

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 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 7:02 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: August minutes reviewed by the Board motion made by Csmr. Springer, 2nd by Blasi. All in favor 5-0.

Public Comment: Boro EMS Ordinance has been updated by Borough Council.

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 \$60,799.31 from the 2026 budget and \$1,095.25 from the EMS Billing fund for a total of \$61,894.56. Motioned by Commissioner Davies and seconded by Commissioner Springer to pay the bills as submitted with a roll call vote all in the affirmative passing all in favor. Resolution 2026-43 passed 5-0.

Clerk Mullen outlined the pending/open purchase orders for 2026.

Fire Department Administration: Fan was installed in the EMS bay to reduce high heat and lack of circulating fresh air. Jason Read was removed from the Department by the Trustees. President Scalice is healing, has been out on medical leave.

Ladies Aux: None present

EMU Report: All 4 EMTs passed the training class, of which 2 were paid for by the Twp Board. Ordered new winter jackets. Amwell Valley Amb Corps will be disbanding. All 48 Rescue calls will be handled by Station 17 out of Lambertville with a contract from the Twp of East Amwell. Squad 152 will be considered 3rd due for overflow calls out of Hunterdon County. A lot of equipment is due to be given away. Possibly able to acquire some of the equipment. New plan to interest members to ride. EMS

ordinance was passed to be able to charge for RMA's that are treated and lifting assists. Looking into OSHA training for members. Will look into VFIS online training. Will have 2 ambulances and first aid tent. Chairman Morehouse asked if FD could do a water display.

Fire Chief Report: 47 calls for August. Assisted with barn fire today in East Amwell. Also sent to 53 for odor of burning at the same time. Very busy with active training schedule right now. Annual training completed last night. Helping to plant flags at the 9/11 memorial tomorrow night. Friday morning moving small steel to CH Hopewell lobby. Tanker had a flat tire and was repaired. Lost 100' of 5" supply hose and 1 ¾" attack line during annual hose testing. New valve repaired on Quint due to vacuum leak on pump. 57 Hamilton demolition may start by the end of October.

Fire Official Report: None

Attorney Report: Where are we with EMS revenue? Unanticipated revenue for 2026 has recovered about \$30,000. In 2027 must be added to budget projections as it is considered accrued. When adding the expected amounts it takes away from the tax base to be collected.

Committee Reports: Cmsr Peters will be meeting with Nottingham representatives next week. Several discussions about the 2027 budget preparations.

Public Comment (non-agenda): none

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the board, on a motion by Cmsr. Springer and seconded by Cmsr. Davies unanimously approved the meeting adjourned at 20:35 pm. The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board will be held on October 14, 2026 at 7 pm.