

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

**September 10, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Cmsr. Davies                      Chrmn. Morehouse  
                 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 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:** July / August meeting minutes reviewed, motion by Blasi as amended and seconded by Myers. Passed 4-0.

**Public Comment:** Committee person Hook advises there is a water meeting tomorrow night. More to come.

**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 \$57,748.62. 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 2025-37 passed 4-0.

**Fire Department Administration:** Family picnic last month, well attended. Held Chief Fenton's fathers repast at the Dept. Harvest Fair next week will have a truck on display, including an ambulance. Recruitment table as well.

**Ladies Aux:** No one present

**EMU Report:** Chairman Morehouse reports the scheduled State inspections are next week 9/17. A152-3 still at the dealer, ran into part sourcing issues for AC lines. Latest quote for a new ambulance was about \$375k. Possible donation coming in for the squad in the amount of \$100k for the new ambulance. Commissioner Blasi advises 1,222 calls which has a \$163.66 average for 2024.

**Fire Chief Report:** 27 calls for August. House fire in 51 area. 9/11 memorial this weekend. Chief Fenton's funeral was held, we have Harvest Fair next week 10-4. At the last Twp meeting airparks were discussed

and will still go out w/3 organizations if the grant is not awarded, will buy bottles only. Waiting to find out what the buy-in will be for the grant. CAFS is back in service on the Quint. Half of the parts are in for the ladder repair. 1 person in FF1. Large scale drill planned for 9/28. US Army Special Forces are using Valley boats to cross the Delaware River on the 25th to reenact the crossing of George Washington's Army. They will then march down the towpath towards Trenton. Career staff will be working 6-6 while members are down in Wildwood this weekend.

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

**Attorney Report:** none

**Committee Reports:**

Last payments made for workers comp and vehicle/property insurance. Our rating has dropped significantly as the major vehicle accident from 2020 has dropped off.

More budget discussions as the Board will present the Twp on October 9th at 7pm. Still in discussion about hydrant fees. Budget was distributed to the Board, and advised to send to Chief Moore.<sup>4</sup>

Discussion about 70/30 split is now more like 80/20 on call percentages. Will research call volumes and make a statement on how the split has changed back to at least 2022. Currently the Twp pays 76% of Pennington's budget and they don't provide EMS.

**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 8:08 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on October 8, 2025 at 7 pm.