

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1**

**August 20, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Cmsr. Davies                      Cmsr. Peters  
                 Cmsr. Blasi                      Cmsr. Myers

**Call to Order:** The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:05 pm by Cmsr. Davies following proof of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was given through the Annual Meeting Notice and was filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the municipal building, the board's office, the fire district website, and advertised in the official newspapers of the district as required by law.

**Minutes:** July 9th minutes reviewed, motion by Peters as amended and seconded by Blasi. Passed 4-0.

**Public Comment:** Committee person Hook advises NJAW want to know if the Board wants them to meet and do a presentation. The Board will consider it and get back to them.

**Treasurer's Report:**

A copy of the treasurer's report was made available to each Commissioner with a list and description of the bills to be paid. The Chief Financial Officer certified that there were sufficient funds in the 2025 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2025 budget for a total of \$24,433.73. Motioned by Commissioner Blasi and seconded by Commissioner Davies to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing all in favor. Resolution 2025-35 passed 4-0.

**Fire Department Administration:** Gym is being refurbished, bunk room is still on track, found a new vendor for the project, with a \$40k expense. Several projects in the works, roof is leaking looking for vendors for possible replacement. Question about building rent, only getting \$30k annually, whereas Pennnington and Titusville are getting double and triple that amount. There is currently no junior funding and Dept spent over \$3,000 in clothing costs for them. Cmsr. Davies advised they would look into the funding to help the cause. Recruitment costs have been funded by the Twp Board.

**Ladies Aux:** No one present

**EMU Report:** Chief Read reports 60 ems calls and 1 scratch for July. 152-3 is at Flemington Ford as the A/C compressor blew up and needs a complete overhaul. Costs could be as much as \$4,000. Four people completed EMT class. Daytime response is still an issue but the 50 crew is valuable for response during the 8-4 hours. EMS Training has been completely overhauled. Offering CEU classes for members,

at least once a month. Working on retention for members, have 2 junior members in EMT class. Waiting on A152-3 to return to schedule State inspections.

**Fire Chief Report:** 38 calls for July. Had to replace all tires on SS. EGR valve on the quint had to be replaced. Park was so damaged it almost ruined the engine. Slides are closer to being shipped. Hydraulic issue with ladder where it is not moving as quick as it should. Brush still 95% complete. Small stuff to complete. UL testing to be done other tests are complete. Luke Harjes was awarded the 1st Annual Matthew Martin Scholarship Award. Valley wide Chiefs meeting tomorrow, will have more info at the next meeting on airpacks. Large scale drill planned for 9/28. Family night next Tuesday @ 6pm. Summer drills include water and search.

**Fire Official Report:** not received by meeting start

**Attorney Report:** none

**Committee Reports:** Resolution 2025-36 Purchase Radios from PMC Associates motion by Csmr. Peters, seconded by Csmr. Blasi, all in favor, passes 4-0.

More budget discussions as the Board will present the Twp on October 9th at 7pm.

**Public Comment (non-agenda):** none

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Blasi and seconded by Cmsr. Davies unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on September 10, 2025 at 7 pm.