

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on June 22, 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-	Absent
Commissioner Rodriguez-	Present

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA): None

TREASURER’S REPORT

BILLS & CLAIMS

June 22, 2023

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

Bill List		\$160,949.06
Pay Date	June 22, 2023	\$61,178.40
Total Disbursements:		\$222,127.46

Commissioner Novak mentioned the notable bills.

RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS | WORK SESSION | SUB COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

- A. Volunteer Recruitment: Meeting was held with 4 valley chiefs and deputies and it was decided to have a couple members from each dept work on recruiting. The plaques given to the students’ graduation high school were very much appreciated from the Fire Commissioners. Squad 152 has recruited 9 new members since January.
- B. EMS Billing & Department of Health Licensing: no movement on billing or licensing, working on SOP for service animals inside ambulances.
- C. EMS – Hopewell Valley: Chief Reed asked for a resolution honoring Mel Myers for his service throughout the years.
- D. Shared Services Agreements: no report
- E. Future Tax Referendum: no report
- F. American Recovery Act Funds | Funding from Hopewell Township
- G. TS-53 Replacement | Vehicle Replacement: Question has been sent to County Clerk about including on November Ballot. Chief 53 or designee will work with the QPA on costs for ballot. Board of Fire Commissioners required to pass resolution authorizing the question being asked on the ballot.
- H. Fire / EMS Study: Chairperson Burd will reach out to Deputy Mayor Peters-Manning about the subjects of the study. Commissioner Novak to ask for a copy of Princeton’s completed study.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMNET (NON AGENDA): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**RESOLUTION 2023-47
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act permits the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 to exclude the public from a portion of the meeting in order to discuss matters requiring confidentiality per N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the Board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer as follows:

1. The Board intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 in Executive Session.
2. The scope of the aforesaid executive session will be limited to the following:
 - A. Union Fire Company Sprinkler Project
3. Minutes of the Executive Session will be disclosed to the public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

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Tomaro						X
Jones	X		X			
Rodriguez, Jr.			X			
Novak		X	X			
Burd			X			

ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Fire Commissioners returned to open session 7:55pm after checking the vestibule and virtual waiting room for meeting attendees. Chairperson Burd motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Novak at 7:55 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Randi Malkiewicz
Admin Clerk

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