

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

**June 11, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Cmsr. Peters                      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 7:06 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:** May minutes reviewed, motion by Peters 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 \$84,549.46. Motioned by Commissioner Myers 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 2025-29 passed 5-0.

**Fire Department Administration:** Getting quotes for new roof. Boot drive brought in about \$2k during cruise night. Chairman Morehouse again spoke about block party.

**Ladies Aux:** No one present

**EMU Report: Dep.** Chief Morehouse reports 66 ems calls for May with 4 scratches. Spoke with leadership at 50 and 153 about possibly assisting with staffing of 153 rigs a few nights per week, due to declining membership. They are down to 8 members. Chairman Morehouse spoke about Chairman Burd approaching the Township about creating a new district of the new developments along Scotch Rd where it would not be under the purview of the fire district, but the Township. EMU training line is almost spent, will be using donated funds from PFAS for any other charges.

**Fire Chief Report:** 35 calls for May. 2 FF have graduated fire school. Chief Galatro advised he approached Treasurer Davies about repairing the AC unit on the Quint. He also advised that the batteries for the electric Jaws of Life are 6 years old and all need to be replaced. Resolution 2025-30 was

read and moved by Comm. Peters 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm. Blasi. All in favor 5-0, motion passes. Brush truck fire pump was replaced/installed this last weekend. Will be having a training session on the new operations of the pump. Ast. Chief Springer was awarded the Mayors Award last month. We now have 25 swift water techs with 19 full sets of gear. 10 sets of wildland fire gear is in service. There was a fatal motor vehicle accident just after Memorial Day. Great work by all involved. Capt Jones is working on the implementation of First Due. Career staff is also working on the conversion. Will be attending HS graduation on the 19<sup>th</sup> and annual fireworks on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Will be attending the HES "wet down" for the graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. August 26<sup>th</sup> is the Department picnic "family night" for HFD only and all Commissioners and families are welcome. Commissioner Blasi requested a classification of all the repairs of the fleet of apparatus in order to track expenses of the "rolling stock".

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

**Attorney Report:** Attorney advises we must notify the County Clerk by August 8<sup>th</sup> of our intent to go out for referendum on the new ambulance. July 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submittal of petitions for the November fire commissioner election. Will have newspaper publications and vote on resolution for referendum at July meeting. This will then be forwarded to Clerk by 8/8.

**Committee Reports:** Commissioner Myers spoke about the insurance audit and how he has been auditing the audit. He spoke with the broker and feels as though we should owe the insurance company more money as calculated by him. Clerk Mullen advised the Board that the audit was concluded by the insurance company and we are due a \$2,901 refund at this time. The Board decided advised Commissioner Myers to cease any and all conversations with the broker and/or AmTrust in reference to the audit.

June 25<sup>th</sup> will be a budget work session for 2026.

**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. Peters unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on July 9, 2025 at 7 pm.