

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

MARCH 11, 2026

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

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 pm by Cmsr. Davies 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: February reviewed by Board, Motion by Peters, 2nd by Blasi. All in favor resolution passes 4-0.

Public Comment: Committee person Hook asked about the large animal training. Chief Read will reach out to Chief Hoffman from Flemington Raritan Rescue. June 6th will be a 250th anniversary celebration.

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 2026 budget for a total of \$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. Spoke about the ems training line being spent already to 51%. Chief Read spoke about Mercer County not accepting the EMT waiver. Would like to reach out to our legislators to speak about spending taxpayer money to County agencies for training that should be free. Short term funding would be to ask the Township Board for funding.

Fire Department Administration: None

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: 41 calls for February, 1 scratch. Strong response times. 22 transports, have brought on 2 new junior emts. Would like to add the EMS Captain to the cell phone stipend program. Discussion amongst Board, 3-0-1 as Commissioner Davies abstained. Loaned out 152-2 to the Township as one of their ambulances went down and they need 2 at all times. Currently getting the ambulance purchased by the Township inspected by the State DOH. Other ambulance is out of service being re-mounted. Chief

Read and Morehouse advise they have identified vendors they would like to pursue for quotes. Currently lead times for new ambulances have dropped for stock units.

Fire Chief Report: 24 calls for the month. 1 scratch to Princeton for a gas leak. Ice rescue drill went well. Spoke about annual maintenance for fire trucks. Chief Fenton would like to stay with the current vendor even though there is a \$404 difference in the quotes. Mainly due to experience and knowledge that Four Lanes has over the competing vendor. Brake air valve and tank to pump valve needs to be repaired on the Quint and Tanker. Commissioners ok'd to proceed with the \$1,860 repair. Engine 53 is currently out of service.

Resolution 2026-23 Annual Preventive Maintenance moved by Csm. Davies, 2nd by Peters, motion passes 4-0.

Letters sent to Ewing and Lawrence Twps for as of April 2nd we will no longer send units out of the Valley for anything less than an ALS call.

Fire Official Report: None

Attorney Report: none

Committee Reports: LOSAP has been posted and should be ready for acceptance at the April meeting. About 12 new members need to sign up, new packets will be distributed.

Communications meeting between all operational officers was held. Several issues were ironed out.

Bunk room: TVs mounted lights are in and networking wires are installed. Flooring is set to be done next week. Doors are on backorder. Windows are on order. AC and heat units will include the gym.

Expect to have a junior competition on June 12th between Valley departments at the PQM lot. Will need insurance riders. Hopewell Boro and Twp Mayors to be honorary judges. (fire only) Maybe an EMS competition between Lambertville and Montgomery EMS later in the year.

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 8:18 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on April 8, 2026 at 7 pm.