MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO.1

AUGUST 12, 2026

PRESENT:	Cmsr. Davies*	Chrmn. Morehouse*	Csmr. Peters
	Cmsr. Blasi	Csmr. Springer	

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 pm by Cmsr. Peters 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.

Resolution 2026-38 Appointing interim fire commissioner - motion by Csmr Peters, 2nd by Chrmn Morehouse, all in favor motion passes 4-0. Commissioner Springer read his Oath and sworn in by Clerk Mullen. The Board welcomed Commissioner Springer to the Board.

Minutes: June and July Minutes reviewed by the Board motion made by Csmr. Blasi, 2nd by Davies. All in favor 4-0.

Resolution 2026-40 to allow the Board of Fire Commissioners to place referendum on the November Ballot to replace SCBA not to exceed $268,000. Motion by Chrmn Morehouse, seconded by Cmsr Blasi, all in favor motion passes 5-0.

Public Comment: None

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 in the amount of $30,471.18 from the 2026 budget and $375.21 from the EMS Billing fund for a total of $30,846.39. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Peters to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing all in favor. Resolution 2026-41 passed 5-0.

Resolution 2026-42 presented to Board for purchase of rope rescue and fire gear from All Hands Fire Eqpt. Motion by Cmsr Peters and seconded by Blasi. All in favor; one abstention passed 4-0-1.

Fire Department Administration: Heating issue resolved in EMS bay, looking forward to last summer concert and cruise night.

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: no one present - maybe starting weekend crews. 39 calls for the month, 6 in the Boro, 26 in the Twp 7 mutual aid.

Fire Chief Report: 38 calls for July. Garage fire and small intrusion to the house. Ast. Chief Springer stepped down to join Board. Expect to announce replacement shortly. Issue with Quint's ladder during UL test. Requires $7,000 slides. 2 sets of gear had to be removed from service. Can spend $7,000 on a company to come in and wash all gear and inspect it recommend repairs, but ultimately certify the gear longer than 10 year retention period. With a letter from the Board Attorney clarifying the Board is ok with extending the 10 year age limit. Having a live burn on 10/13. New incentive program rolling out for members to become more active; if they run 6 calls, attend 3 trainings and make 1 meeting they would be eligible for an HFD cooler. Discussed the attempts to bring back members who may not show up as much.

Fire Official Report: None

Attorney Report: None

Committee Reports: Will revisit the budget at the September meeting.

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. Springer unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 19:58 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on September 9, 2026 at 7 pm.

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