

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

R E S O L U T I O N #23-385

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION OF THE
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURCHASE
OF A USED FIRE TRUCK**

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 has identified a need to purchase a used fire apparatus as an emergency appropriation to support fire operations throughout Hopewell Valley; and

WHEREAS, the District has the intention to purchase a new replacement fire truck to replace the 1998 KME Telesquirt that has seen an increase in maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, after speaking with fire apparatus manufacturers, they have indicated that the lead time from ordering a piece of fire apparatus can be in excess of thirty-six (36) plus months until delivery; and

WHEREAS, money has not been budgeted in the 2023 budget to support the purchase of a piece of fire apparatus but the District has the ability to defer the charges for the fire apparatus to the 2024 budget; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.11 states, "A fire district may make emergency appropriations, after the adoption of a budget approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to P.L. 1983, c.313 (C. 40A:5A-1 et seq.) for a purpose which is not foreseen at the time of the adoption thereof, or for which adequate provision was not made therein. This appropriation shall be made only to meet a pressing need for public expenditure to protect or promote the public health, safety, morals, or welfare."; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:14-78.12 states an emergency cannot exceed three percent (3%) of the total of current operation appropriations made in the budget adopted for that year; and

WHEREAS, after calculating three percent (3%) of the operating expenses in the District's 2023 budget equals \$4,160,262.49 and of that, three percent (3%) equals \$124,807.88; and

WHEREAS, the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 understands that emergency appropriations in 2023 cannot exceed \$124,807.88.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of Hopewell Township supports the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 in making an emergency appropriation not to exceed \$30,000 for a used fire apparatus.

Date Adopted: October 16, 2023

CERTIFICATION

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the regular meeting held on the 16th day of October 2023, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey and via Zoom Video Communications.



Katherine Fenton-Newman, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk