

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on June 8, 2023 in person and via Zoom at 7:00 PM.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Commissioner Jones 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 Commissioner Jones

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 4/27/2023 attended by all Commissioners were submitted and approved. Commissioner Jones made the motion and Commissioner Tomaro seconded.

Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes for 5/11/2023 attended by all Commissioners were submitted and approved. Commissioner Jones made the motion and Commissioner Tomaro seconded.

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		\$117,553.87
Pay Date	May 25, 2023	\$56,210.48
Pay Date	June 8, 2023	\$62,185.86
Total Disbursements:		\$235,950.21

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	X			
Novak						X
Burd						X

STATION REPORTS:

- A. Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad: Report submitted
- B. Hopewell Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Unit: Report submitted. Quint in Out of Service for 1-2 weeks for repairs
- C. Pennington Fire Company: no report
- D. Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Unit: Report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS | WORK SESSION | SUB COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

- A. Volunteer Recruitment: District website is updated and asked that each department review and update as needed.
- B. EMS Billing & Department of Health Licensing: Progress being made with billing company regarding fee schedule and bank accounts/
- C. EMS – Hopewell Valley: Received Capital Health agreement, in attorney review. Meeting to be schedule with Squad chiefs to discuss future of agreements and volunteers.
- D. Development in Hopewell Valley: FM Fosina will have a report next meeting.
- E. Shared Services Agreements: In progress, end of July deadline to finalize agreements
- F. Future Tax Referendum: In Progress
- G. American Recovery Act Funds | Funding from Hopewell Township: no report
- H. TS-53 Replacement | Vehicle Replacement: Bond attorneys are looking into financing options.
- I. Tanker 53-1: Lease agreement with museum later in meeting, discussed insurance and towing to museum.
- J. Fire/EMS Study: Township asked for two study options, Fire & EMS or Fire, EMS and Police.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2023-44

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY FIRE MUSEUM FOR TANKER 53-1

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District owns a vintage and historically significant 1992 Peterbilt Tanker commonly known as Tanker 53-1, and;

WHEREAS, Tanker 53-1 is no longer suitable, effective, and safe to operate during fire department operations, and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Fire Museum has expressed interest in acquiring Tanker 53-1 for New Jersey fire service historical value, and where New Jersey Fire Museum goes and other members of the public can view, learn, and enjoy Tanker 53-1 and other historically significant New Jersey fire service apparatus, and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Fire Museum is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and;

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District and the New Jersey Fire Museum wish to enter a long-term lease agreement where Tanker 53-1 will be housed and located at the New Jersey Fire Museum, and;

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District is authorized to enter a long-term lease agreement pursuant to NJSA 40A:12-14c.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hopewell Township Fire District No.1 that:

The Hopewell Township Fire District No.1 is authorized to enter into a long-term lease agreement with the New Jersey Fire Museum whereby they receive and acquire Tanker 53-1 for public display purposes of historical value significant to the New Jersey fire service.

RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE

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

RESOLUTION 2023-45

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 TO ALLOW THE PENNINGTON FIRST AID SQUAD TO DONATE AN AMBULANCE TO PENN MEDICINE PRINCETON HEALTHCARE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District assisted the Pennington First Aid Squad with the purchase of a 2006 Dodge Sprinter ambulance, and;

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Hopewell Township Fire District No.1 released the Pennington First Aid Squad of the District’s right of first refusal to the purchase of the ambulance, and;

WHEREAS, the Pennington First Aid Squad wishes to donate the 2006 Dodge Sprinter ambulance to the Penn Medicine Princeton Health to solely be used for the training of Emergency Medical Technicians, and;

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District does not see any value to obtaining the ambulance for its use, and;

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District No.1 does not object to the donation being made and has consulted with the District’s auditors and counsel who both had no objections to the donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hopewell Township Fire District No.1 to support the Pennington First Aid Squad in the donation of the 2006 Dodge Sprinter ambulance to the Penn Medicine Princeton Health for training purposes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA):

Commissioner Tomaro read an email from HVCHS Principal regarding recent fire at the high school. She was very thankful and impressed with the work done by the departments.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Tomaro at 7:32 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Randi Malkiewicz
Admin Clerk

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