

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

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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 7:00 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: January reviewed by Board, Motion by Davies, 2nd by Blasi. All in favor resolution passes 4-0.

Public Comment: None

Resolution 2026-15 Authorization to pay Rescue Debt Service moved by Cmsr. Blasi, second by Cmsr. Davies all in favor motion passes 4-0.

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 /2026 budgets 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 \$5,844.39 and \$88,899.85 from the 2026 budget for a total of \$94,744.24. 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 2026-16 passed 4-0.

Fire Department Administration: Bunk room is underway; electrician and networking have been completed. Looking into heat and A/C units for rooms and gym. Commissioner Davies inquired about the LOSAP report.

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: 57 calls for January, 1 scratch. MCI on Sunday 5 teens in mva all transported after self-extracting from vehicle. Wonderful turnout for training lately. Meetings have been well attended after moving back to a Tuesday night. Call into Chief Moore about calls at the end of the career work day. Seems career personnel will take in fire calls but not ems. Valley wide discussion on staffing and

scheduling. Chairman Morehouse advises we will be dissecting the budgetary funding. Ems report is being revamped.

Fire Chief Report: 27 calls for the month. 1 major storm standby. Was able to clear all hydrants in the Borough. 2 fires handled, one in the Twp and one in Amwell. Starting to see broken pipes from the static cold weather. Dealing with a bunch of issues with the weather. Will be attending the High School job fair this month. Will have CPR training this month.

Fire Official Report: enclosed

Attorney Report: none

Committee Reports: Cmsr. Myers spoke about insurance and where we are budget wise.

Board Clerk spoke about open purchase orders from 2025 and grant funding.

Lincoln Financial \$120,000	Firehouse Grants \$1,999	All Hands \$1785
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Four Lanes FAS \$3,400	Rescue Products \$6,695
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Total \$133,879

Resolutions 2026-17 – 2026-20 moved and 2nd by Cmsr. Davies; Cmsr. Blasi all in favor passes 4-0.

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 8:24 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on March 11, 2026 at 7 pm.