

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on June 23, 2016 at the Hopewell Township Municipal Services Building Titusville New Jersey at 7:00 PM.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Vice-Chairman Lenarski 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 and Times of Trenton, and had been posted 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 Vice-Chairman Lenarski.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Chipowsky - Absent
Vice-Chairman Lenarski - Present
Treasurer Cseremsak - Present
Secretary Lynch - Absent
Commissioner Kintzel - Present

Also Present:

Second Assistant Captain Varrasse - (Pennington First Aid Squad)
Chief of Emergency Services Martin - (Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit)
Battalion Chief Pedersen - (Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad)

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

Vice-Chairman Lenarski reported on and expressed his appreciation of graduates of the Mercer County Firefighter One program. Vice-Chairman Lenarski also reported on other Firefighter courses that are being attended along with an upcoming EMT course. The Board discussed the training with Battalion Chief Pedersen.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cseremsak read the summary of the Bills and Claims dated June 23, 2016, and was seconded by Commissioner Kintzel. Chief Martin provided a report on the notable bills and claims. A roll call vote was held and the following amounts were authorized:

Bill List:		\$81,799.75
Payroll Ending:	June 11, 2016	\$43,170.08

Bill List:		\$81,799.75
Total Disbursements:		\$124,969.83

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EMS BILLING:

No report.

B. WATER STUDY:

Chief Martin reported on the possible replacement of a dry stand-pipe with a fire hydrant. Chief Martin also reported on the possible installation of cisterns. Chief Martin answered questions from the Board related to water supply matters.

C. FIRE DISTRICT BUILDING PROJECT:

No report.

D. COMMUNICATIONS:

The Board and Chief Martin discussed communications matters.

E. UFCRS SPRINKLER SYSTEM:

Chief Martin reported on the preliminary engineering and construction costs for the project and answered questions from the Board related to the matter.

F. VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT:

Chief Martin reported the Fathers Day Campaign.

G. REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE:

Chief Martin reported on the replacement ambulance.

H. PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK:

Vice-Chairman Lenarski provided a report on the ladder truck. The Board discussed the existing ladder truck. The Board discussed the repayment agreement with Chief Martin.

I. HOPEWELL BOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT REPLACEMENT RESCUE TRUCK:

Commissioner Kintzel reported that he has preliminary repayment costs for the rescue truck.

HOPEWELL VALLEY EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT REPORT

Chief Martin of the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit provided a report on the activities of the Unit and answered questions from the Board related to matters contained in his report. Chief Martin was also questioned by the Board related to a vehicle exhaust system that needs to be installed at the Pennington Fire Company.

UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD REPORT

Battalion Chief Pedersen of the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad provided a report on behalf of the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad. The Board, Chief Martin, and Battalion Chief Pedersen discussed fleet maintenance.

PENNINGTON FIRST AID SQUAD

Second Assistant Captain Varrasse of the Pennington First Aid Squad reported on the activities of the Pennington First Aid Squad.

HOPEWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMU REPORT

No report.

PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY REPORT

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA)

Vice-Chairman Lenarski reported on public relations events and emergency incidents that are being held or attended by all of the volunteer and paid emergency responders throughout Hopewell Valley and expressed his appreciation. Battalion Chief Pedersen expressed his appreciation for units that responded to a recent serious motor vehicle accident.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Vice-Chairman Lenarski asked those in attendance if there was a need for an Executive Session and there was a need to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Treasurer Cseremsak motioned, and was seconded by Commissioner Kintzel to enter Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Treasurer Cseremsak motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Kintzel at 7:56 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew G. Martin
Chief of Emergency Services