

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on May 11, 2023 in person and via Zoom at 7:00 PM.

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

Chairperson Burd 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 Chairperson Burd.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Burd- Present  
 Vice-Chairperson Novak- Present  
 Secretary Jones- Present  
 Treasurer Tomaro- Present  
 Commissioner Rodriguez- Present

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA):** None

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**BILLS & CLAIMS**

May 11, 2023

Authorized cash disbursements requiring approval for payment of bills in the following amounts:

Bill List		\$216,546.06
Pay Date	May 11, 2023	\$58,768.72
Total Disbursements:		\$275,314.78

Commissioner Tomaro mentioned the notable bills.

**RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE**

Commissioner	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tomaro	X		X			
Jones			X			
Rodriguez			X			
Novak		X	X			
Burd			X			

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 2023-42**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING EMERGENCY SERVICES WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services, or EMS, is a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the EMS system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, first responders, emergency medical dispatchers, educators, administrators, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services are provided to the residents of the Township of Hopewell by the Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit, the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad, Pennington Fire Company, Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit, Capital Health Systems Emergency Medical Services, Hopewell Township Police Department, and Pennington Borough Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and accomplishments of EMS providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1, County of Mercer, that May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be recognized as Emergency Medical Services Week, with the theme “Where Emergency Care Begins”.

**RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE**

Commissioner	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Tomaro			X			
Jones	X		X			
Rodriguez, Jr.			X			
Novak		X	X			
Burd			X			

Chairperson Burd thanked everyone in the room for their service. Everyone met and exceeded expectations during the transition to Capital Health.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS | WORK SESSION | SUB COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS**

- A. EMS in Hopewell Valley: Chairperson Burd thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Mailk from Mercer County Central summarized how the CAD system works and how calls are dispatched. With recent changes made to the CAD, Valley response times have decreased. Chairperson Burd looked for suggestions on streamlining and current process's in place looking at other municipalities. Capital Health Station 154 is the primary ambulance during the day, the crew at Union (station 53) will respond to ambulance calls if needed and in the station. Discussed dual dispatching 2<sup>nd</sup> calls was discussed but is difficult for Central to implement. Central does not have access to I Am Responding system to know if crews are responding before having to re-tone or call another station. Implementing the Home Rule was discussed, even if a mutual aid company is closer a Hopewell Valley ambulance is to be dispatched. Chairperson Burd is scheduling a meeting with Mayor Steinman of Ewing to discuss 40% of calls are responded to in Ewing. Chairperson Burd discussed need for a county 911 vehicle and plans to present to Commissioner McLaughlin. Shared service agreement with Ewing/Lawrence was discussed for the mutual aid calls. It is not fair for Hopewell Valley to spend money to contract with Capital to have them go out of town on mutual aid calls. Chief Reed mentioned an agreement that Ringoes has set up with mutual aid companies. Capital Health was asked for pricing to respond on weekends, 6:00am-6:00pm. Finalized dispatching schedule with Central.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA):**

Deputy Chief Moore thanked Mr. Hartman and Mr. Mullen for assisting with grant from the state receiving PPE from Homeland Security. District is receiving 3 pallets of PPE including gloves and N95 masks. Mr. Mohasci reported on the Trenton Mercer Airport drill help last week at the airport.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Novak motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Tomaro at 8:21 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Randi Malkiewicz  
Admin Clerk

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