

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on June 9, 2022 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 and a moment of silence for Reverend William Shaub.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)

None

MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL

Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2022, March 24, 20022 April 14, 2022 attended by all Commissioners were submitted and approved. Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2022 attended by Commissioners Burd, Jones and Agarwal were submitted and approved. Motion was made by Secretary Jones and Seconded by Commissioner Agarwal. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary Jones read the summary of the Bills and Claims dated June 9, 2022 and was seconded by Commissioner Argarwal. Secretary Jones reported on notable bills. A roll call vote was held and the following amounts were authorized:

Bill List:		\$139,377.40
Payroll Ending:	May 21, 2022	\$58,828.39
Payroll Ending	June 4, 2022	\$63,668.88
Total Disbursements:		\$261,874.67

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

STATION REPORTS

- A. UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD REPORT: Chief Pedersen submitted his report to the board. Three members were recognized from the 200 club for their response on September 1st. Chief gave update on Tanker 53-1, radios and stretcher. Standpipe at Janssen repair update and Trap Rock Recreation Area and Washington Crossing State Park Visitor’s Center was discussed.
- B. PENNINGTON FIRST AID SQUAD REPORT: Reported on call volume for the month and participation in the Memorial Day Parades.
- C. HOPEWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMU REPORT: Chief Galatro snet report to Commissioners, 4 Firefighters completed the Fire 1 course. Holding on pool fills for the time being. OEM instituted Search Manger for any search calls and guidelines will follow. EMU reported on call volume, 2 graduated from EMT school and a few scheduled for upcoming classes.
- D. PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY REPORT: reported on call volume. Firehouse is having work completed in July.
- E. HOPEWELL VALLEY EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT REPORT: report submitted to Commissioners. Reported on station coverages, emailed about grant from the state. Also noted the two open Commissioner seats and advertisements have been sent to newspapers for the upcoming election. The Fire District audit has begun. District insurance coverages were discussed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. TITUSVILLE SPRINKLER TANK: Hoping to have possible scenarios to review with Commissioners in July. Looking at all vendors and options.
- B. EMS IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP Letter was sent to Ewing Township. Mayor Peters Manning is meeting with Mayor of Ewing to discuss coverage. Work session to be scheduled to discuss further.
- C. LIEUTENANT/FIRE OFFICIAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: In Progress
- D. IAFF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: In Progress

E. PENNINGTON FIRST AID SQUAD CONTRACT: In Progress

F. AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS FROM HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP: In Progress, meetings with Township CFO and Mayor.

G. RESET TAX RATE INFORMATION: In Progress, Canning Group and Fire District are working on a referendum.

NEW BUSINESS

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLUTION 2022-32

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CERTIFIED LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEERS FROM THE UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD FOR THE LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 (the Board) is in receipt of a Certified List of Eligible Volunteers from the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad for the Length of Service Award Program for the calendar year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the list acceptable and approves the list to be posted for 30-days; and

WHEREAS, after said 30-day posting has been completed, contributions to individual eligible volunteer accounts shall be deposited.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1, Mercer County, that the Certified List of Eligible Volunteers of the Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad is accepted and approved.

RECORD OF BOARD VOTE ON PASSAGE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA)

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Agarwal at 8:38 PM.
The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randi Knechel".

Randi Knechel
Admin Clerk

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