

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD**

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER/STATEMENT OF PROPER NOTICE - Vice-Chairman Lenarski 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 - 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, Secretary Kintzel, Commissioner Lynch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chairman Chipowsky, Treasurer Cseremsak

CHIEF OFFICERS PRESENT:

Captain Ferrara (Pennington First Aid Squad), First Assistant Captain Muccioli (Pennington First Aid Squad), Chief Burd (Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad), Deputy Chief Malkiewicz (Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad), Chief Martin (Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit)

PROFESSIONALS:

None

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

BILLS & CLAIMS

Summary read by Secretary Kintzel:

BILLS & CLAIMS

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

Bill List:		\$11,504.16
Payroll Ending:	July 12, 2014	\$49,978.23
Total Disbursements:		\$61,482.39

Motioned by Secretary Kintzel, 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: chain saw preventive maintenance, an insurance policy payment, 2nd quarter vehicle inspections for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad and the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit, repairs to the motor on Marine 53-1, and hose testing for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad and the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EMS Billing:
No report.

Water Study:

Chief Martin reported on efforts underway to install and repair standpipes. Vice-Chairman Lenarski thanked Chief Burd for his survey of a pond that is being considered for a stand-pipe. Chief Martin reported on a project to remove water chestnuts at the pond located on the Pennytown site. Chief Burd requested that the Board assist with obtaining permission for Hopewell Township Public Works Employees to be permitted to leave work for emergency incidents.

Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad Generator:

Chief Martin reported on the progress with the generator project.

Fire District Building Project:

No report.

Communications:

Chief Martin reported on communications and reported on a meeting of the Hopewell Valley Regional Emergency Services Committee that focused on communications. Chief Martin, Chief Burd and the Board discussed communications.

UFCRS Sprinkler System:

Chief Martin reported that he is awaiting information from the consultant for the technical bid specifications.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit:

Chief Martin reported on the following: a mechanical problem with Engine 53, tire rotation on Engine 53, a mechanical problem with Teli-Squirt 53, a mechanical problem with Tanker 53, hose testing, funds have been received from the State of New Jersey for Life Hazard Use Fees, funds have been received from the boat motor insurance claim, insurance renewal process for 2015, work on transferring an ambulance to the Pennington First Aid Squad, the annual preventive maintenance on the vehicle exhaust system at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad has been completed, the comp time buy back for members of the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit has been completed, the required health care contribution increases for members of the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit has been completed, a pension increase for the PERS system has been completed, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit staff members completed pump operations training and pre-planning training. Chief Martin reported on a meeting with Capital Health Systems related to the fire lane. Chief Martin reported on an upcoming training event.

Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad:

Chief Burd provided the most recent call for service statistics for the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad. Chief Burd reported on the Titusville 4th of July Parade and on radio training conducted by the fire company. Chief Burd reported on EMT refresher classes being held at the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad.

Pennington First Aid Squad:

Captain Ferrara reported on the payment for the ambulance.

Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit:

No report.

Pennington Fire Company:

There was discussion on the open chiefs position at the Pennington Fire Company.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA)

None

Vice-Chairman Lenarski asked if there was need for executive session and there was not a need.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Secretary Kintzel and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Matthew Martin in black ink.

Matthew Martin
Chief of Emergency Services