

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

Minutes for January 14, 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 December 10, 2025, 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 January 2026 read and submitted by President T. Pantuso.

Report of Fire Chief

Monthly activity report for December 2025 read and submitted by Fire Chief J. Kappus.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Resolution #26-001 – 2026 Budget Adoption

Proposed 2026 budget of the Board was presented for public discussion and adoption. The total budget for 2026 is in the amount of \$1,033,621.17, with a total of \$632,721.17 to be raised by taxes at a \$0.091 tax rate per hundred. K. Spolarich made a motion to adopt the 2026 proposed budget. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor.

Resolution #26-002 – Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property

K. Spolarich made a motion to dispose of the Ford Explorer vehicle which is no longer needed for public use and is of minimal value in accordance with New Jersey statute. Second was made by M. DeMarco. All were in favor.

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

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by M. Riotto at 7:18 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for January 13, 2026, read and submitted by M. DeMarco. Motion to pay bills made by G. Pantuso. Second was made by K. Spolarich. All were in favor. The total of the approved bills for January 13, 2026, is \$500,607.94.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by M. DeMarco to adjourn meeting at 7:25 P.M. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN**

Resolution #26-002

Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property

WHEREAS, the fire district is the owner of a Ford Explorer vehicle; and

WHEREAS, same is no longer needed for public use and is of minimal value; and

WHEREAS, the fire district wishes to dispose of same in accordance with New Jersey statute.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Washington, County of Warren, as follows:

- (1) This Resolution shall serve as the authority for the Fire District to dispose of same in accordance with New Jersey statute.

Presidents Report

January 2026

Santa run was very successful with over 50 children visited. The department voted to buy an additional Santa and Elf outfit.

By-laws have been completed. A copy has been placed at each fire station for review before voted on.

Installation dinner will be at the Draught House on February 7th 6-10 PM. Invites to go out this week.

Donation of a coal stove received from Tractor Supply. It was decided to raffle the stove at the Rib Cook Off fundraiser in November.

Ways to fund additional day personnel was discussed. Further discussion will take place.

Washburn addition – Waiting on plumbing and floor before proceeding.

2026 Committees to be assigned and posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Pantuso
President



Washington Township Fire Department

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1/5/2026

December Chiefs Report

The Washington Township Fire Company responded to 34 calls in the month of December.

8 MVA

2 EMS ASSIST

9 Fire Alarms

2 Structure fires, one of them Tender called into Hunterdon

Chimney Fire

Electrical call

2 CO

4 odor invest

Landing Zone

3 Mutual aid calls

1 Business meeting

1 mutual aid Christmas dinner

Chiefs Dinner

Fireman's Jeopardy

Reminder Refresher class 1/26, sign up by 1/20. At 21 fire

1/16 Warren County Chiefs Association Meeting at 78 fire

Washington Township Fire District #1

Unpaid Bills Detail

As of January 13, 2026

	Type	Date	Num	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
AT&T Mobility						
	Bill	01/13/2026	287320058054x0104202	01/23/2026		<u>450.00</u>
Total AT&T Mobility						450.00
Comcast						
	Bill	01/13/2026	8499052730036219	01/23/2026		130.92
	Bill	01/13/2026	8499052730036227	01/23/2026		<u>399.63</u>
Total Comcast						530.55
Fire and Safety Services , LTD.						
	Bill	01/13/2026	2025-25	01/23/2026		<u>400,000.00</u>
Total Fire and Safety Services , LTD.						400,000.00
Fleet Services						
	Bill	01/13/2026	109502761	01/23/2026		<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Fleet Services						1,500.00
Liberty Mutual						
	Bill	01/13/2026	3320917-0000	01/23/2026		<u>68,286.00</u>
Total Liberty Mutual						68,286.00
Local Seven						
	Bill	01/13/2026	WTF-1319	01/23/2026		<u>112.50</u>
Total Local Seven						112.50
New Jersey American Water						
	Bill	01/13/2026	1018210023095075	01/13/2026		<u>9,636.99</u>
Total New Jersey American Water						9,636.99
New Jersey Fire Equipment						
	Bill	01/13/2026	76304	01/23/2026		598.00
	Bill	01/13/2026	2032036	01/23/2026		<u>875.00</u>
Total New Jersey Fire Equipment						1,473.00
Richard Braslow						
	Bill	01/13/2026	05876	01/13/2026		<u>90.00</u>
Total Richard Braslow						90.00
St. Lukes						
	Bill	01/13/2026	191875	01/23/2026		<u>122.00</u>
Total St. Lukes						122.00
TFB Truck Repairs						
	Bill	01/13/2026	068030000335	01/23/2026		<u>13,643.90</u>
Total TFB Truck Repairs						13,643.90

Urban And Jinks

Bill	01/13/2026	18848	01/23/2026	<u>4,250.00</u>
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Total Urban And Jinks				<u>4,250.00</u>
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VFIS

Bill	01/13/2026	269428133	01/13/2026	<u>453.00</u>
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Total VFIS				<u>453.00</u>
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Warren Gabriel

Bill	01/13/2026		01/23/2026	<u>60.00</u>
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Total Warren Gabriel				<u>60.00</u>
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TOTAL

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