

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE - Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 - 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, Secretary Kintzel, Commissioner Lynch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CHIEF OFFICERS PRESENT:

Second Assistant Captain Ferrara (Pennington First Aid Squad), Chief Varrasse (Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit), Deputy Chief Soganic (Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad)

PROFESSIONALS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2013-39

2014 BUDGET INTRODUCTION RESOLUTION

Copy of resolution and record of vote is attached

DISCUSSION:

Chairman Chipowsky expressed his appreciation for the efforts of all involved with the 2014 budget process.

MOTION CARRIED

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:		\$6,271.74
Total Disbursements:		\$6,271.74

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

DISCUSSION:

None

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMS Billing:

No progress.

Water Study:

No report.

UFCRS Ambulance Replacement:

Deputy Chief Soganic provided a progress report on the ambulance construction.

Fire Code Fee Increases:

No progress.

Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad Generator:

No report.

Fire District Building Project:
No report.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit:

Commissioner Lynch provided a report on behalf of Chief Martin who was not present. Commissioner Lynch reported that staff is working to complete fire code inspections prior to the end of the year, staff is working on the integration of the NJ Division of Fire Safety RIMS computer based registration program, staff provided code enforcement at a private fireworks show, staff assisted the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad with a sprinkler leak and provided details on the damage caused by the leak, Tanker 53 remains out of service at Campbell Supply for the tank leak and brake repair, the Board will need to pass a resolution authorizing the 2014 referendum questions, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit staff is working on the end of the year / start of the year administrative matters, the results from the December 5, 2013 special meeting have been filed with the NJ Department of Community Affairs and have been posted on the district's web-site, a report was given on two unrelated fire investigations.

Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad:

Deputy Chief Soganic provided the most recent calls for service statistics for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad.

Pennington First Aid Squad:

Second Assistant Captain Ferrara provided the Board with the changes to the operational and administrative officers for 2014.

Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit:

Chief Varrasse reported on the most recent calls for service statistics for the Emergency Medical Unit. Chief Varrasse provided the Board with the changes to the operational and administrative officers for 2014.

** The Board discussed emergency medical services call volumes with the emergency medical services officers present.

Pennington Fire Company:

No report.

** The Board discussed the proposed ladder truck replacement.

** The Board discussed canceling the December 19, 2013 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA)

Engineer Pedersen representing the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad provided a report on the repairs to Tanker 53 being conducted by Campbell Supply.

Chairman Chipowsky asked if there was a need for an Executive Session and there was not a need.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

MGM

Matthew Martin
Chief of Emergency Services

2014 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Township of Hopewell

Fire District No. 1

FISCAL YEAR: From January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District No. 1 at its open public meeting of December 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the budget as introduced is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.); and,

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$3,488,331.00, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$3,167,901.00, and Total Appropriations of \$3,488,331.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget shall be the amount to be certified to the assessor of the municipality to be assessed against the taxable property in the district, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:14-79. Such amount shall be equal to the amount of the total appropriations set forth in the budget minus the total amount surplus and miscellaneous revenues set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, in calculating the amount to be raised by taxation, the Fire District No. 1 has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District No. 1,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District No. 1, at an open public meeting held on December 12, 2013 that the Annual Budget, including appended Supplemental Schedules, of the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the said Fire District No.1's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on the 16th day of January 2014.


(Secretary's Signature)

12/13/2013
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

SECOND
MOTION

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cseremak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Kintzel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Lenarski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Lynch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Chipkowsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			