

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

**Minutes for March 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 February 11, 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**

M. Riotto received notification from New Jersey American Water that it will be raising the hydrant maintenance rates for 2027.

**Report of Fire Department**

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

**Report of Fire Chief**

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

## **Old Business**

M. Riotto reported that the information for the Ford Explorer has been sent to GovDeals and is in the process of being posted for auction.

## **New Business**

None.

## **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 March 10, 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 March 10, 2026, is \$25,041.65.

## **Miscellaneous**

None.

## **Adjournment**

Motion made by M. DeMarco to adjourn meeting at 7:23 P.M. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor.

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**Karl B. Spolarich**  
Secretary

## **Presidents Report**

**March 2026**

Installation dinner was held February 7<sup>th</sup>. 75 people in attendance.

The department received a Rope Rescue grant in the amount of \$1,100.00.

Floor to be poured this week in the new addition.

Membership ad to be placed in the Washington Messenger.

Department to demo Husquavarna battery powered tools.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Pantuso

President



# Washington Township Fire Department

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## Chief's Report

Chief James Kappus

3/2/2026

For the month of February Washington Township Fire Department responded to a total of 25 calls

5 MVAs

11 Alarm Activations

2 CO Alarms

1 Smoke Investigation

1 Gas leak

1 Mutual Aid /Cover up assignment

1 Cascade to scene

2 Unconscious

1 Combine fire

We hosted 1 Business meeting and 4 Drills

1 Refresher class at 21 Fire

2 Watched Video Elevator

3 Shoveled Hydrants

4 Put Chains on Truck

# Washington Township Fire District #1

## Unpaid Bills Detail

As of March 10, 2026

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Aging</u>	<u>Open Balance</u>
<b>AT&amp;T Mobility</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	287320058054	03/20/2026		<u>450.00</u>
Total AT&T Mobility						450.00
<b>Burdge's Auto Repair</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	1445	03/20/2026		<u>149.00</u>
Total Burdge's Auto Repair						149.00
<b>Comcast</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	8499052730036219	03/20/2026		535.44
	Bill	03/10/2026	8499052730036227	03/20/2026		<u>949.91</u>
Total Comcast						1,485.35
<b>Continental Fire and Safety</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026		03/20/2026		<u>2,295.00</u>
Total Continental Fire and Safety						2,295.00
<b>Electronic Measurement Labs, Inc.</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	67734	03/20/2026		<u>139.00</u>
Total Electronic Measurement Labs, Inc.						139.00
<b>Fleet Services</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	110744537	03/20/2026		<u>500.00</u>
Total Fleet Services						500.00
<b>Hartford Steam Boiler</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	1338122	03/20/2026		<u>110.00</u>
Total Hartford Steam Boiler						110.00
<b>New Jersey American Water</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	1018210023095075	03/10/2026		<u>9,637.20</u>
Total New Jersey American Water						9,637.20
<b>New Jersey Fire Equipment</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	76589	03/20/2026		<u>1,995.00</u>
Total New Jersey Fire Equipment						1,995.00
<b>NJ Advanced Media</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	3820751	03/20/2026		<u>21.50</u>
Total NJ Advanced Media						21.50
<b>Richard Braslow</b>						
	Bill	03/10/2026	05989	03/10/2026		<u>240.00</u>
Total Richard Braslow						240.00

**TFB Truck Repairs**

Bill	03/10/2026	068030000425	03/20/2026	1,605.29
Bill	03/10/2026	068030000426	03/20/2026	2,333.43
Bill	03/10/2026	068030000449	03/20/2026	1,063.42
Bill	03/10/2026	068030000469	03/20/2026	1,104.16
Bill	03/10/2026	068030000441	03/20/2026	<u>927.30</u>

Total TFB Truck Repairs 7,033.60

**Witmer Associates Inc.**

Bill	03/10/2026	842553	03/20/2026	<u>986.00</u>
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Total Witmer Associates Inc. 986.00

**TOTAL** 25,041.65