

# 2026

Honewell Borough FD No. 1

# Fire District Budget

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Division of Local Government Services

**2026 EIDE DISTRICT BUDGET**  
***Certification Section***

**2026**

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

**FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

**For Division Use Only**

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET**

*It is hereby certified that the approved Budget made a part hereof complies with the requirements of law and the rules and regulations of the Local Finance Board, and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-11.*

*State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services*

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTED BUDGET**

*It is hereby certified that the adopted Budget made a part hereof has been compared with the approved Budget previously certified by the Division, and any amendments made thereto. This adopted Budget is certified with respect to such amendments and comparisons only.*

*State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services*

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2026 PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget, including the annual budget and all schedules attached thereto, represents the Board of Commissioners' resolve with respect to stature in that; all estimates of revenues, including the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget, are reasonable accurate and correctly stated; all items of appropriation are properly set forth; and in itemization, form and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the Fire District.

It is further certified that all proposed budgeted amounts and totals are correct. Also, I hereby provide reasonable assurance that all assertions contained herein are accurate and all required schedules are completed and attached.

Preparer's Signature:	
Name:	C. Schuyler Morehouse
Title:	Chairman
Address:	PO Box 141, Hopewell, NJ 085285
Phone Number:	609-466-0060
Fax Number:	609-466-8590
E-mail Address:	firecommish@hopewellfire.com

# 2026 PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

## OTHER ASSETS

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

It is hereby certified that operating appropriations, as reported in this annual budget on Page F-3, for the acquisition of Other Assets not included as Capital Outlays are Non-Bondable Assets. The Board of Commissioners has determined that the aforementioned Other Asset appropriation(s) do not meet the criteria for bonding pursuant to the Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.) and more specifically, as it pertains to the expected useful life of the asset, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-21.

It is further certified that the Other Asset appropriation(s) as reported herein have been determined not to be Capital Assets pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84 and 40A:14-85. Therefore, the election has been made to treat such Other Assets as Operating Appropriations: Current Operating Expenses, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.6.

Preparer's Signature:	<a href="mailto:sky@moreengineering.com">sky@moreengineering.com</a>
Name:	C. Schuyler Morehouse
Title:	Chairman
Address:	PO Box 141, Hopewell, NJ 085285
Phone Number:	609-466-0060
Fax Number:	609-466-8590
E-mail Address:	firecommish@hopewellfire.com

# FIRE DISTRICT INTERNET WEBSITE CERTIFICATION

Fire District's Web Address:

[hopewellfire.com/bofc](http://hopewellfire.com/bofc)

All fire districts shall maintain either an Internet website or a webpage on the municipality's Internet website. The purpose of the website or webpage shall be to provide increased public access to the Fire District's operations and activities. N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2 requires the following items to be included on the Fire District's website at a minimum for public disclosure. Check the boxes below to certify the Fire District's compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2.

- X A description of the Fire District's mission and responsibilities
- X Commencing with 2013, the budgets for the current fiscal year and immediately two prior years
- X The most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Unaudited) or similar financial information
- X Commencing with 2012, the annual audits of the most recent fiscal year and immediately two prior years
- X The Fire District's rules, regulations and official policy statements deemed relevant by the commissioners to the interests of the residents within the district
- X Notice posted pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act" for each meeting of the commissioners, setting forth the time date, location and agenda of each meeting
- X Beginning January 1, 2013, the approved minutes of each meeting of the commissioners including all resolutions of the commissioners and their committees; for at least three consecutive fiscal years
- X The name, mailing address, electronic mail address and phone number of every person who exercises day-to-day supervision or management over some or all of the operations of the Fire District
- X A list of attorneys, advisors, consultants and any other person, firm, business, partnership, corporation or other organizations which received any remuneration of \$17,500 or more during the preceding fiscal year for any service whatsoever rendered to the Fire District, but shall not include volunteers receiving benefits under a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).
- X It is hereby certified by the below authorized representative of the Fire District that the Fire District's website or webpage as identified above complies with the minimum statutory requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2 as listed above. A check in each of the above boxes signifies compliance.

Name of Officer Certifying Compliance:

C. Schuyler Morehouse

Title of Officer Certifying Compliance:

Chairman

Signature:

[sky@moreengineering.com](mailto:sky@moreengineering.com)

# 2026 APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget, including all schedules appended hereto, are a true copy of the Annual Budget approved by resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.4, on December 10, 2025.

It is further certified that the recorded vote appearing in the resolution represents not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board of Commissioners thereof.

<b>Officer's Signature:</b>	<a href="mailto:gdavies4@verizon.net">gdavies4@verizon.net</a>
<b>Name:</b>	Gregory Davies
<b>Title:</b>	Treasurer
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 141, Hopewell, NJ 08525
<b>Phone Number:</b>	609-466-0060
<b>Fax Number:</b>	0
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	<a href="mailto:gdavies4@verizon.net">gdavies4@verizon.net</a>

# 2026 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION

## Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

### FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for Hopewell Borough FD No. 1 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 10, 2025; 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 \$877,878.00 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$347,783.00 and Total Appropriations of \$877,878.00; 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 has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held on December 10, 2025 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 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 Fire District'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 Fire District will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on January 14, 2026.

[jwblasi@gmail.com](mailto:jwblasi@gmail.com)

(Secretary's Signature)

12/10/2025

(Date)

#### Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
David Peters	X			
John Blasi	X			
Gregory Davies	X			
Melvin Myers	X			
C. Schuyler Morehouse	X			



<b>Open Public Meeting Date (month day, year):</b>
December 10, 2025

<b>Total Budget Revenues:</b>	\$ 877,878.00
<b>Amount to be Raised by Taxes:</b>	\$ 347,783.00
<b>Total Appropriations:</b>	\$ 877,878.00

<b>Considered for Adoption Date (month day, year):</b>
January 14, 2026

# 2026 ADOPTION CERTIFICATION

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget annexed hereto is a true copy of the Budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.4, on January 14, 2026.

<b>Officer's Signature:</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	Gregory Davies		
<b>Title:</b>	Treasurer		
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 141, Hopewell, NJ 08525		
<b>Phone Number:</b>	609-466-0060	<b>Fax:</b>	0
<b>E-mail address:</b>	gdavies4@verizon.net		

# 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

## Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

### FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Hopewell Borough FD No. 1 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of January 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget 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 presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$877,878.00 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$347,783.00, and Total Appropriations of \$877,878.00; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February (only if required) in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on January 14, 2026 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 is hereby adopted and, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$877,878.00, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$347,783.00, and Total Appropriations of \$877,878.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February (only if required) to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

(Secretary's Signature)

(Date)

#### Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

<b>Open Public Meeting Date (month day, year):</b>
January 14, 2026

<b>CHOOSE ONE BELOW:</b>
<b>Compliant with Property Tax Levy Cap Law?</b>
If yes, type "X" in box: <input type="text" value="X"/>

<b>Referendum to Exceed Allowable Amount to be Raised?</b>
If yes, type "X" in box: <input type="text"/> Amount: <input type="text"/>

<b>Referendum to Use Restricted Fund Balance?</b>
If yes, type "X" in box: <input type="text"/> Amount: <input type="text"/>

<b>Total Budget Revenues:</b>	\$	877,878.00
<b>Amount to be Raised by Taxes:</b>	\$	347,783.00
<b>Total Appropriations:</b>	\$	877,878.00

**2026 EIDE DISTRICT BUDGET**  
**Narrative and Information Section**

# 2026 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET MESSAGE & ANALYSIS

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

*Answer all questions below using the space provided. Do not attach answers as a separate document.*

1. When is the Fire District's annual election? (February and/or November)  
If November, was the resolution submitted to the Division?

November
Yes

2. Complete a brief statement on the 2026 proposed Annual Budget and make comparison to the 2025 adopted budget.

The 2026 budget is \$49,390 greater than the 2025 prior year budget. The increase is due to several line items increasing due to a surge in staff and call volume.

3. **Explain any variances over +/-10% for each line item.** Attach in FAST any supporting documentation that will help to explain the reason for the increase/decrease in the budgeted line item. **Be sure to include ALL items for F-2, F-3, and the detail sheets.**

Advertising decreased 67% due to the new State law allowing electronic posting without newsprint. Elections decreased 100% due to removal of the line from the budget. Computer & IT line has increased by 60% due to the need to replace aging computers, upgrading network management and replacing a overhead projector for the training facility. Hydrant Maintenance has increased 100% as it was added to the budget this year, as the district will experience new hydrant rental fees once the municipality completes the sale of its water system to NJ American Water. Janitorial has increased 11.1% for rising refuse removal costs. Maintenance and Repairs increased 10.7% due to rising repairs for older front line equipment. Contingency increased 100% as the line has doubled in cost for recent experience of budget shortfalls. Radio Equipment increased 20% for expected pager replacement. Non-bondable equipment decreased to offset rising costs of other budget lines by 14.4%. Total capital expenses increased 65.2% as there is an expected ambulance purchase in 2026 or 2027. Decrease in interest payments for debt service by 32.1% as the Rescue Truck payments come closer to the end of the loan. Grant Revenue decreased 100% due to the State no longer participating in the Shared Services increased 12.9% mainly due to rising costs and inflation. Annual testing and service plans account for nearly 5% of our operating budget. Finally unrestricted fund balance utilized reduced 100% as we are not supplementing the budget with savings this year.



# 2026 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET MESSAGE & ANALYSIS

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

*Answer all questions below using the space provided. Do not attach answers as a separate document.*

4. Complete a brief statement on the impact the proposed Annual Budget will have on the Amount to be Raised by Taxation, the use of the Restricted and Unrestricted Fund Balance(s) and how they are complying with the Property Tax Levy Cap. If Unrestricted Fund Balance is reduced by more than 10%, explain the projected impact on the following year's budget.

The amount to be raised by taxation to support the 2026 annual budget is \$347,783, an increase of \$39,638 over the 2025 annual budget. The levy cap was not exceeded.

5. Does the Fire District plan on exceeding the Levy Cap? If so, please provide a statement with the reasons for exceeding the Levy Cap and identify the appropriations that caused the Fire District to exceed the Levy Cap, and how they are being addressed by a referendum.

No

6. If the Fire District plans to pass a Resolution for the Release of Restricted Fund Balance to be used in the 2026 proposed operating budget, explain the reason and purposes of the appropriation.

No

7. Complete a brief statement on the Annual Budget's proposed capital appropriations including debt service for the proposed budget year and for future years.

The 2026 budget includes \$12,600 for anticipated purchase of a new ambulance, \$50,000 for radio purchases and \$20,000 for future capital outlay. The debt service includes principal and interest for the pumper fire truck.



# 2026 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET MESSAGE & ANALYSIS

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

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8. If the proposed Annual Budget contains an amount for a Cash Deficit of the Preceding Year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14- 78.6, then explain the reasons for the occurrence of the deficit.

N/A

9. Does the Annual Budget appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary for the purchase of first aid, ambulance, rescue, or other emergency vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials for use by a duly incorporated association, pursuant

N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85.1? If so, provide the organization's incorporated name and amounts.

Yes

Hopewell Fire Department Emergency Medical Unit \$12,600.00

10. Complete the following based on the municipal assessor's latest information pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-35:

Total Assessed Valuation of District	\$	317,972,400.00
Proposed Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation	\$	0.0700

11. Is the Fire District providing for a first-year funding appropriation to establish a length of service award program (LOSAP) in this year's budget subject to public referendum thereof?

No	X	Yes		If yes, how much is appropriated?	
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If the public question is defeated, is the Board of Commissioners aware that the budget must be amended to delete the LOSAP appropriation amount and that the Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the Budget must be reduced by a like amount?

No		Yes	
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# FIRE DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

## 2026

Please complete the following information regarding this Fire District. All information requested below must be completed.

<b>Name of Fire District:</b>	<b>Hopewell Borough FD No. 1</b>		
<i>Address:</i>	PO BOX 141		
<i>City, State, Zip:</i>	HOPEWELL	NJ	08525
<i>Phone: (ext.)</i>	609-466-0060	<i>Fax:</i>	
<i>Fire District E-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:FIRECOMMISH@HOPEWELLFIRE.COM">FIRECOMMISH@HOPEWELLFIRE.COM</a>		

<b>Preparer's Name:</b>	C. Schuyler Morehouse		
<i>Preparer's Address:</i>	4 COLUMBIA AVE		
<i>City, State, Zip:</i>	HOPEWELL	NJ	08525
<i>Phone: (ext.)</i>	609-466-0060	<i>Fax:</i>	609-466-8590
<i>E-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:firecommish@hopewellfire.com">firecommish@hopewellfire.com</a>		

<b>Chairperson:</b>	C. Schuyler Morehouse		
<i>Phone: (ext.)</i>	609-731-8408	<i>Fax:</i>	
<i>E-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:SKY@MOREENGINEERING.COM">SKY@MOREENGINEERING.COM</a>		

<b>Secretary:</b>	John Blasi		
<i>Phone: (ext.)</i>	609-577-5451	<i>Fax:</i>	
<i>E-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:JWBLASI@GMAIL.COM">JWBLASI@GMAIL.COM</a>		

<b>Treasurer:</b>	Gregory Davies		
<i>Phone: (ext.)</i>	609-647-0115	<i>Fax:</i>	
<i>E-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:GDAVIES4@VERIZON.NET">GDAVIES4@VERIZON.NET</a>		

<b>Name of Auditor:</b>	Robert Inverso		
<i>Name of Firm:</i>	Inverso and Stewart LLC		
<i>Address:</i>	651 NJ 73 Ste 402		
<i>City, State, Zip:</i>	Marlton	NJ	08053
<i>Phone: (ext.)</i>	856-983-2244	<i>Fax:</i>	856-983-6674
<i>E-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:rinverso@iscpasnj.com">rinverso@iscpasnj.com</a>		

# FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Honewell Borough FD No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

Answer all questions below completely.

1) Provide the number of regular voting members of the governing body:

5

2) Provide the number of alternate voting members of the governing body:

0

3) Does the fire district have any amounts recievable from current or former commissioners, officers, or employees?

No

*If "yes," provide a list of those individuals, their position, the amount receivable, and a description of the amount due to the fire district.*

4) Was the fire district a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties:

a. A current or former commissioner, officer, or employee?

No

b. A family member of a current or former commissioner, officer, or employee?

No

c. An entity of which a current or former commissioner, officer, or employee (or family member thereof) was an officer or direct or indirect owner?

No

*If the answer to any of the above is "yes," provide a description of the transaction, including the name of the commissioner, officer, or employee (or family member thereof) of the fire district; the name of the entity and relationship to the individual or family member; the amount paid, and whether the transaction was subject to a competitive bid process.*

5) Did the fire district provide any of the following to or for a commissioner, officer, or any other employee of the Fire District:

a. First class or charter travel

No

b. Travel for companions

No

c. Tax indemnification and gross-up payments

No

d. Discretionary spending account

No

e. Housing allowance or residence for personal use

No

f. Payments for business use of personal residence

No

g. Vehicle/auto allowance or vehicle for personal use

No

h. Health or social club dues or initiation fees

No

i. Personal services (i.e.: maid, chauffeur, chef)

No

*If the answer to any of the above is "yes," provide a description of the transaction including the name and position of the individual and the amount expended.*

# FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(CONTINUED)

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

6) Use the "**Vehicle List**" tabs to list of the fire district's vehicles including make, model, and year, and indicate to whom the vehicles are assigned and their positions. If a vehicle is not assigned to a specific individual and is available to all authorized district personnel, indicate "motor pool." Do not attach the list as a separate document.

7) Did the fire district make any payments to current or former commissioners or employees for severance or termination?

No

*If "yes", provide an explanation including amount paid.*

8) Did the Fire District make any payments to current or former commissioners or employees that were contingent upon the performance of the Fire District or that were considered discretionary bonuses?

No

*If "yes", provide an explanation including amount paid.*

9) Does the Fire District contract with another entity (i.e.: volunteer fire company, neighboring municipality, etc.) to provide fire protection or EMS services within the Fire District?

Yes

10) If the answer to #9 above is "yes," did the Fire District execute a written agreement with the entity that details the services that the entity will provide and the amount to be paid by the Fire District to the entity for the services provided?

Yes

*If "yes," attach in FAST a copy of the agreement.*

11) Does the fire District have a Length of Services Award Program (LOSAP) plan?

Yes

*If "yes," indicate:*

*a) the year it was implemented*

2001

*b) the total number of volunteer members presently eligible to participate*

85

*c) the total number of volunteer members presently vested*

32

*d) whether the annual contribution for each vested member is fixed or based on an automatic increase*

Fixed

*e) the total LOSAP budgeted for the current year*

\$ 125,000.00

*f) the Fire District's LOSAP Plan Contractor*

Lincoln Financial

*g) whether the Plan Contractor has submitted its annual financial statement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.49.*

Yes



# FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(CONTINUED)

Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

12) If the district's Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes its elected commissioners to receive any type of compensation for serving on the Board, did the district submit a copy of the compensation resolution to the municipal governing body for review and approval as required under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88?

*If "yes", provide a certified copy of the resolution, whenever adopted, fixing the level of compensation each commissioner is authorized to receive, and proof that the district submitted the resolution to the municipal clerk for governing body consideration. Only answer "N/A" if elected commissioners are not authorized to receive any compensation for their service on the Board.*

13) Did the district make one or more supplemental emergency appropriations after adopting its current budget?

*If "yes", for each supplemental emergency appropriation:*

a) Was a resolution adopted by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Commissioners' full membership declaring that an emergency exists requiring a supplemental emergency appropriation and setting out the nature of the emergency in full?

b) Did the district submit the above-referenced resolution to the municipal clerk for municipal governing body consideration?

c) Did at least two-thirds (2/3) of the municipal governing body's full membership approve the district's emergency appropriation?

*Provide (with the introduced budget) a certified copy of the Board's resolution authorizing the supplemental emergency appropriation with a certified copy of the municipal governing body's resolution approving the district's emergency appropriation.*

14) Does the Fire District have a Volunteer Incentive Program (or other similarly named program) in addition to LOSAP?

*If "yes", provide a detailed plan approved by Board of Commissioners. Plan should include at minimum the processes for earning incentive under the plan, the amount individuals are entitled to receive, and the process for reporting earnings. Also, ensure the estimated annual cost of the program on Sheet F-3 under **"Cost of Operations and Maintenance - [Volunteer Incentive Program]"**. For additional information, see Local Finance Notice 2024-11.*



# FIRE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICERS

## Hopewell Borough FD No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

*Complete the attached table for all persons required to be listed per #1-2 below.*

- 1) List all of the Fire District's current commissioners and officers and amount of compensation from the Fire District. Enter zero if no compensation was paid.
- 2) List all of the Fire District's former commissioners and officers who received more than \$10,000 in reportable compensation from the Fire District during the most recent fiscal year completed.

**Commissioner:** A member of the governing body of the Fire District with voting rights. Include alternates for the purposes of this schedule.

**Officer:** A person elected or appointed to manage the Fire District's daily operations at any time during the year, such as the chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, or treasurer. For the purposes of this schedule, treat the Fire District's top management official and top financial officer as officers, if applicable. A member of the governing body may be both a commissioner and an officer for the purposes of this schedule.

**Compensation:** All forms of cash and non-cash payments or benefits provided in exchange for services, including salaries and wages, bonuses, severance payments, deferred payments, retirement benefits, fringe benefits, and other financial arrangements or transaction such as personal vehicles, meals, housing, personal and family education benefits, below-market loans, payment of personal or family travel, entertainment, and personal use of the Fire District's property. Compensation includes payments and other benefits provided to both employees and independent contractors in exchange for services.

**Reportable Compensation:** The aggregate compensation that is reported (or is required to be reported) on Form W-2, box 1 or 5, whichever amount is greater, and/or Form 1099-MISC, box 7, for the calendar year.



**Hopewell Borough FD No. 1  
Mercer  
Reportable Compensation from Fire District  
(W-2/ 1099)**

	Name	Title	Average Hours per Week Dedicated to Position	Position		Base Salary/ Stipend	Bonus	Other (auto allowance, expense account, payment in lieu of health benefits, etc.)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the Fire District (health benefits, pension, etc.)	Total Compensation from Fire District
				Commissioner	Former Officer					
1	C. Schuyler Morehouse	Chairperson	4	X		\$	-			\$ -
2	Gregory Davies	Treasurer	4	X		\$	-			\$ -
3	John Blasi	Secretary	4	X		\$	-			\$ -
4	Melvin Myers	Commissioner	3	X		\$	-			\$ -
5	David Peters	Commissioner	3	X		\$	-			\$ -
6										\$ -
7										\$ -
8										\$ -
9										\$ -
10										\$ -
11										\$ -
12										\$ -
13										\$ -
14										\$ -
15										\$ -
Total:						\$	-	\$	-	\$ -

Enter the total number of employees/ independent contractors who received more than \$100,000 in total reportable compensation for the most recent fiscal year completed:

NONE

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	# of Covered Members (Medical & Rx) Proposed Budget	Annual Cost Estimate per Employee Proposed Budget	Total Cost Estimate Proposed Budget	# of Covered Members (Medical & Rx) Current Year	Annual Cost per Employee Current Year	Total Current Year Cost	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
<b>Active Employees - Health Benefits - Annual Cost</b>								
Single Coverage	N/A		#VALUE!			-	#VALUE!	0.0%
Parent & Child			-			-	-	0.0%
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)			-			-	-	0.0%
Family			-			-	-	0.0%
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative - )							-	0.0%
Subtotal	0		#VALUE!	0		-	#VALUE!	0.0%
<b>Commissioners - Health Benefits - Annual Cost</b>								
Single Coverage			-			-	-	0.0%
Parent & Child			-			-	-	0.0%
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)			-			-	-	0.0%
Family			-			-	-	0.0%
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative - )							-	0.0%
Subtotal	0		-	0		-	-	0.0%
<b>Retirees - Health Benefits - Annual Cost</b>								
Single Coverage			-			-	-	0.0%
Parent & Child			-			-	-	0.0%
Employee & Spouse (or Partner)			-			-	-	0.0%
Family			-			-	-	0.0%
Employee Cost Sharing Contribution (enter as negative - )							-	0.0%
Subtotal	0		-	0		-	-	0.0%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>#VALUE!</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>#VALUE!</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Is medical coverage provided by the SHBP (Yes or No)?

Is prescription drug coverage provided by the SHBP (Yes or No)?


\*Explain any variances in the Grand Total over +/- 10% on Message & Analysis (Page N-1).

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*Complete the below table for the Fire District's accrued liability for compensated absences.*

Individuals Eligible for Benefit	Gross Days of Accumulated Compensated Absences at January 1, 2025	Dollar Value of Accrued Compensated Absence Liability	Legal Basis for Benefit		
			Approved Labor Agreement	Resolution	Individual Employment Agreement
N/A					
Total liability for accumulated compensated absences at January 1, 2025 (this page only)		\$ -			

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*Complete the below table for the Fire District's accrued liability for compensated absences.*

Individuals Eligible for Benefit	Gross Days of Accumulated Compensated Absences at January 1, 2025	Dollar Value of Accrued Compensated Absence Liability	Legal Basis for Benefit		
			Approved Labor Agreement	Resolution	Individual Employment Agreement
N/A					
Total liability for accumulated compensated absences at January 1, 2025 (all pages)		\$ -			

**2026 FIDE DISTRICT BUDGET  
FINANCIAL SCHEDULES SECTION**

**Instructions:**

Input requested information in highlighted boxes only. Information input into yellow boxes will automatically fill throughout the rest of the workbook. Please round to the nearest whole dollar. No pennies.

The Levy Cap worksheets simplify data entry by having the user enter most data on support pages and some from this sheet. By filling in the highlighted cells on this page, each worksheet will reflect the information and automatically calculate the formulas on each individual worksheet.

<b>Name of Fire District:</b>	<b>Hopewell Borough FD No. 1</b>
<b>County:</b>	<b>Mercer</b>
<b>Year:</b>	<b>2026</b>

<b>Levy Cap Calculation Summary</b>	
2025 Adopted Budget - Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 308,145.00
Cap Bank Available from 2023 (See Levy Cap Certification)	\$ -
Cap Bank Available from 2024 (See Levy Cap Certification)	\$ 14,397.00
Cap Bank Available from 2025 (See Levy Cap Certification)	\$ -
Cap Bank Used from 2023	\$ -
Cap Bank Used from 2024	\$ -
Cap Bank Used from 2025	\$ -
Changes in Service Provider (+/-)	
DLGS Approved Adjustments	
(Enter as a positive number)	
Assessed Valuation of District for adopted budget	\$ 317,910,000.00
Additions)	\$ 826,800.00
Adopted Fire District Tax Rate (three decimals) per \$100	\$0.070
Projected Tax Rate based upon Proposed Levy	0.109112911

Budget Summary

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	<i>2026 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>2025 Adopted Budget</i>	<i>\$ Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Adopted</i>	<i>% Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Adopted</i>
<b>REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE UTILIZED</b>				
Total Fund Balance Utilized	-	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-100.0%
Total Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues	530,095.00	469,342.00	60,753.00	12.9%
Total Sale of Assets	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Interest on Investments & Deposits	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Other Revenue	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Operating Grant Revenue	-	1,001.00	(1,001.00)	-100.0%
Total Revenues Offset with Appropriations	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues and Fund Balance Utilized	530,095.00	520,343.00	9,752.00	1.9%
Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support Budget	347,783.00	308,145.00	39,638.00	12.9%
Total Anticipated Revenues	877,878.00	828,488.00	49,390.00	6.0%
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>				
Total Administration	44,200.00	43,700.00	500.00	1.1%
Total Cost of Operations & Maintenance	557,690.00	546,400.00	11,290.00	2.1%
Total Appropriations Offset with Revenue (must equal Revenues Offset with Appropriations)	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Appropriated Duly Incorporated First Aid/Rescue Squad	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Deferred Charges	-	-	-	0.0%
Cash Deficit, Preceding Year (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.6)	-	-	-	0.0%
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Contribution	125,000.00	120,000.00	5,000.00	4.2%
Total Capital Appropriations	82,600.00	50,000.00	32,600.00	65.2%
Total Principal Payments on Debt Service	63,366.00	60,995.00	2,371.00	3.9%
Total Interest Payments on Debt	5,022.00	7,393.00	(2,371.00)	-32.1%
Total Appropriations	877,878.00	828,488.00	49,390.00	6.0%
<b>ANTICIPATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	-	-	-	0.0%





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	<i>2026 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>2025 Adopted Budget</i>	<i>\$ Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Adopted</i>	<i>% Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Adopted</i>
<b><i>Fund Balance Utilized</i></b>				
Unrestricted Fund Balance	-	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-100.0%
Restricted Fund Balance	-		-	0.0%
Total Fund Balance Utilized	-	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	-100.0%
<b><i>Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues</i></b>				
Shared Services (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.)	530,095.00	469,342.00	60,753.00	12.9%
Joint Purchasing Agreements (N.J.S.A. 40A:10 & 11)			-	0.0%
Emergency Assistance (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-26)			-	0.0%
Municipal Assistance (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-34)			-	0.0%
Municipal Assistance - Adjoin (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-35)			-	0.0%
Contracts - Volunteer Fire Co (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-68)			-	0.0%
Leases - Local Municipality (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-83)			-	0.0%
Rental Income			-	0.0%
Total Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues	530,095.00	469,342.00	60,753.00	12.9%
<b><i>Sale of Assets (List Individually)</i></b>				
Asset #1			-	0.0%
Asset #2			-	0.0%
Asset #3			-	0.0%
Asset #4			-	0.0%
Total Sale of Assets	-	-	-	0.0%
<b><i>Interest on Investments &amp; Deposits (List Accounts Separately)</i></b>				
Investment Account #1			-	0.0%
Investment Account #2			-	0.0%
Investment Account #3			-	0.0%
Investment Account #4			-	0.0%
Total Interest on Investments & Deposits	-	-	-	0.0%
<b><i>Other Revenue (List in Detail)</i></b>				
Other Revenue #1			-	0.0%
Other Revenue #2			-	0.0%
Other Revenue #3			-	0.0%
Other Revenue #4			-	0.0%
Total Other Revenue	-	-	-	0.0%
<b><i>Operating Grant Revenue (List in Detail)</i></b>				
Supplemental Fire Service Act (P.L.1985,c.295)		1,001.00	(1,001.00)	-100.0%
Other Grant #1			-	0.0%
Other Grant #2			-	0.0%
Other Grant #3			-	0.0%
Other Grant #4			-	0.0%
Other Grant #5			-	0.0%
Total Operating Grant Revenue	-	1,001.00	(1,001.00)	-100.0%
<b><i>Revenues Offset with Appropriations</i></b>				
<u>Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L.1983,c.383)</u>				
Reserves Utilized			-	0.0%
Annual Registration Fees			-	0.0%
Penalties and Fines			-	0.0%
Other Revenues			-	0.0%
Total Uniform Fire Safety Act	-	-	-	0.0%
<u>Other Revenues Offset with Appropriations (List)</u>				
Other Offset Revenues #1			-	0.0%
Other Offset Revenues #2			-	0.0%
Other Offset Revenues #3			-	0.0%
Other Offset Revenues #4			-	0.0%
Total Other Revenues Offset with Appropriations	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues Offset with Appropriations	-	-	-	0.0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE UTILIZED</b>	<b>530,095.00</b>	<b>520,343.00</b>	<b>9,752.00</b>	<b>1.9%</b>







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	2026 Proposed Budget	2025 Adopted Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Adopted	% Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Adopted
<i>Administration - Personnel</i>				
Salary & Wages (excluding Commissioners)	-		-	0.0%
Commissioners			-	0.0%
Fringe Benefits	-		-	0.0%
Total Administration - Personnel	-	-	-	0.0%
<i>Administration - Other (List)</i>				
Professional Services	17,500.00	16,000.00	1,500.00	9.4%
Administrative Expenses	26,700.00	27,700.00	(1,000.00)	-3.6%
Other Administration Expense #3			-	0.0%
Contingent Expenses			-	0.0%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #1			-	0.0%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #2			-	0.0%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #3			-	0.0%
Total Administration - Other	44,200.00	43,700.00	500.00	1.1%
Total Administration	44,200.00	43,700.00	500.00	1.1%
<i>Cost of Operations &amp; Maintenance - Personnel</i>				
Salary & Wages	-		-	0.0%
Fringe Benefits	-		-	0.0%
Total Operations & Maintenance - Personnel	-	-	-	0.0%
<i>Volunteer Incentive Program</i>				
Total Volunteer Incentive Program	-	-	-	0.0%
<i>Cost of Operations &amp; Maintenance - Other (List)</i>				
Insurance	120,000.00	120,000.00	-	0.0%
Maintenance and Repairs	83,000.00	75,000.00	8,000.00	10.7%
Other Operations & Maintenance Expenses	306,690.00	304,000.00	2,690.00	0.9%
Contingent Expenses	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Radio Equipment	6,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	20.0%
Non-Bondable Equipment	32,000.00	37,400.00	(5,400.00)	-14.4%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #3			-	0.0%
Total Operations & Maintenance - Other	557,690.00	546,400.00	11,290.00	2.1%
Total Operations & Maintenance	557,690.00	546,400.00	11,290.00	2.1%
<i>Appropriations Offset with Revenue - Personnel</i>				
Salary & Wages	-		-	0.0%
Fringe Benefits	-		-	0.0%
Total Appropriations Offset with Revenue - Personnel	-	-	-	0.0%
<i>Appropriations Offset with Revenue - Other (List)</i>				
Other Expense #1			-	0.0%
Other Expense #2			-	0.0%
Other Expense #3			-	0.0%
Contingent Expenses			-	0.0%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #1			-	0.0%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #2			-	0.0%
Other Assets, Non-Bondable #3			-	0.0%
Total Appropriations Offset with Revenue - Other	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Appropriations Offset with Revenue	-	-	-	0.0%
<i>Duly Incorporated First Aid/Rescue Squad Associations</i>				
Vehicles			-	0.0%
Equipment			-	0.0%
Materials & Supplies			-	0.0%
Total Duly Incorporated First Aid/Rescue Squad Associations	-	-	-	0.0%
<i>Emergency Appropriations &amp; Deferred Charges (List)</i>				
Emergency Appropriation #1			-	0.0%
Emergency Appropriation #2			-	0.0%
Emergency Appropriation #3			-	0.0%
Deferred Charge #1 (cite statute)			-	0.0%
Deferred Charge #2 (cite statute)			-	0.0%
Declared State of Emergency (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 10b)			-	0.0%
Total Deferred Charges	-	-	-	0.0%
Cash Deficit, Preceding Year (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.6)			-	0.0%
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Contribution (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.6)	125,000.00	120,000.00	5,000.00	4.2%
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# FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

## APPROPRIATION DETAIL PAGE

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FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

*Use the space below to provide further detail of any Appropriations listed on "F-3 Appropriations (Proposed)"*

Line Item:	Proposed 2026 Amount	Adopted 2025 Amount	\$ Change Proposed	% Change
			-	0.0%
Administration - Other Expenses			-	0.0%
Advertising	500.00	1,500.00	(1,000.00)	-66.7%
Elections	-	500.00	(500.00)	-100.0%
Office Services	12,000.00	11,500.00	500.00	4.3%
Records Maintenance	-	-	#VALUE!	0.0%
Commissioners Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	0.0%
Telephone	13,000.00	13,000.00	-	0.0%
Administrative Total	26,700.00	27,700.00	(1,000.00)	-3.6%
			-	0.0%
Cost of Operations - Other Expenses			-	0.0%
Building Rent	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	0.0%
Career Personnel	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	0.0%
Community Service	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.0%
Computer	6,400.00	4,000.00	2,400.00	60.0%
Vol. Emergency Medical Services	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	0.0%
Fire Department Administration	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.0%
Fire Department Budget	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	0.0%
Ladies Auxiliary	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.0%
Copier Administration	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.0%
Service Awards	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.0%
Janitorial Services	10,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00	11.1%
Vehicle Fuel	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	0.0%
Training and Education	27,000.00	29,000.00	(2,000.00)	-6.9%
Uniforms	40,500.00	40,500.00	-	0.0%
Utilities	25,000.00	24,000.00	1,000.00	4.2%
Contracted Emergency Medical	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	0.0%
Hydrant Maintenance Fees	290.00		290.00	100.0%
Operations Total	306,690.00	304,000.00	2,690.00	0.9%
			-	0.0%
			-	0.0%
			-	0.0%
			-	0.0%
			-	0.0%
			-	0.0%
			-	0.0%







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Administrative Positions Excluding Commissioners (List Individually)			2026 Proposed Budget Salary & Wages		PERS Contribution	PFRS Contribution	Employee Group Health Insurance	Other Fringe Benefits	2026 Proposed Budget Fringe Benefits	
			Number of Staff	Annual Wages						
Position #1					\$	-				\$ -
Position #2					\$	-				\$ -
Position #3					\$	-				\$ -
Position #4					\$	-				\$ -
Position #5					\$	-				\$ -
Position #6					\$	-				\$ -
Position #7					\$	-				\$ -
Position #8					\$	-				\$ -
Total Administration			-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Operation & Maintenance Positions (List Individually)			(List of Staff	Number of Staff	2026 Proposed Budget Salary & Wages	PERS Contribution	PFRS Contribution	Employee Group Health Insurance	Other Fringe Benefits	2026 Proposed Budget Fringe Benefits
				Annual Wages						
Position #1					\$	-				\$ -
Position #2					\$	-				\$ -
Position #3					\$	-				\$ -
Position #4					\$	-				\$ -
Position #5					\$	-				\$ -
Position #6					\$	-				\$ -
Position #7					\$	-				\$ -
Position #8					\$	-				\$ -
Position #9					\$	-				\$ -
Position #10					\$	-				\$ -
Position #11					\$	-				\$ -
Position #12					\$	-				\$ -
Position #13					\$	-				\$ -
Position #14					\$	-				\$ -
Total Operation & Maintenance			-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
(List Individually)			of Staff	Annual Wages	Budget Salary &	PERS Contribution	Contribution	Health Insurance	Benefits	Budget Fringe
Position #1					\$	-				\$ -
Position #2					\$	-				\$ -
Position #3					\$	-				\$ -
Position #4					\$	-				\$ -
Position #5					\$	-				\$ -
Position #6					\$	-				\$ -
Position #7					\$	-				\$ -
Position #8					\$	-				\$ -
Total Offset by Revenue			-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Administration, Operations & Offset by Revenue			-		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84)**

<i>List Project Separately</i>	<i>Asset Type</i>	<i>Time of General Election February or November</i>	<i>Date of Approval</i>	<i>Affirmative Vote Percentage</i>	<i>2026 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>2025 Adopted Budget</i>
New Command Radios	Equipment	November	12/30/24	100%		\$ 50,000.00
New Command Radios	Equipment	November	12/10/25	100%	\$ 50,000.00	
Capital Improvement #3						
Capital Improvement #4						
Capital Improvement #5						
Capital Improvement #6						
Capital Improvement #7						
Total Capital Improvements					\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00

**DOWN PAYMENTS/CAPITAL FINANCED IMPROVEMENTS (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85)**

<i>List Project Separately</i>	<i>Asset Type</i>	<i>Date of Local Finance Board Approval</i>	<i>Date of Voter Approval</i>	<i>Affirmative Vote Percentage</i>	<i>2026 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>2025 Adopted Budget</i>
New Ambulance	Vehicle	TBD	11/04/25	87%	\$ 12,600.00	
Capital Improvement #2						
Capital Improvement #3						
Capital Improvement #4						
Capital Improvement #5						
Capital Improvement #6						
Capital Improvement #7						
Total Down Payments					\$ 12,600.00	\$ -
Total Capital Improvements & Down Payments					\$ 62,600.00	\$ 50,000.00
<b>RESERVE FOR FUTURE CAPITAL OUTLAYS</b>					\$ 20,000.00	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>					\$ 82,600.00	\$ 50,000.00

Capital Appropriations Offset with Restricted Fund  
Capital Appropriations Offset with Grants  
Capital Appropriations Offset with Unrestricted Fund


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	Date of Voter Approval	% of Voter Approval	Date of Local Finance Board Approval	Current Year 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Thereafter	Total Principal Outstanding
<i>General Obligation Bonds</i>												
General Obligation Bond #1												\$ -
General Obligation Bond #2												\$ -
General Obligation Bond #3												\$ -
General Obligation Bond #4												\$ -
Total Principal - General Obligation Bonds				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Bond Anticipation Notes</i>												
BAN #1												-
BAN #2												-
BAN #3												-
BAN #4												-
Total Principal - BANs				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Capital Leases</i>												
Rescue/Pumper Truck	02/20/16	98%	11/09/16	60,995.00	63,366.00	65,829.00						129,195.00
Capital Lease #2												0.00
Capital Lease #3												0.00
Capital Lease #4												0.00
Total Principal - Capital Leases				60,995.00	63,366.00	65,829.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129,195.00
<i>Intergovernmental Loans</i>												
Intergovernmental #1												0.00
Intergovernmental #2												0.00
Intergovernmental #3												0.00
Intergovernmental #4												0.00
Total Principal - Intergovernmental Loans				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Other Bonds or Notes Payable</i>												
Other Bonds or Notes #1												0.00
Other Bonds or Notes #2												0.00
Other Bonds or Notes #3												0.00
Other Bonds or Notes #4												0.00
Total Principal - Other Bonds or Notes				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL ALL OBLIGATIONS</b>				<b>60,995.00</b>	<b>63,366.00</b>	<b>65,829.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>129,195.00</b>

Enter each debt issuance separately according to type of debt obligation above. Enter the principal due for each year indicated and thereafter until maturity.

Capital Appropriations Offset with Restricted Fund  
Capital Appropriations Offset with Grants  
Capital Appropriations Offset with Unrestricted Fund


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	Current Year 2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Thereafter	Total Interest Payments Outstanding
<i>General Obligation Bonds</i>									
General Obligation Bond #1									0.00
General Obligation Bond #2									0.00
General Obligation Bond #3									0.00
General Obligation Bond #4									0.00
Total Interest - General Obligation Bonds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Bond Anticipation Notes</i>									
BAN #1									0.00
BAN #2									0.00
BAN #3									0.00
BAN #4									0.00
Total Interest Payments - BANs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Capital Leases</i>									
Rescue/Pumper Truck	7,393.00	5,022.00	2,559.00						7,581.00
Capital Lease #2									0.00
Capital Lease #3									0.00
Capital Lease #4									0.00
Total Interest Payments - Capital Leases	7,393.00	5,022.00	2,559.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,581.00
<i>Intergovernmental Loans</i>									
Intergovernmental #1									0.00
Intergovernmental #2									0.00
Intergovernmental #3									0.00
Intergovernmental #4									0.00
Total Interest Payments - Intergovernmental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Other Bonds or Notes Payable</i>									
Other Bonds or Notes #1									0.00
Other Bonds or Notes #2									0.00
Other Bonds or Notes #3									0.00
Other Bonds or Notes #4									0.00
Total Interest Payments - Other Bonds or Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INTEREST ALL OBLIGATIONS</b>	<b>7,393.00</b>	<b>5,022.00</b>	<b>2,559.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,581.00</b>

Enter each debt issuance separately according to type of debt obligation on the "Debt Service - Principal" tab. The debt issuance description will carry to this schedule from data entered on that worksheet.

Enter the interest payment due for each year indicated and thereafter until maturity.

Capital Appropriations Offset with Restricted Fund		
Capital Appropriations Offset with Grants		
Capital Appropriations Offset with Unrestricted Fund		



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**UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE**

Beginning balance January 1, 2025 (1)	\$ 232,698.00
Plus: Accrued Unfunded Pension Liability (1)	
Plus: Accrued Unfunded Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability (1)	
Less: Utilized in 2025 Adopted Budget	\$ 50,000.00
Proposed balance available	\$ 182,698.00
Estimated results of operations for the year ending December 31, 2025	\$ 5,000.00
Anticipated balance December 31, 2025	\$ 187,698.00
Less: Fund Balance utilized in 2026 Proposed Budget	\$ -
Proposed balance after utilization in 2026 Proposed Budget	\$ 187,698.00

**RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE**

Beginning balance January 1, 2025 (1)	\$ 10,000.00
Less: Utilized in 2025 Adopted Budget	\$ -
Proposed balance available	\$ 10,000.00
Estimated results of operations for the year ending December 31, 2025	
Anticipated balance December 31, 2025	\$ 10,000.00
Less: Restricted Fund Balance used in 2026 Proposed Budget for Capital Purposes	
Less: Restricted Fund Balance released via Referendum Resolution	\$ -
Proposed balance after utilization in 2026 Proposed Budget	\$ 10,000.00

*(1) This line item must agree to audited financial statements.*

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<b>Summary of Referendum Line Items</b>	<i>2026 Proposed Budget Amount Requested</i>	<i>2025 Final Budget</i>
<b>Total Referendum Line Items</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Tax Levy Requested minus Maximum Allowable Levy \$ -  
As this page is adjusted this amount changes, should = \$0  
(For Reference Purposes Only - from Levy Cap Summary based on  
Information provided by the district- see instructions.)

<b>Summary of Release of Restricted Fund Balance Referendum Line Items</b>	<i>2026 Proposed Budget Amount Requested</i>	<i>2025 Final Budget</i>
<b>Total Release of Restricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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**LEVY CAP CALCULATION**

Prior Year Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Fire District Purposes	308,145.00
Changes in Service Provider (+/-)	-
DLGS Approved Adjustments	-
Net Prior Year Tax Levy for Municipal Purposes for Cap Calculation	308,145.00
Plus: 2% Cap Increase	6,162.90
<b>ADJUSTED TAX LEVY PRIOR TO EXCLUSIONS</b>	<b>314,307.90</b>

*Exclusions*

Shared Service Exclusion	-
Change in Total Debt Service Appropriation	-
Allowable Pension Increases	-
Allowable Increase in Health Care Costs	-
Changes in LOSAP Contributions (+/-)	5,000.00
Extraordinary Costs due to a "Declared" Emergency	-
Net Capital Improvement Fund and/or Down Payment on Improvements	32,600.00
Total Exclusions	37,600.00
Less: Cancelled or Unexpended Referendum Amounts	-
Increase in Ratable Valuation (New Construction/Additions)	826,800.00
Prior Year Local Fire District Tax Rate (3 decimals/\$100)	\$0.070
	578.76

**ADJUSTED TAX LEVY**

Amount Utilized from Levy Cap Bank from 2023	-
Amount Utilized from Levy Cap Bank from 2024	-
Amount Utilized from Levy Cap Bank from 2025	-
Maximum Tax Levy Before Referendum	352,486.66
Amount Proposed for Levy Cap Referendum	-
<b>MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION</b>	<b>352,486.66</b>

**CAP BANK CALCULATION**

Amount to be Raised by Taxation	347,783.00
Cap Bank Available from Prior Year (2023) for 2026 Budget	-
Cap Bank Available from Prior Year (2024) for 2026 Budget	14,397.00
Revised Cap Bank from Prior Year (2024) Available for 2027 Budget	14,397.00
Cap Bank Available from Prior Year (2025) for 2026 Budget	-
Revised Cap Bank from Prior Year (2025) Available for 2027 Budget	-
Cap Bank Available from (2026) for 2027 Budget	4,703.66





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**PENSION CONTRIBUTION CALCULATION**

2026 Proposed Budget PERS Contribution Appropriated	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget PFRS Contribution Appropriated	\$ -
Anticipated Revenues for Fringe Benefits Directly Offsetting Pension Costs	\$ -
Net 2026 Base Amount	\$ -
2025 Adopted Budget PERS Contribution	
2025 Adopted Budget PFRS Contribution	
Realized Revenues for Fringe Benefits Directly Offsetting Pension Costs	
Net 2025 Base Amount	\$ -
<b>Pension Contribution Exclusion</b>	\$ -

**LOSAP CALCULATION**

2026 Proposed Budget LOSAP Appropriation	\$ 125,000.00
2025 Adopted Budget LOSAP Appropriation	\$ 120,000.00
<b>LOSAP Exclusion (+/-)</b>	\$ 5,000.00

**DEBT SERVICE CALCULATION**

2026 Proposed Budget Total Debt Service Appropriation	\$ 68,388.00
2026 Proposed Budget Debt Service Appropriation Offset from Restricted Fund	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget Debt Service Appropriation Offset from Grant Revenue	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget Debt Service Appropriation Offset from Unrestricted Fund	\$ -
2026 Base Amount	\$ 68,388.00
2025 Adopted Budget Total Debt Service Appropriation	\$ 68,388.00
2025 Adopted Budget Debt Service Appropriation Offset from Restricted Fund	\$ -
2025 Adopted Budget Debt Service Appropriation Offset from Grant Fund	\$ -
2025 Adopted Budget Debt Service Appropriation Offset from Unrestricted Fund	\$ -
2025 Base Amount	\$ 68,388.00
<b>Debt Service Exclusion</b>	\$ -

**CAPITAL APPROPRIATION CALCULATION**

2026 Proposed Budget Total Capital Appropriation	\$ 82,600.00
2026 Proposed Budget Capital Appropriation Offset from Restricted Fund	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget Capital Appropriation Offset from Grant Revenue	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget Capital Appropriation Offset from Unrestricted Fund	\$ -
2026 Base Amount	\$ 82,600.00
2025 Adopted Budget Total Capital Appropriation	\$ 50,000.00
2025 Adopted Budget Capital Appropriation Offset from Restricted Fund	\$ -
2025 Adopted Budget Capital Appropriation Offset from Grant Revenue	\$ -
2025 Adopted Budget Capital Appropriation Offset from Unrestricted Fund	\$ -
2025 Base Amount	\$ 50,000.00
<b>Capital Expenditure Exclusion</b>	\$ 32,600.00

**HEALTH INSURANCE EXCLUSION CALCULATION**

SFY 2026	36.90%
2026 Proposed Budget Administration Health Insurance Appropriation	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget Operations & Maintenance Health Insurance Appropriation	\$ -
2026 Proposed Budget Group Health Insurance	\$ -
2025 Adopted Budget Administration Health Insurance Appropriation	
2025 Adopted Budget Operations & Maintenance Health Insurance Appropriation	
2025 Adopted Budget Group Health Insurance	\$ -
Net Increase (Decrease)	\$ -
Net Increase Divided by 2025 Amount Budgeted = % Increase	0.00%
SFY 2026 State Health Average 36.9% Less 2% = % Increase Added to Current Levy	0.00%
% Increase less % Increase Exclusion = % Increase Inside Cap	0.00%
% Increase Inside Cap * 2025 Expended = Added Amount Inside Cap	\$ -
% Increase Exclusion * 2025 Expended = 2026 Appropriation Added to Levy	\$ -
Amount Above the Levy Exclusion (Actual Increase - State Health Benefit Average)	\$ -
2026 Increase in Appropriation	\$ -





**Annual List of Change Orders Approved  
Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-11**

Contracting Unit: Hopewell Borough FD No. 1 Year Ending: December 31, 2025

The following is a complete list of all change orders which caused the originally awarded contract price to be exceeded by more than 20 percent. For regulatory details please consult N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.1 et seq. Please identify each change order by name of the project.

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For each change order listed above, submit with introduced budget a copy of the governing body resolution authorizing the change order and an Affidavit of Publication for the newspaper notice required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.9(d). (Affidavit must include a copy of the newspaper notice.)

If you have not had a change order exceeding the 20 percent threshold for the year indicated above, please check here \_\_\_\_\_ and certify below.

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Date

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Clerk/Secretary to the Governing Body

**Appendix to Budget Document**