

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

May 14, 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 7:03 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: April minutes reviewed, motion by Myers and seconded by Blasi.

Public Comment: June 14th block party will ask president and Chairman Morehouse will speak to the community.

Treasurer's Report:

Resolution 2025-25 to pay the 2024 LOSAP motion by Comm. Davies 2nd by Comm. Myers to be paid once the groupnet comes back from Lincoln Financial not to exceed \$30,000. All in favor, motion passes 5-0.

Resolution 2025-26 to appoint a truck preventative maintenance company motion by Comm. Peters 2nd by Comm. Myers. All in favor motion passes 5-0.

Commissioner Myers asked about the insurance payment, to which Clerk Mullen explained that the audit results increased this years insurance premium. This will require money being transferred from another line in the budget to cover the overages. This includes covering the cost of the new RMS system.

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 and 2025 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 \$30,225.90. Bills were submitted to be paid from the 2025 budget for a total of \$45,694.35, with a grand total of \$75,920.75. 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 2025-27 passed 5-0.

Fire Department Administration: Breakfast went well.

Ladies Aux: No one present

EMU Report: Chief Read reports 44 ems calls for April. Working on filling the gaps in missing calls between 6-8am and 4-7pm. Hopefully staffing improves as college members return home for summer. Attempting to use the EMT Training fund, then the emu training line, then if needed tap the PFAS money earmarked for training expenses. Training fund can be used for agencies that bill. State inspector wants A152-3 to look exactly like the other 2. Once that is re-lettered, inspections shall move forward. Commissioner Blasi put some revenue possibilities together that we could see as we start billing. Expects to see an annual income of \$60-70k. This includes the 70/30 split.

Fire Chief Report: 29 calls for April. Still have 2 FF in school. Both passed written tests and just have to pass live burn. Trying to find more volunteers that are around during the day. Parade is coming up this month. Chief Galatro advised he is finding it impossible to get a quote to repair the quint cylinders. Was quoted \$4,791 to replace the slides on the ladder that keep failing inspection. Will still need to install them ourselves. Resolution 2025-28 to not exceed \$5,000 to purchase ladder slides. Motion by Blasi 2nd by Myers. All in favor, motion passes. This allows the Chief to move forward with the replacement. Had First Due presented a demo on software that they will be moving to. Budgeting: expect \$750 in parts (fv minor) to build manifold for brush truck pump. Will be replacing nozzles (\$500) and hose (\$750). \$250 for extrication gloves out of FDB, safety glasses \$100 FDB, and replacement pressure washer \$400 out of equipment, \$300 for hearing protection, \$500 in spare FF gloves (equipt).

Fire Official Report: on file

Attorney Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment (non-agenda): June 7th is the Mayors Awards at Woolsey Park. Cruise night postponed to 5/30 for weather.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Blasi and seconded by Cmsr. Morehouse unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on June 11, 2025 at 7 pm.