

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

JULY 8, 2026

PRESENT: Cmsr. Davies Chrmn. Morehouse
Cmsr. Blasi

Call to Order: The scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:09 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: None.

Public Comment: Committeeperson Hook spoke about the EMS billing ordinance that was provided to them to update the existing one. We are simply duplicating the Townships updates.

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 \$43,820.07 from the 2026 budget and \$80.18 from the EMS Billing fund for a total of \$43,900.25. 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 2026-35 passed 3-0.

Resolution 2026-36 presented to Board to allow Treasurer to sign MOU for grant participation. Motion by Cmsr Davies and seconded by Blasi. All in favor passed 3-0.

Fire Department Administration: None

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: 54 calls for June; one in Lawrence, one in Ewing, still many in East Amwell. An email was sent to Hunterdon and Mercer County Communications Centers in reference to mutual aid calls in Hunterdon County. 4H fair at Howell Farm asking for EMS coverage on 25/26th. 159 will start Sunday 7/12 with daytime coverage in order to cover extra calls and fill in on weekends when manpower is light. Assisted FIFA with NJ EMSTaskforce. Had a vendor show an ambulance demo at the station. Varied

interest in the unit, still looking at a \$340-\$380k price tag. Daytime EMT class at Mercer College we have 4 enrolled for the summer course.

Chairman Morehouse advised he would like to have a budget work session on July 22nd for the 2027 annual budget. If possible would like to not have to hire a bond attorney. Maybe have the Township purchase the ambulance and the Boro Board would reimburse our 30% annually. Fire hydrant fees should fall back on the Borough. They owned them and sold them, they should pay for them. Would like to budget in 2027 the entire cost of the SCBA purchase under capital.

Fire Chief Report: None

Fire Official Report: None

Attorney Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Public Comment (non-agenda): none

Petitions are due 7/27 for the 2 open Commissioner positions in Hopewell Borough. One would replace Commissioner Myers.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Blasi and seconded by Cmsr. Davies unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 20:15 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on August 12, 2026 at 7 pm.