

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

MAY 13, 2026

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

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 pm by Vice Chrmn. 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: April reviewed by Board, Motion by Myers, 2nd by Peters. All in favor resolution passes 4-0.

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. Spoke about 4 way stop for Columbia at Seminary.

Treasurer's Report:

Resolution 2026-26 payment of 2025 LOSAP motion by Myers, 2nd by Blasi, all in favor passes 4-0.

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 \$27,424.33 and \$63,099.90 from the 2026 budget for a total of \$90,524.23. Motioned by Commissioner Myers 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 2026-27 passed 4-0.

Fire Department Administration: Breakfast went very well, highest turn out to date. Bunk Room is 95% done and already in service. Extra dumpster service required for breakfast, will see higher bill in June. Looking to move cooler into conference room to make space for more gear racks. Squad entry door being replaced. Boot drive during cruise night. Working on replacing upstairs kitchen windows.

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: 40 calls for April, 1 scratch. Flew out a trauma patient from a fall in East Amwell. Starting the Glucometer program along with CPAP treatments. May 21st will be participating in the County wide airport drill. Valley Chiefs meeting w/career staff and HT Board members. Township is ready to hire up

to 5 more FF/EMTs to implement A159 7 days a week, five 12 hr shifts (6-6), two 10 hour shifts (7-5). Valley Chiefs would like to see CHS staff another BLS unit instead.

Fire Chief Report: 34 calls for the month. Breakfast went well, had 25 people for a live fire drill at the County fire academy. Replaced batteries in the Tanker and Quint, due to age. Fleet is in good shape. Purchased 3 sets of turnout gear, will use the remaining funds to rent gear at \$1,200 each for 12 months.

Fire Official Report: None

Attorney Report: HFD is looking to establish our own first aid program. Wanted to know if they would be opening Department or Board to liability. Ackers advised for the age of turn out gear, NJ law standards currently adopted an older certification standard. NFPA 1851 states at 10 years max life of service. There is no 10 year stipulation in the NJ law that was adopted. Gear inspection is most important.

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment (non-agenda): none

Executive Session – Resolution 2026-28 motion by Davies 2nd by Blasi at 20:23.

Returned to open session at 21:42.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Davies and seconded by Cmsr. Blasi unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 21:43 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on June 10, 2026 at 7 pm.