

# *Fire District No. 3*

TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS

OCTOBER 5, 2023

## **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE BY THE BOARD TO RESEARCH CONSOLIDATION OF THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICTS**

### **RESOLUTION 23-10-05-116**

**WHEREAS**, the Boards of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 2 and Fire District No. 3, Township of Hanover, County of Morris believe that it could be in the best interest of the constituents of both Fire Districts to explore the prospect of shared services for both Fire Districts, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:65 et seq. provides guidance for shared services projects between governmental entities, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 provides that “Any local unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units including services from licensed or certified professionals required by statute to be appointed”, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of Fire District No. 3, Township of Hanover, County of Morris are desirous of participating in such discussions in order to exercise due diligence in determining the feasibility of efficacy of shared services to identify any financial benefit and the betterment of delivery of emergency services, and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 3 believe that the benefit of Shared Services could potentially effect the effectiveness and efficiencies of the Fire District and that an economic benefit may be identified and gained.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 3, Township of Hanover, County of Morris as follows:

1. The respective Districts shall convene a committee of two commissioners and administrative personnel so deemed necessary
2. This committee shall consist of no more than two commissioners from either District with one alternate being determined for purposes of attending said meetings in the absence of another commissioner, and
3. This committee shall meet as needed and shall do so in a uniform format so agreed upon by the members of the committee, and

4. This committee and any subcommittee appointed by said committee shall meet in conformity with the provisions of law set forth in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et Seq., and
5. Said committee is authorized to form sub-committees and work groups as needed, and
6. Said committee is authorized to meet with various stakeholder groups identified by the committee, including but not limited to the volunteer fire companies of each respective District, the Exempt Associations of each respective District and the Relief Association for the Fire Districts, and
7. Each committee shall maintain a formal agenda and shall proffer minutes and necessary reports, which will be delivered to each Board of Fire Commissioners at a minimum of once per month when any such meetings are held, and
8. Each committee or subcommittee shall identify specific areas of concern, action items and a determination of each relevant to the as to the feasibility of shared services and/or consolidating within Fire Districts, and
9. Any final determination relevant to conclusive actions as determined by any committee or subcommittee shall only be made by the respective Fire Districts
10. Requests for funding for any professional services required by the committee or any subcommittee shall be presented to the Joint Fire Prevention Board for funding and payment, and
11. Any professional service utilized by any committee shall be consistent with said professional having been appointed in their capacity by one of the respective boards, and
12. The two board shall meet at least once every four months in a meeting announced as such for these purposes consistent with the OPMA at which meeting the public shall have sufficient time to comment or question the processes to date, and

It is hereby certified that this resolution is adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of **October, 2023**.

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**MaryLou DeSimone, Secretary**

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## Certification

I, **MaryLou DeSimone**, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 3, Township of Hanover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby certify that the Commissioners at a meeting held on the 5<sup>h</sup> day of **October, 2023** duly adopted the attached resolution;

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**Cornine**  **DeSimone**  **Dugan, Jr.**  **Waldron**  **Keyser**

and was seconded by Commissioner

**Cornine**  **DeSimone**  **Dugan, Jr.**  **Waldron**  **Keyser**

## Record of the Vote

	<b>Cornine</b>	<b>DeSimone</b>	<b>Dugan, Jr.</b>	<b>Waldron</b>	<b>Keyser</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>No</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Abstain</b>					
<b>Absent</b>			<b>X</b>		

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**MaryLou DeSimone, Secretary**

