aid Squad and Second Assistant Captain Ferrara indicated that the matter would be addressed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:25 p.m. a motion by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Secretary Orlandi

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MM' or 'MGM' in a stylized, cursive font.

Matthew Martin  
Chief of Emergency Services