

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Washington Township Fire District No. 1
P. O. Box 152
Washington, New Jersey 07882**

Minutes for February 11, 2026:

Meeting Called to Order by M. Riotto at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

M. Riotto requested a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

Roll Call

Chairman – Michael Riotto – Present
Vice Chairman – Vacant
Secretary – Karl Spolarich – Present
Treasurer – Marc DeMarco – Present
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Gina Pantuso – Present

Certification of Public Meeting Law

K. Spolarich, secretary, noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice had been published in *The Express Times* and/or *The Star Ledger* and posted at the municipal building.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes from the January 14, 2026, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by M. DeMarco. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Report of Fire Department

Monthly report for February 2026 read and submitted by President T. Pantuso.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for January 2026 read and submitted by Fire Chief J. Kappus.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting opened to the public by M. Riotto at 7:16 P.M.

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by M. Riotto at 7:17 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for February 10, 2026, read and submitted by M. DeMarco. Motion to pay bills made by K. Spolarich. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for February 10, 2026, is \$12,596.74.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by M. DeMarco to adjourn meeting at 7:22 P.M. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary

Presidents Report

February 2026

Discussion ensued over the new By-laws. It was decided to have any questions and/or concerns in writing to the By-laws committee by 2/16. By-laws to voted on at March meeting and go into effect immediately.

A committee was formed to research price/styles of Class A uniforms.

Hydrant markers were discussed. Will approach the district for assistance.

Fob entry system has been installed. It was decided to purchase a license for an app to allow entry also with members phone.

Washburn addition is at a stand still. Waiting on warmer weather to pour the concrete.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Pantuso

President



Washington Township Fire Department

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Chief's Report

Chief James Kappus

02/2026

For the month of January the Washington Township Fire Department responded to 17 emergency calls

1 Alarm call

1 Smoke Condition

1 Odor Investigation

5 MVAs

1 Unconscious Person

1 CO Alarm

1 Gas leak

3 Vehicle Fires, 1, 83 fire/ 2, 57 fire

1 Structure Fire

The Department hosted one Business Meeting

Drill on Radio Ops, TIC Ops

Cascade systems Drill

1/25 chains on fire truck

1/26 Hydrant Shoveling

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Unpaid Bills Detail

As of February 10, 2026

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Aging</u>	<u>Open Balance</u>
AT&T Mobility						
	Bill	02/10/2026	287320058054	02/20/2026		<u>450.00</u>
Total AT&T Mobility						450.00
C&M Auto Parts						
	Bill	02/10/2026	727847	02/20/2026		4.95
	Bill	02/10/2026	1/24/26	02/20/2026		<u>131.88</u>
Total C&M Auto Parts						136.83
Comcast						
	Bill	02/10/2026	8499052730036219	02/20/2026		307.66
	Bill	02/10/2026	8499052730036227	02/20/2026		<u>873.26</u>
Total Comcast						1,180.92
Fleet Services						
	Bill	02/10/2026	110100637	02/20/2026		<u>500.00</u>
Total Fleet Services						500.00
New Jersey American Water						
	Bill	02/10/2026	1018210023095075	02/10/2026		<u>9,636.99</u>
Total New Jersey American Water						9,636.99
Richard Braslow						
	Bill	02/10/2026	05922	02/10/2026		<u>570.00</u>
Total Richard Braslow						570.00
St. Lukes						
	Bill	02/10/2026	191875	02/20/2026		<u>122.00</u>
Total St. Lukes						<u>122.00</u>
TOTAL						<u><u>12,596.74</u></u>