

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

July 9, 2025

PRESENT: Cmsr. Davies Chairman Morehouse
 Cmsr. Blasi Cmsr. Myers

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 pm by Cmsr. 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: June minutes reviewed, one change noted, motion by Myers as amended and seconded by Blasi.

Public Comment: none

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 \$50,157.22. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Blasi to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing all in favor. Resolution 2025-31 passed 4-0.

Fire Department Administration: None

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report: Chief Read reports 54 ems calls for June. Reaction times are getting better. 9% scratch rate. Four people in EMT class, maybe have 2 or 3 for the fall classes. More juniors getting involved, rig has been lettered as to the State's liking. 152-3 is out of service for electrical issue. Over 20 people present for CEU training on a Tuesday night. Spirited discussion about ems billing and inspections as well as how reporting is tallied.

Fire Chief Report: 47 calls for June. House fire last week. Possibly looking to reimburse PFARS for supplies used on fire scenes. Annual mandatory training coming up for dept. Under \$500. Quint slide parts are on order might take 2 months. Brush truck upgrade almost done. National Night Out on 8/5 at SB School. Junior program is excelling. Took trucks to 4th of July parade Attended fireworks at Woolsey

Park. Hose testing this month. Radio testing to be completed at old BMS site and the new Bistro. First Due is online now. Working on entering data into system. Discussion about the road closures and traffic calming on North Greenwood Av. Career staff changes as John Schafer has been promoted to Lieutenant, which will send Lt. Bailey back to Station 53, will have Spc. Lyness in station now.

Fire Official Report: not received by meeting start

Attorney Report: none

Committee Reports: Discussed 2026 budget and adding the bond attorney fees into the purchase of the ambulance. Also looking at lease to purchase plans. Spoke about deadlines for ambulance referendum, and whether to replace ambulance or refurbish. If the referendum does not also pass in the Township, the Boro Board would have to pay the entire cost of the rig. In this case, the Board is not bound to buy the ambulance at all. The Resolution 2025-32 was discussed at length, and amended by Commissioner Davies, moved by Commissioner Myers, 2nd by Commissioner Davies, motion passes 4-0.

Each Chief Officer is to add wish lists to the budget document supplied by the clerk, and they will be decided on at the July 23rd work session. Spoke about airpacks, expected to purchase in 2027, however all the grant expenses and referendums have to be done in 2026.

Next meeting will be pushed to August 20th, due to the absence of the clerk.

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 9:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on August 20, 2025 at 7 pm.