

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE - Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order at 7:01 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.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Deforte (51), Lieutenant Mike Warren (51), Captain Schmitt (151), Specialist Schafer (50/159), Specialist Wilson (50/159), Specialist Fosina (50/159), Chief Martin (50/159), Doug Borden (Borden Perlman Insurance)

Chairman Chipowsky recognized Mr. Doug Borden representing the Board's Insurance Broker of Record (Borden Perlman Insurance) who was present to go over the insurance policies held by the Board. Mr. Borden provided the Board with a summary of its insurance policies and discussed the policies in detail with the Board. Mr. Borden advised the Board that its experience rating had increased for workers compensation coverage. Mr. Borden indicated that his firm would be looking into the most cost effective option for workers compensation insurance, but this may result in having to change all of the Board's policies. One option Mr. Borden presented was looking into a Joint Insurance Fund (JIF). Commissioner Kintzel asked that Chief Martin prepare for the possible increase in workers compensation coverage from within the 2012 budget. Chairman Chipowsky asked Chief Martin and Mr. Borden if the coverage amounts for the fleet of vehicles was enough to cover a loss. After discussion on the matter it was decided that Chief Martin look into the coverage/replacement amounts for the Fire District's fleet of vehicles. Chairman Chipowsky and the Board thanked Mr. Borden for his presentation.

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

JANUARY 26, 2012

Motion by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi

ABSTAIN: None

FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Motion by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2012-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY TO EXECUTE
A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached

Motioned by Vice-Chairman Lenarski, seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adopt the resolution as read.

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED
ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION 2012-14

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD CHAIRMAN AND
SECRETARY TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
AGREEMENT WITH THE HOPEWELL VALLEY UNIFORMED
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 3897 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS AFL-CIO-CLC**

Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached

Motioned by Treasurer Cseremsak, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski to adopt the resolution as read.

DISCUSSION:
Commissioner Kintzel thanked the members of the IAFF for their work on a fair contract.

MOTION CARRIED
ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION 2012-15

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION FOR
CARLA A. LOGSDON FOR MEMBERSHIP INTO THE N.J. STATE FIREMAN'S
ASSOCIATION**

Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached

Motioned by Vice-Chairman Lenarski, seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to adopt the resolution as read.

DISCUSSION:
Commissioner Kintzel asked to have the resolution amended to permit the Chairman to sign since the Board Secretary was not present at the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi
ABSTAIN: Treasurer Cseremsak

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:		\$29,540.36
Payroll Ending:	February 11, 2012	\$26,667.99
Total Disbursements:		\$56,208.35

Motioned by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Martin advised the bill list included notable payments of a repair to the vehicle exhaust system at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad and for vehicle repairs that were part of the Hurricane Irene insurance claim.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi

ABSTAIN: None

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Chief Martin reported that the 2012 Budget had been received from the Department of Community Affairs and has been posted on the Fire District web-sit. The required 1099 federal and state reporting had been completed. The Board had received payment for the Hurricane Irene FEMA expenses in the amount of \$31,385.27 and has been deposited. The quarter one fire code inspections are underway and a hospital pre-planing meeting had occurred. A meeting of the Radio Committee was held with work on-going on the use of Hopewell Ops for primary EMS Communications and preparing for narrow banding. The Bond Attorney has been advised that the bond election question had passed. The Board is awaiting the opinion of the Board’s Attorney on the State Contract purchase of the SCBA’s with a trade-in occurring. Chief Martin

reported that he had been contacted by a vendor (Breathe Safe) who would like to discuss providing a State Contract quote for the SCBA units. Commissioner Blackwell from the Pennington Borough Fire District would like to discuss the SCBA purchasing plan with the Township Board and a member of the Hopewell Borough Board at the March 8, 2012 Hopewell Township Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Chief Martin reported the IAFF collective bargaining unit agreement was before the Board for consideration. Chief Martin advised that he had discussed the repair of the generator on the Teli-Squirt and the fire company was going to keep the generator. Chief Burd wanted to report through Chief Martin that even through the fire company is not pleased with the process that occurred when the generator was replaced the fire company is going to learn to work with it and it's limitations.

Chief Martin and Lieutenant Warren from the Pennington Fire Company discussed the status of the SCBA replacement with the Board.

CHIEF OF UNION FIRE COMPANY REPORT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)

Captain Schmitt presented the Board with the Pennington First Aid Squad's most current call statics. Captain Schmitt questioned the Board on how the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) points are awarded. Captain Schmitt wanted to ensure his membership where afforded as much opportunity to earn LOSAP points that where awarded in a format that recognizes the way the Pennington First Aid Squad operates. The Board and Captain Schmitt discussed LOSAP in detail.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. a motion by Vice-Chairman Lenarski and seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi

ABSTAIN: None

At 8:15 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session and a motion was made by Commissioner Kintzel and seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adjourn the Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Secretary Orlandi

ABSTAIN: None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MM' or 'MG' with a stylized flourish.

Matthew Martin
Chief of Emergency Services