

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

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 (arrived 7:06 PM), Treasurer Cseremsak, Secretary Kintzel, Commissioner Lynch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CHIEF OFFICERS PRESENT:

Captain Ferrara (Pennington First Aid Squad), Chief Martin (Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit)

PROFESSIONALS:

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:		\$9,781.13
Payroll Ending:	April 19, 2014	\$32,444.52
Total Disbursements:		\$42,225.65

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

DISCUSSION:

Chief Martin reported on the following notable items contained within the bill list: iPads for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad, NFPA on-line codes subscription, Target Safety on-line training, IAFC membership dues for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad, anti-harassment training for the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit, turn out gear repairs, and mileage reimbursement.

MOTION CARRIED

Vice-Chairman Lenarski abstained from voting on the bills and claims.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMS Billing:

Commissioner Lynch reported that he will be discussing the matter with the Pennington First Aid Squad Captain.

Water Study:

Chief Martin reported on an upcoming meeting with the Township Administrator.

UFCRS Ambulance Replacement:

Discussion on the new ambulance that was delivered recently. Discussion was held on the status of the old ambulance with Captain Ferrara. Discussion was held on the status of the old ambulance. Discussion was held on the new ambulance.

Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad Generator:

Discussion on the generator project and the pre-bid meeting.

Fire District Building Project:

No Report

EMS Dispatch:

Discussion occurred on emergency medical services dispatch including the possibility of Central Communications taking over emergency medical services communications. Discussion occurred on the possibility of needing new radios for emergency medical services and for the Pennington First Aid Squad. Discussion occurred on the funding of the Pennington First Aid Squad. Discussion occurred on the new county radio system.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit:

Chief Martin reported on the following: fire investigations that occurred within Hopewell Township, the hose testing co-op has been awarded, the pre-bid meeting has occurred for the generator project, the year ending 2013 medical flexible spending program has been closed out, the Pennington Borough emergency medical services fee has been received and deposited, the new ambulance state inspection has occurred, the new ambulance is in service, tanker 53 has been returned to service after a fan belt problem has been repaired, a repair occurred to the air conditioning on ambulance 159-1, a repair is needed for brush 53 that had its pump damaged at a recent fire, a brake repair was conducted on the Ford Explorer assigned to the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit staff attended the Mercer County Fire Protection and Prevention Association meeting, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit staff provided fire prevention education at the Hopewell Elementary School Science Fair, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit staff assisted the Trenton Fire Department with the use of the fire safety trailer at a recent event in the City of Trenton, Chief Martin attended insurance training, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit staff members conducted ladder training. Discussion was held on the Pennington Borough water tower impairment. Discussion was held on the sprinkler system at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad. Discussion was held on funding related to the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad. Discussion returned to the repair of the sprinkler system at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad.

Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad:

No report.

Pennington First Aid Squad:

No report.

Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit:

No report.

Pennington Fire Company:

No report.

Chief Martin was asked to reach out to the officers of other organizations to ensure representation is present at meetings. Discussion occurred on the replacement ladder truck for the Pennington Fire Company. Vice-Chairman Lenarski reported on a meeting of the Pennington Borough Fire District he attended. Discussion was held on mutual aid equipment. Commissioner Lynch reported on a discussion he had with a fire investigator from Mercer County related to a recent fire and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Chief Martin and his staff related to a fire investigation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA)

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Secretary Kintzel and seconded by Treasurer Cseremsak to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MM' or 'MBM', positioned below the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Matthew Martin
Chief of Emergency Services