

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

Minutes for September 9, 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

M. Riotto, chairman, noted that this meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975 in as much as a notice has been posted on the Fire District website and at the municipal building.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes from the August 12, 2026, meeting were read by K. Spolarich. Motion to accept minutes as read made by G. Pantuso. Second was made by M. DeMarco. All were in favor.

Correspondence

None.

Report of Fire Department

None.

Report of Fire Chief

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

Old Business

None.

New Business

G. Pantuso reported that the Board is looking to join Sourcewell, a national government cooperative purchasing organization in the County of Bergen, to buy equipment and services without running a separate public bidding process

Meeting opened to the public by M. Riotto at 7:28 P.M.

No public participation.

Meeting closed to the public by M. Riotto at 7:29 P.M.

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Treasurer's report for September 8, 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 September 8, 2026, is \$24,786.48.

Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by M. DeMarco to adjourn meeting at 7:34 P.M. Second was made by G. Pantuso. All were in favor.

Karl B. Spolarich
Secretary



Washington Township Fire Department

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Chief's Report

Chief James Kappus

9/9/26

For the month of August Washington Township Fire Department responded to a total of 24 calls

2 MVAs

8 Alarm Activations

4 CO Alarm

2 Tree on wires/ Pole Fires

2 Ems Assist/Unconscious

2 Electrical Fire

1 Structure Fires

1 Gas Leak

1 Landing Zone

1 Odor Invest

We hosted 1 Business meeting and 4 Drills!

1. Using 3 way clapper valve with Tendor
2. Using the Air Bags off 75
3. Drafting Drill on Shurts RD
4. Drilled with new 3 to 1 Pulley System

National night out

10:18 AM
09/08/26

Washington Township Fire District #1
Unpaid Bills Detail
As of September 8, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Due Date	Aging	Open Balance
C&M Auto Parts					
Bill	09/08/2026	1960	09/18/2026		7.49
Total C&M Auto Parts					7.49
Comcast					
Bill	09/08/2026	8499...	09/18/2026		536.32
Bill	09/08/2026	8499...	09/18/2026		951.32
Total Comcast					1,487.64
Fire and Safety Services , LTD.					
Bill	09/08/2026	IO26-...	09/18/2026		500.00
Total Fire and Safety Services , LTD.					500.00
Fleet Services					
Bill	09/08/2026	1147...	09/18/2026		1,500.00
Total Fleet Services					1,500.00
JDP					
Bill	09/08/2026	174649	09/18/2026		49.55
Total JDP					49.55
MS&B					
Bill	09/08/2026	246652	09/18/2026		4,033.92
Total MS&B					4,033.92
New Jersey American Water					
Bill	09/08/2026	1018-...	09/08/2026		9,637.22
Total New Jersey American Water					9,637.22
NJ Advanced Media					
Bill	09/08/2026	4284...	09/18/2026		40.94
Total NJ Advanced Media					40.94
Richard Braslow					
Bill	09/08/2026	06298	09/08/2026		90.00
Total Richard Braslow					90.00
TFB Truck Repairs					
Bill	09/08/2026	5493	09/18/2026		92.72
Total TFB Truck Repairs					92.72
VFIS					
Bill	09/08/2026	3254...	09/08/2026		3,055.00
Bill	09/08/2026	3254...	09/08/2026		4,292.00
Total VFIS					7,347.00
TOTAL					24,786.48