

Fire District No. 3

TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS

OCTOBER 17, 2024

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE FIRE DISTRICT 2 AND FIRE DISTRICT 3 AND TO FORM A NEW FIRE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 24-10-17-117

WHEREAS, Fire District 2 and Fire District 3 have provided essential fire protection and emergency services to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the dissolution of Fire District 2 and Fire District 3 and the formation of a new fire district will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of fire protection and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of resources and personnel is expected to improve response times and enhance overall service delivery to the residents; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT No. 3, TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

- 1. Approval of Dissolution:**
 - The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 3 hereby approves the dissolution of Fire District 2 and Fire District 3, contingent upon the approval of a parallel resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District 2 and the appropriate regulatory authorities, and the subsequent joint adoption of an implementation plan.
- 2. Formation of New Fire District:**
 - The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 3 hereby approves the formation of a new fire district, to be named Hanover Township Fire District 1, contingent upon the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District 2 and the appropriate regulatory authorities.
- 3. Governance Structure:**
 - The new fire district shall be governed by a Board of Commissioners composed of 5 members, to be appointed or elected in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 4. Development of the Implementation Plan:**
 - The following committees shall be formed, consisting of two (2) commissioners from each district. Each committee shall be appointed by the Chairman of each District, or where there is conflict, by the majority vote of the commissioners present for the respective Board. Each committee shall present recommendations to the commissioners present at Joint Board meetings. Additional committees may be formed and current committees can be modified at the discretion of the Chairmen of both

districts. Recommendations shall be adopted to the implementation plan by the majority vote of commissioners present at Joint Board Meetings.

- Budget Committee:
 - Evaluate all budget-related items and produce a sustainable budget for the new district, including a new tax rate, debt servicing plan, projected revenue, and all expenses.
- Staffing Committee:
 - Develop an operational and administrative organizational chart and create job descriptions for all positions within the district, including fire, EMS, fire prevention, administrative, volunteer, and career staff.
- Assets Committee:
 - Evaluate district assets and present any short-term needs to be included in the implementation plan, including apparatus, vehicles, buildings, grounds, equipment, and inventory.
- Policy and Procedures Committee:
 - Develop a new Rules and Regulations manual to govern the new fire district, including the hiring process for paid staff, promotions, and volunteer recruitment procedures.
- Committee to Discuss Volunteer Recruitment and Retention:
 - Dedicated to supporting the new fire district by attracting and retaining dedicated volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel. The committee will work to ensure that the district has the volunteer staff necessary to meet community needs while fostering a positive and supportive environment for current and future volunteers.

5. Adoption of the implementation plan.

- By majority vote of the commissioners present at a Joint Board meeting, a final plan shall be adopted and then transmitted to the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover along with the original parallel resolutions approving the dissolution of the two existing districts and the formation of one new district.

6. Rescinding Process Prior to Adoption of the Implementation Plan:

- Both Fire District 2 and Fire District 3 retain the right to rescind their approval and withdraw from this dissolution and formation process at any point before the submission and adoption of the final implementation plan by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover. This decision may be made through a majority vote by the respective Board of Commissioners.

It is hereby certified that this resolution is adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners on the 17th day of **October, 2024**.

MaryLou DeSimone, Secretary

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Certification

I, **Mary Lou 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 **17th** day of **October, 2024** duly adopted the attached resolution;

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This resolution was introduced by Commissioner:

DeSimone Dugan, Jr. Dugan, Sr. Keyser Cornine

and was seconded by Commissioner

DeSimone Dugan, Jr. Dugan, Sr. Keyser Cornine

Record of the Vote

	DeSimone	Dugan, Jr.	Dugan, Sr.	Keyser	Cornine
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Abstain					
Absent					

Mary Lou DeSimone, Secretary