

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE - Vice-Chairman Lenarski called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM 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 - Vice-Chairman Lenarski led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Treasurer Cseremsak, Commissioner Kintzel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chairman Chipowsky

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Chairman Blackwell (PBFD), Commissioner Tredrea (PBFD), Captain Schmitt (PFAS), Chief Deforte (PFC), Deputy Chief Kraemer (PFC), Assistant Chief Gaudioso (PFC)

PROFESSIONALS:

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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:		\$15,204.02
Payroll Ending:		
DCRP Ending:		
Total Disbursements:		\$15,204.02

Motioned by Treasurer Cseremsak, seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to adopt the bills and claims as read.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Martin reported on notable payments made as part of the bill list. Chief Martin answered questions on the bill list.

MOTION CARRIED

OFFICERS REPORTS

Chief Martin reported on the following: The proposed 2013 meeting schedule, the process for the selection of a replacement fire commissioner, the rental generator at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad, the status of an insurance claim for interior storm damage at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad, the status of the bond closing for the replacement self contained breathing apparatus units / radio equipment, the proposed referendum for a replacement ambulance for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad, and the status of proposed LOSAP changes.

Chief Martin answered questions on his report. The Board, Chief Martin, and Captain Schmitt discussed the proposed LOSAP changes. The Board and Chief Martin discussed the 2013 meeting schedule. Vice-Chairman Lenarski reported that he has attempted to obtain assistance for the costs incurred from the storm damaged generator at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad from a congressional office. The Board, Chief Martin, and Chairman Blackwell discussed the generator problems. The Board and Chief Martin discussed a FEMA grant application for gas meters.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)

Captain Schmitt representing the Pennington First Aid Squad provided the squad's most recent calls for service statistics. Assistant Chief Gaudiaoso representing the Pennington Fire Company provided the fire companies most recent calls for service statistics.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Vice-Chairman Lenarski opened the budget work session for the Pennington Borough Fire District.

Chairman Blackwell explained the 2013 budget request to the Board. The Board, Chairman Blackwell, and Chief Martin discussed the following including questions provided by Chairman Chipowsky: the subscription line items, the contingency line item, the capital line item including a generator for a new special services vehicle, the purchase of the replacement self contained

breathing apparatus units, debit service schedules, LOSAP, Pbfd unreserved surplus funds, Pbfd reserved surplus funds, actual expenditures year to date in the 2012 operating budget line items, building rent, insurance, fleet maintenance, and radio equipment.

The Board and Chairman Blackwell discussed in detail the use of unreserved surplus funds, self contained breathing apparatus units, the radio grant, vehicle purchases including the replacement of Ladder Tower 51 and the current Station 51 fleet, responses to Capital Health Systems, qualified apparatus operators for Ladder Tower 51, apparatus payments, the addition to the Pennington Fire Company, and reserved surplus. All parties discussed having a study conducted on the life span of Ladder Tower 51. Chief Deforte, Deputy Chief Kraemer, and Assistant Chief Gaudioso discussed certain budget matters with the Board and Chairman Blackwell.

Deputy Chief Kraemer discussed with the Board, Chairman Blackwell, and Chief Martin the use of Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit Personnel assisting with the operation of Tanker 51.

The Board, Chief Martin, and Chairman Blackwell discussed insurance charges and cooperative pricing.

Vice-Chairman Lenarski asked the Board if there was a need for executive session. The Board did not enter executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Martin
Chief of Emergency Services