

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on September 13, 2018, at the Hopewell Township Municipal Services Building Titusville New Jersey at 7:02 PM.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER / STATEMENT OF NOTICE**

Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order and stated that the notice of the meeting had been posted on the Hopewell Township Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and Times of Trenton, and had been posted on the Hopewell Township Fire District Web-Site in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Chipowsky.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Chipowsky - Present  
Vice-Chairman Burd - Present  
Secretary Cseremsak - Present (arrived at 7:04 PM)  
Treasurer Lynch - Present  
Commissioner Kintzel - Absent

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2018-46**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:5A-6**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Fire District") desires to make application to the Local Finance Board requesting positive findings for the issuance of bonds or notes by the Fire District to finance the purchase of a marine unit and a replacement tanker truck;

**WHEREAS**, the Fire District believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit or units;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit or units and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit or units;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Fire District's Bond Counsel and Solicitor, along with other representatives of the Fire District, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Fire District in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Fire District is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of the proposed resolution with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

**RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE**

Commissioner	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Burd		X	X			
Kintzel						X
Lynch	X		X			
Cseremsak			X			
Chipowsky			X			

Secretary Cseremsak arrived as the resolution was being read by Treasurer Lynch. Chief Martin reported on the amounts of the bond purchase and other particulars related to the Local Finance Board application.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Lynch read the summary of the Bills and Claims dated September 13, 2018, and was seconded by Secretary Cseremsak. A roll call vote was held and the following amounts were authorized:

Bill List:		\$36,989.96
Payroll Ending:	September 1, 2018	\$56,073.10
Total Disbursements:		\$93,063.06

**HOPEWELL VALLEY EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT REPORT**

The Board reviewed Chief Martin’s report. Treasurer Lynch and Chief Martin discussed the next steps of the sprinkler tank project.

**UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD**

Chief Malkiewicz reported on monthly calls. Chief Malkiewicz reported on the status of the tanker committee’s work with different vendors. Chief Malkiewicz reports on the status of the quote for the marine unit, the return of Engine 53 after repair work, the upcoming repair for Tanker 53,

**PENNINGTON FIRST AID SQUAD**

1st Assistant Captain Heather Varrasse reported on monthly calls. The Board asked for an update to State Licensing. 1st Asst. Captain Varrasse deferred to Captain Muccioli, who was not in attendance.

**HOPEWELL FIRE COMPANY AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL UNIT**

Hopewell Emergency Medical Unit Chief Mike Brown reported on monthly calls and new volunteers. The Board and Chief Brown discussed State Licensing. Chief Brown reported that members at Hopewell Fire Company have expressed concerns over State Licensing and the Board encouraged the Fire Company to review the requirements and reconsider as it will affect the Fire District’s ability to provide staffing.

**PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY**

Chairman Chipowsky requested that a member be present at the next monthly Board Meeting for the Engine 50 discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA ITEMS)**

Chief Malkiewicz and Specialist Lyness reported that there was a request from a Facebook group for paintings by Ed May who painted the mural on one of Station 53’s truck. The Board agreed that was fine.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 2018-47  
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the board to discuss real estate, sensitive public safety, legal, contract negotiations and/or personnel matters; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 permits the board to conduct a meeting from which the public is excluded in order to discuss such matters; and

**WHEREAS**, the time when and circumstances under which discussion conducted in executive session may be disclosed to the public is when appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer that the board shall forthwith conduct an executive session to discuss the above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the scope of the aforesaid executive session will be limited to the above matters as stated.

**RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE**

Commissioner	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Burd		X	X			
Kintzel						X
Lynch	X		X			
Cseremsak			X			
Chipowsky			X			

The Board entered closed session to discuss personnel issues and may take official action.

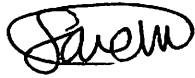
**OPEN SESSION**

The Board re-entered open session at 8:18 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Secretary Cseremsak motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Burd at 8:18 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Sarah Ocicki  
Purchasing Agent