

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
PENNINGTON BOROUGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLUTION 2018-06

**AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION ON THE 2018 FIRE DISTRICT BALLOT FOR VOTER
APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF A CLASS ‘A’ FIRE ENGINE
IN 2019**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the fire district and those of areas in Hopewell Township for which the Pennington Fire District has contracted to provide fire and emergency services to replace a 1991 fire engine which is becoming obsolete and is suffering recurring mechanical repair issues at a substantial cost; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of this 27 year-old apparatus will also benefit the fire district’s volunteer emergency responders by providing them a reliable firefighting tool, with current safety features, with which to respond to the variety of emergency situations to which they are called for assistance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement for Fire Protection between the Pennington Borough Fire District and the Hopewell Township Fire District, pending approval of the Hopewell Township Fire District voters the Hopewell Township Fire District is expected to fund 76% of the purchase price and 76% of the financing costs, if any, of the new engine for use by the Pennington Borough Fire District/Pennington Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, the purchase will be a capital expense and the financing thereof will be a capital debt obligation it requires taxpayer approval prior to inclusion in the fire district’s 2019 budget.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that at the February 17, 2018 Fire District annual election, in conjunction with the election of one fire commissioner and a question seeking approval of the district’s annual budget, the fire commissioners are authorized to include an additional question on the fire district ballot; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the additional question shall be to ask voter approval to purchase and equip as much as possible a Class ‘A’ pumper fire engine (to replace a now 27-year old engine) at a total cost not to exceed \$795,000.00, and in the board’s discretion to make a down payment on the apparatus in an amount up to \$300,000.00, and/or to pay for the balance and/or all of the cost of the apparatus by any combination of raising all or a part of the cost through taxation, and/or paying all of part from savings (Restricted Capital Fund), and/or by financing or lease-purchasing all or part of the cost in such manner, dollar amount, and over such time as is approved by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as well as approval to include funds for the purchase in the capital outlay section of its 2019 budget; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the annual election and its purposes shall be provided in such manner as complies with New Jersey statutes.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Chairperson Blackwell	X			
Commissioner DiFalco	X			
Commissioner Hofacker	X			
Commissioner Meytrott	X			
Commissioner Schooley	X			

Certified as a true copy of a Resolution
duly passed at a meeting held on January 16, 2018.

s/ Eugene M. Schooley
Secretary