

## **September 3, 2026 Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners**

### **District #3 in the Township of Hanover**

### **County of Morris, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 3, 2026 in accordance with the Public Meeting Act of 1975, Chapter 231. The Board observed a moment of silence for all those who have given their lives in service of their communities and nation.

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Dugan Sr., MaryLou DeSimone, Thomas Harrington and Gary Keyser were present. Commissioner Gallagher was absent.

Administrator Hark Jr., Chief McGuinness, and other District 3 staff and members of the public were also in attendance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Tony Yanez, from Cedar Knolls asked about the upcoming consolidation meeting taking place on September 21. Commissioner Keyser informed him that it will be at town hall and when the commissioners will be discussing the plan with the township committee liaison as well as the third party appointed to do the study. Commissioner Keyser explained that while the conversation will take place in closed session, there will still be a public participation part of the meeting as required by law.

Deanna Atkinson, from Cedar Knolls stated that she saw the additional parking lot we own is set to go for auction and that she appreciates we are trying to do what is fiscally responsible for the district.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Commissioner DeSimone made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2026 Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr. Commissioner Harrington abstained.

Commissioner DeSimone made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2026 Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr. Commissioner Harrington abstained.

Commissioner Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2026 Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr.

Commissioner Dugan Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2026 Executive Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Commissioner Dugan Sr. reported that we continue to operate within budget and are working on a preliminary budget right now.

### **Report of Fire Commissioner Board Committees and Chief of Department:**

**MONTHLY REPORTS:** Chief 's report was reviewed. Chief McGuinness reported that hose testing was completed today and that Ambulance 39's AC was non functioning again and it will be going to the shop for repair on Tuesday. Chief McGuinness reported that we will be

attending the 9/11 service at Notre Damn Church as well as participating in Hanover Township Day next week.

**EMS:** No report.

**BUDGET:** Commissioner Dugan Sr. Reported that budget meetings continue.

**PERSONNEL:** Commissioner DeSimone reported that the Board needs to go into Executive Session.

**NEGOTIATIONS:** No report.

**LIAISON TO THE VOLUNTEERS:** Commissioner Harrington had no report.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Commissioner Gallagher reported via email that the bushes look better and the crew did a great job at removing the dead vines. A quote from Webster was received for the sewer leak fix and needs to be reviewed by the board members for decision.

**APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE:** Commissioner Harrington reported that Ambulance 39's back in service until Friday. 38 continues to have issues with the batteries.

**INSURANCE:** Administrator Hark Jr reported that the plymavent incident claim is still pending at this time. 2025 Audit is still pending as well. All information and materials were submitted.

**BY-LAWS:** No report.

**WEBSITE:** Up to date.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE:** No report.

**RECORDS RETENTION:** No report.

**LIAISON TO HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:** Commissioner Cahill was not in attendance but passed along that everything with the consolidation study is status quo and the meeting for the 21<sup>st</sup> of September is still set.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Administrator Hark Jr. reported that Chief Costello brought some issues with his car to our attention so it will be going over to Norman Gale to have the oil changed and a 21 point inspection to see what work needs to be done. Administrator Hark also reported there would be some conversation about the lot sale in closed session after hearing back from our legal counsel earlier today.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Decision was made to hold off on repairing or selling Car 37 until we get the report back from Norman Gale.

**REMINDERS:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

There will be a Joint Fire Prevention meeting on Thursday September 3, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. at the District 3 Firehouse.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Commissioner Harrington read Resolution 26-09-03-99 to enter into executive session. Commissioner Dugan Sr. made a motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Commissioner DeSimone. All were in favor. Commissioner Gallagher was absent.

**The Board went into closed session at 7:27 p.m.**

Personnel matters were discussed, and action will be taken.

**The Board came out of closed session at 8:26 p.m.**

**RESOLUTIONS:** Commissioner Harrington read Resolution 26-09-03-100 A Resolution Accepting Resignation of EMT Siddhant Desai. Commissioner DeSimone made a motion to introduce the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr. All were in favor. Commissioner Gallagher was absent.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made by Commissioner Harrington., seconded by Commissioner Dugan Sr., to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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Robert Gallagher, Secretary