

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

January 8, 2025

PRESENT: Cmsr. Morehouse 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 7:01 pm by Chairman Morehouse 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: December minutes reviewed and accepted. Motion by Blasi and seconded by Myers.

Public Comment: Council Member Hook advised that the Boro has gone out for an RFQ about the Boro water system. Now will send out a RFP to 3 qualified interested water companies. She was also appointed as our liaison again. Was a question about the fire hydrants and the system.

Resolution 2025-01 Adopting the 2025 Budget motion by Csmr Davies, 2nd by Csmr Myers. Chairman Morehouse opened public comment. There being none present comment period was closed. Roll call for motion all in favor motion passes 5-0.

Resolution 2025-03 to establish a 2025 temporary budget moved by Davies, 2nd by Myers, roll call 5-0 motion passes.

Resolution 2025-04 reading the 2025 Budget by Title moved by Peters, 2nd by Blasi, roll call 5-0 motion passes.

Resolution 2025-05 thru 10 were combined; motion moved by Commissioner Myers, 2nd by Commissioner Blasi, all in favor passes 5-0. Custodian of records has been named as David Peters.

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 2024 budget to pay the bills and designated the account to which each would be charged.

Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2024 budget for a total of \$2,014.24. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2025 temporary budget for a total of \$39,221.07. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Myers to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing via majority. Resolution 2025-02 passed 5-0.

Fire Department Administration: Losap is being totaled.

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report: Dep. Chief Morehouse reports 548 ems calls for 2024. Still working on bunk room project. Still working on remounting 152-1. There is some data that suggests keeping the 3rd ambulance. About 20-25 active members. Lengthy discussion about daytime responses, and the protocol of handling east amwell calls. Career staff will not respond to EA calls unless they are ALS calls.

Chairman Morehouse spoke about a \$3-4 million dollar expense of replacing major equipment in the future and how the Board expects to fund it. Would like to setup a work session in March or April to understand the totality of the fleet's future.

Fire Chief Report: 40 calls for December, 396 for the year. Tanker has been on several mutual aid responses to different counties. New airpack replacement have acquired demo airpacks for members to try out. Working with an outside contractor to obtain grant funding. Quint aerial inspection was completed, and several issues need to be addressed. Board would like to have the inspections earlier in the year, in order to be able to budget for repairs. Will have a new google based training calendar. Utility is expected to be delivered by end of month.

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report: None

Committee Reports: LOSAP is expected to be presented at the February meeting. Insurance is high, our experience rating is 171 which means we are paying 71% more than normal. (its actually 174.2) LOSAP committee needs to meet and come back to the Board with revisions of the program.

Advised the board of the tax letters going out to Hopewell Boro and Hopewell Twp.

Public Comment (non-agenda): None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Davies and seconded by Cmsr. Morehouse unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board will be held on February 12, 2025.