

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on March 24, 2022 virtually 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 Agarwal-	Present

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Commissioner Agarwal moved and Commissioner Novak seconded to approve the regular and executive session minutes from 03/10/2022. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLUTION 2022-19

A RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE BILLS & CLAIMS PACKETS FROM 6/10/2021 AND 1/6/2022

WHEREAS, on 6/10/2021, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 approved the following payments in the Bills & Claims that need to be corrected:

- a. Bill list of \$82,858.22 needs to be corrected to \$82,786.22
- b. Total disbursements of \$141,699.99 needs to be corrected to \$141,627.99; and

WHEREAS, on 1/6/2022, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 approved the following payments in the Bills & Claims that need to be corrected:

- a. Payroll ending 1/1/2022 of \$64,447.59 needs to be corrected to \$62,447.59.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer approve the preceding amounts for correction.

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

RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Tomaro read the summary of the Bills and Claims dated March 24, 2022 and was seconded by Secretary Jones. Treasurer Tomaro reported on notable bills. A roll call vote was held and the following amounts were authorized:

Bill List:		\$9,677.13
Payroll Ending:	May 22, 2021	\$57,876.01
Payroll Ending:	March 12, 2022	\$59,827.46
Total Disbursements:		\$127,380.60

Commissioner	Moved	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Novak	x		X			
Tomaro		x	X			
Jones			X			

Agarwal			X			
Burd			X			

WORK SESSION / SUB COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

- A. VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT: no report
- B. UFCRS SPRINKLER TANK: Meeting tomorrow with new vendor and architect
- C. SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – HBFD & PBFD: in progress
- D. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE: Commissioner Tomaro is working on
- E. EMS BILLING AND AMBULANCE STATE LICENSING: Meeting with State Reps April 11th with questions, ready for inspection, shared service is needed.
- F. UPCOMING DEVELOPMENT IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP: Hydrants are attempting to make public instead of private and costs will be transferred to the Fire District. Meeting is being set up to discuss. Commissioners are invited to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)

Chief Martin would like to recommend putting a policy in place to not have any idling vehicles to save money on fuel. Chief Martin discussed the help and donations collected for Ukraine.

Discussed Chief Burds email to Chief Steinman in Ewing Township regarding the call volume to Ewing Township, with the board's approval will send to Chief Steinman, Chairman Burd will send copies of email to local chiefs.

Chief Pedersen discussed progress tanker repairs and quotes. Chief Pedersen also sent out the specs for the new Tower from Pierce to the truck committee for review and any changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2022-20

The Board of Fire Commissioners went into closed session at 7:27 pm and returned to open session at 8:40 pm.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLUTION 2022-20

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:

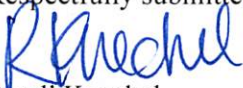
1. The Board intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 in Executive Session.
2. The scope of the aforesaid executive session will be limited to the following:
 - A. Contracts
 - B. Litigation
 - C. Losap Matters
3. Minutes of the Executive Session will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

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Tomaro at 8:40 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


 Randi Knechel
 Admin Clerk

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