

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on January 7, 2016 at the Hopewell Township Municipal Services Building Titusville New Jersey at 7:00 PM.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER / STATEMENT OF NOTICE**

Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order and stated that the notice of the meeting had been posted on the Hopewell Township Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, Times of Trenton, and had been placed on the Hopewell Township Fire District Web-Site in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Chipowsky.

**ROLL CALL BY CHAIRMAN**

Present:

Chairman Chipowsky, Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Treasurer Cseremsak, Secretary Lynch

Absent:

Commissioner Kintzel

Also Present:

Clerk Varrasse (Hopewell Borough Fire District), Chief Malkiewicz (Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad), Captain Ferrara (Pennington First Aid Squad), Chief of Emergency Services Martin (Hopewell Township Fire District)

**MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2016-01**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TO PASS A TEMPORARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 has determined that a need exists for a temporary working budget for the year of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey allows for the usage of fourteen percent of the previous year's expended budget for the temporary budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Fire Commissioners has introduced and advertised the proposed budget for 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the budget has been submitted to the State of New Jersey Department of Local Government Services for their review and acceptance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1, that the temporary budget for 2016 is hereby passed for usage of fourteen percent of the 2015 expended budget.

The resolution was moved by Treasurer Cseremsak and seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski. The motion to pass the resolution carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Cseremsak read the summary of the Bills and Claims dated January 7, 2016 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski. A roll call vote was held and the following amounts were authorized:

Bill List:		\$51,846.07
Total Disbursements:		\$51,846.07

**PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA)**

Captain Ferrara presented the 2015 call for service statistics and answered questions from the Board related to the call volume and mutual aid responses. Chief Malkiewicz reported on a sprinkler system leak at the Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad. Chief Malkiewicz reported on the status of the replacement ambulance design and answered questions from the Board related to the replacement ambulance.

Chairman Chipowsky and members of the Board requested that Chief Martin contact the Chief Officers from the Pennington First Aid Squad, Pennington Fire Company, Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit, Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad, and the Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit and ask that each organization presents an annual report to the Board at the Boards next meeting.

Members of the Board and Chief Martin discussed aspects of the Open Public Meetings Act related to the reading of the resolutions of the Board. The Board and Officers present discussed the topic.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Treasurer Cseremsak motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Secretary Lynch at 7:10 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mfm', is positioned below the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Matthew G. Martin  
Chief of Emergency Services