

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

APRIL 8, 2026

PRESENT: Cmsr. Davies Chrmn. Morehouse Cmsr. Myers
 Cmsr. Blasi Cmsr. Peters

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chrmn. 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: March reviewed by Board, Motion by Peters, 2nd by Blasi. All in favor resolution passes 5-0.

Public Comment: Committee person Hook advised of the Mayor Awards on June 6th. A lot of questions surrounding Hamilton 57 project. June 6th will be a 250th anniversary celebration at the train station.

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 2026 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 of \$8,480.35 and \$34,359.94 from the 2026 budget for a total of \$42,840.29. 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 all in favor. Resolution 2026-24 passed 5-0. Spoke about the SCBA purchases and what referendum would be required. A May work session will possibly be held.

Fire Department Administration: HFD Breakfast to be held on May 3rd.

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: Working on new layout for monthly report. 56 calls for March, 6 scratches. A lot of mutual aid calls at the same time. Bunk rooms are almost complete. There is a lot interest from members of the Plainsboro Rescue Squad, as the town is placing them out of service, replacing the volunteers with career staff. Polar Plunge standby held at the Hopewell Quarry. Deputy Chief Morehouse inquired about the ambulance referendum.

Fire Chief Report: 37 calls for the month. 1 brush fire. Major weather storm came thru and caused a lot of damage. Car fire on Hopewell Princeton Rd and had a deck fire on Easter morning in Pennington.

Several members are in a large water supply training class. Tank manufacturer will be coming out to inspect the Tanker for a flex in the back wall of the tank. May 12th first live burn of the year. June 12th will be a junior competition held at Pennington Market parking lot. Structure fire turn out gear is behind on replacements. Large amount of gear is out of date. There is a ten year life cycle for live fire gear. This year four sets of gear were budgeted for, yet 10 sets of gear will be out of service this year. Currently looking to purchase 39 spare bottles, waiting on the number of packs to be determined.

Bunk Room windows were installed, rooms have been furnished as of today.

Fire Official Report: None

Attorney Report: none

Committee Reports: EMS billing proceeds should be put toward the membership and training, will work out how it is to be utilized.

Public Comment (non-agenda): none

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Morehouse and seconded by Cmsr. Davies unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on May 13, 2026 at 7 pm.