

Board of
Fire Commissioners Woodbridge Fire District No. 8
Minutes of Regular Meeting December 30, 2025 ,

The regular meeting of the Hopelawn Fire Commissioners Fire District 8 as published in The Home News Tribune was called to order by President Gillespie at 6:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence for our sick and deceased members .

Roll call ----- 5 of 5 members present.

Minutes m/m Natole sec. Aquino to dispense the reading of last month's minutes

Bills 5447 to 5488 m/m Natole sec. Mayoros to pay the bills

Treasurers Report

Northfield Bank	1,305,114.20
Total	1,305,114.20

m/m Natole sec. Aquino to accept the report

Finance and Budget

1. Two resolutions for the new budget to be read tonight

Buildings and Ground

1. Trench work done at firehouse for new generator
2. Ice machine broke / new one to be ordered
3. Computers and printers to be updated
4. Transfer switch for new generator coming in

Apparatus, Vehicles and Equipment

1. Air shore line system being looked into

2. 8-3-5 tires to be replaced
3. 8-3 has air brake issues , tech coming next week to check problem
4. 1 pack to be changed over
5. 8-3-1 being monitored by mechanic for noises
6. One helmet ordered for incoming chief
7. Two new helmet shields ordered
8. Pro pack foam unit ordered
9. Two sets of gear paid for

Communications

1. Radios need to be reprogramed for county band as per resolution at Town Hall .All emergency services will be able to communicate with each other .
2. G- Tech in ,needs to be programmed
3. We are changing web site company from net link to parker web

Insurance and Human Resources

1. Some members still need physicals
2. All LOSAP questions to be addressed to D. Petrick
3. All questions for the Commissioners to be brought up at meeting
4. 2026 worker comp. price lower for 2026
5. New insurance cards put in vehicles

Fire Officials Report --- see report

Fire Chiefs Report

1. New response in effect with district 7
2. One member passed fire one
3. Thanks to the board for their support over last two years

Fire Company President

1. Township parade went well

2. Santa ride was postponed due to snow/ we did in the next week with great success
3. New Years Day swearing in at 10 am followed by breakfast
4. Thanks to the board for all the support during the year

Training Office

1. One member completed haz mat
2. One member asked to take course at Middlesex College
3. Working with Chief on 2026 drill schedule

Custodians report

1. Changed bay lights
2. Removed banner from building
3. Replaced light switch
4. Flushed and cleaned French drains
5. Changed light bulbs in kitchen

Grounds keeper

1. Monthly lubrication of all entry locks firehouse and annex
2. Debris removed from catch basins
3. Trash clean up at both sites
4. Maintenance done on AC units
5. Fall clean up done on December 3rd
6. In process of purchasing new freezer for fire house

Unfinished Business

1. None

New Business

1. New heaters for the bays
2. Parking lot paving

HOPELAWN FIRE DISTRICT #8
DECEMBER 2025 BILL LIST
November 26 through December 30, 2025

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Nov 26 - Dec 30, 25				
12/02/2025	5447	Approved Fire Protection Co.	Semi annual wet chemical system inspecti...	-403.05
12/02/2025	5448	Batista Heating & Cooling, LLC	Maintenance for boiler in annes	-612.00
12/02/2025	5449	Elizabethtown Gas	A/C#3707841900 - 10/21/2025 -11/18/20...	-408.01
12/02/2025	5450	German Squad Auto Repair	Admin expense oil change	-129.55
12/02/2025	5451	Richiusa Mason & Concrete	firehouse brick replacement and pointing f...	-8,350.00
12/02/2025	5452	Batista Heating & Cooling, LLC	pilot assembly replacement for annex boiler	-372.00
12/02/2025	5453	Elizabethtown Gas	A/C#376897265 - Annex gas-Loretta stree...	-140.67
12/02/2025	5454	Home Depot	Account #6035322501199354 - Supplies	-84.11
12/04/2025	5455	Board Of Commissioners Dist...	Dispatch Services -December 2025	-4,000.00
12/04/2025	5456	Brian Turcotte	Training Officer - Stipend -2025	-4,000.00
12/04/2025	5457	Maria Bucsanszky, EA	Monthly Fee -December 2025	-2,375.00
12/04/2025	5458	Michael Walsh	Driver Trainer 2025	-1,000.00
12/04/2025	5459	Nicholas Natole	2025 NFIRS reporting	-375.00
12/04/2025	5460	Raymond Church	NFIRS Reporting	-375.00
12/04/2025	5461	Staples Credit Plan	C/S # RCH 27244586 Firehouse- OFFIC...	-235.46
12/04/2025	5462	Tyrone Finholt	Infectious Protection Officer	-1,500.00
12/05/2025	5463	NetLink Web Services, LLC	Website - NJ P.L. 2011, c. 167 -DECEMB...	-199.00
12/12/2025	5468	AT&T MOBILITY	Account #287361176572 - First net	-222.00
12/12/2025	5469	Middlesex Water Company	Account #6022881542 Hydrant Service-D...	-7,503.81
12/15/2025	5464	AmTrust North America	Acct# 28255717 Pol#PWC1255268 -2026	-3,095.00
12/15/2025	5465	Continental Fire & Safety Inc	3 Hydrotect - cascade	-1,355.00
12/15/2025	5466	Verizon (Tablets)	Acct #542353425-00001/Tablets - 10/24...	-420.58
12/15/2025	5467	Workwise Compliance	NJ Compliance flyers	-199.00
12/19/2025	5470	Comcast	Account #8499 05 340 0831673 Internet a...	-640.60
12/19/2025	5471	Fire and Safety Services, LTD	Engine 8-3 - PIERCE	-350.00
12/19/2025	5472	Gannett NY/NJ LocalIQ (Hom...	A/C#1121755 Public Notice - 2026 Meetin...	-31.20
12/19/2025	5473	Hopelawn Engine Co. #1	Emergency weather standby 12/13/2025 - ...	-720.00
12/19/2025	5474	Jaime Nieves	Snow removal (17 hours)	-595.00
12/19/2025	5475	Michael Solovey	Snow Removal (17 hours)	-595.00
12/19/2025	5476	Michael Walsh	Reimbursement - furniture for firehouse	-214.00
12/19/2025	5477	Mid State Services, Inc	Firehouse / Annex Generator Replacement	-45,673.80
12/19/2025	5478	NOTTINGHAM INSURANCE	Account #TOWNOFW-01 -2026 Auto Ins...	-9,037.00
12/19/2025	5479	PSE&G	Account #6550513006 (Annex) - 11/04/20...	-103.35
12/19/2025	5480	Ron Chabala	Snow removal (16 hrs)	-560.00
12/19/2025	5481	Skylands Area Fire Equipmen...	Morning pride pants, tails, patch,gemtor, al...	-11,942.50
12/19/2025	5482	Township of Woodbridge.	Printer and Computer upgrade for office a...	-4,249.78
12/19/2025	5483	PSE&G	Account #6585293118 (Firehouse) - 11/0...	-661.28
12/23/2025	5484	Daniel Aquino	Reimbursement- firehouse furniture	-500.00
12/23/2025	5485	Home Depot	Account #6035322501199354 - Supplies	-320.61
12/23/2025	5486	Hopelawn Engine Co. #1	Emergency weather standby (34 hours)	-680.00
12/23/2025	5487	Middlesex County Fire Preven...	Membership Dues 2026 (Dellapietro)	-50.00
12/29/2025	5488	Bart & Bart CPAs	Meetings with staff discussions with D.C....	-2,200.00
Nov 26 - Dec 30, 25				<u>-116,478.36</u>

HOPELAWN FIRE DISTRICT #8

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of December 30, 2025

	<u>Dec 30, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Northfield Bank	1,305,114.20
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,305,114.20</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,305,114.20</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,305,114.20</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Woodbridge Township FD No. 4

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Woodbridge Township FD No. 4 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$2,363,195.47 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$2,097,255.47, and Total Appropriations of \$2,363,195.47; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on December 30, 2025 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 is hereby adopted and, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$2,363,195.47, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$2,097,255.47, and Total Appropriations of \$2,363,195.47; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

KEASBEYBOFC4@YAHOO.COM

(Secretary's Signature)

12/30/2025

(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
WILLIAM KREJCI	✓			
ROBERT PAWOL	✓			
RICHARD POLIDURA	✓			
DENISE ORTIZ-POLIDURA	✓			
EDWIN REYES	✓			

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4

WHEREAS, NJS 40A: 14-78.17 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided: and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to January 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations on the 2025 budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements, is the sum of \$1,543,134.00; and

WHEREAS, fourteen percent of the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvement fund in said 2025 budget is the sum of \$216,039.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Woodbridge, Fire District No. 4, that the temporary 2026 budget be approved in the amount of \$216,039.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSENT
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Comm. Robert Pawol	✓		
Comm. Richard Polidura	✓		
Comm. Denise Ortiz-Polidura	✓		
Comm. William Krejci	✓		
Comm. Edwin Reyes	✓		

Adopted, December 30, 2025

Robert Pawol

Original signature & Certification by Robert Pawol, Secretary

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Fire District No. 4 reports that certain 2025 budget appropriations have insufficient balances to meet the 2025 expenditures, and

WHEREAS, certain other budget expenditures have balances in excess of their needs, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation from the Treasurer and in accordance with NJSA 40A:14-78.9, that transfers from budget line items with excesses be authorized to budget items with insufficient balances.

FROM		TO	
A-12-2.1/M&R-Fire Equip	\$ 10,000.00	A-10-1A/Firefighters	\$ 30,000.00
A-12-2.2/M&R-Firehouse	15,000.00	A-10-3/Fire Prev (FO)	1,609.00
A-12-2.3/Truck Main	5,000.00	A-11-2.1/Accountant	201.00
A-10-2/Janitors	9,000.00	A-11-2.1.1/Auditor	300.00
A-12-2/Life Insurance	<u>3,362.00</u>	A-12-1/Insurance	235.00
		A-12-2.5/Uniforms & Turnout	10,000.00
		AP-6-1.4/Phone	<u>17.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ <u>42,362.00</u>	 TOTAL	 \$ <u>42,362.00</u>

MOTION to accept resolution made by Comm. K. Reyes, seconded by Comm. R. Polidura, all in favor.

Edwin Reyes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Denise Ortiz-Polidura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Richard Polidura	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Robert Pawol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
William Krejci	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Adopted, December 30, 2025
Date

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8

2025

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Fire District No. 8 reports that certain 2025 budget appropriations have insufficient balances to meet the 2025 expenditures, and

WHEREAS, certain other budget expenditures have balances in excess of their needs, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation from the Treasurer and in accordance with NJSA 40A:14-78.9, that transfers from budget line items with excesses be authorized to budget items with insufficient balances.

From		To	
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Office	\$ 2,005.00	Snow Removal	\$ 2,005.00
Joint Board	4,100.00	Hydrants	4,100.00
Mandatory Equip & Training	13,000.00	Insurance	13,000.00
A-9/Salaries – Officer	44,000.00	M&R–Firehouse	<u>53,000.00</u>
M&R-Annex	4,000.00		
M&R-Apparatus	2,500.00		
M&R-Equipment	<u>2,500.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$ <u>72,105.00</u>	TOTAL	\$ <u>72,105.00</u>

Gillespie, R	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Mayoros, T	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Petrick, D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Natole, J	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Aquino, D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Adopted, December 30, 2025
Date

RESOLUTION
 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2026 BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR: FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Woodbridge Township Fire District #8 Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on December 31, 2026, was introduced on the 30th day of December 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the 2026 Fire District budget will be held on December 30, 2025 as publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS the Board desires to amend certain line items in the 2026 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Woodbridge Fire District #8 that the following amendments to the approved 2026 Budget be made:

BUDGETED REVENUES

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	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Total Fund balance Utilized	\$ 0.00	\$270,000.00
Total Revenues and Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 39,312.00	\$309,312.00
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$1,212,197.94	\$1,482,197.94
Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 315,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$1,212,197.00	\$1,482,197.94

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of this resolution shall be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for the certification of the 2026 introduced Fire District Budget as so amended.

Board of Commissioners:

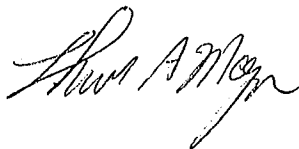
Aye Nay Abstain Absent

Total Anticipated
 Total Capital
 Total ABE

Mayoros
 Gillespie
 Petrick
 Natole
 Aquino

X
 X
 X
 X
 X

Secretary's Signature



Date

12/30/25

2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Woodbridge Township FD No. 8

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

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WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$1,482,197.94 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,172,885.94, and Total Appropriations of \$1,482,197.94; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on December 30, 2025 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 is hereby adopted and, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$1,482,197.94, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$1,172,885.94, and Total Appropriations of \$1,482,197.94; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

HOPELAWNFD@AOL.COM

12/30/2025

(Secretary's Signature)

(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
THOMAS MAYOROS	X			
ROBERT GILLESPIE	X			
DENNIS PETRICK	X			
JOSEPH NATOLE	X			
DANIEL AQUINO	X			

RESOLUTION

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 8

WHEREAS, NJS 40A: 14-78.17 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided: and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is prior to January 15, 2026; and

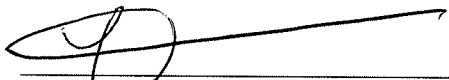
WHEREAS, the total appropriations on the 2025 budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements, is the sum of \$1,096,269.; and

WHEREAS, fourteen percent of the total appropriations in the 2025 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvement fund in said 2025 budget is the sum of \$ 153,478;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Woodbridge, Fire District No. 8, that the temporary 2065 budget be approved in the amount of \$ 153,478.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSENT
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Robert Gillespie	✓		
Thomas Mayoros	✓		
Dennis Petrick	✓		
Joseph Natole	✓		
Daniel Aquino	✓		

Dated: December 30, 2025



Joseph Natole, Secretary