

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2026-3.11**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON AND THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 (2025-2028)**

WHEREAS, the Pennington First Aid Squad, which provided emergency BLS medical services to Pennington Borough for almost 70 years, terminated its operations effective March 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough and Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 (“HTFD”) then entered into successive shared services agreements for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 (April to April) by which Pennington became a beneficiary of an agreement between HTFD and Capital Health in which Capital Health agreed to be the primary provider of emergency BLS services to Hopewell Valley, including Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough, and Hopewell Borough, for one year commencing on April 3, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Capital Health contract provides that HTFD will pay Capital Health an annual fee of \$200,000. to be reimbursed by the three municipalities;

WHEREAS, the reimbursement paid by Pennington Borough under the 2024-2025 shared services agreement was \$40,000, based on Pennington’s proportionate share of the Capital Health call volume in the three municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Capital Health contract is automatically renewable at the discretion of HTFD each year through the end of the contract year in April 2028 and it intends to renew for this period;

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough has had the benefit of continued Capital Health services in the 2025-2026 contract year (expiring April 2, 2026) as well as Supplemental Services by HTFD when the Capital Health ambulance was not available, and the Borough has thus far paid \$40,000 to HTFD for the Capital Health services pending negotiation of a revised shared services agreement between Pennington and HTFD which would also cover the Supplemental Services;

WHEREAS, the parties have now agreed to a revised shared services agreement for the remaining three years of the Capital Health contract by which Pennington Borough will pay \$40,000 per year for its share of the Capital Health contract and \$30,000 per year for HTFD’s Supplemental Services, thus assuring 24-hour emergency medical services to the Borough;

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed Agreement is attached to this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified the availability of the funds required to pay the \$30,000 now due for Supplemental Services under the 2025-2026 contract year (the \$40,000 for Capital Health services having been previously paid);

WHEREAS, Borough Council now seeks to approve the proposed Agreement, effective retroactively to April 3, 2025 and extending through April 2, 2028, subject to such revisions as to form as the Borough Attorney may require;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, that (1) the Mayor with the attestation of the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute and enter into the attached three-year Agreement subject to such revisions as the Borough Attorney may require; and (2) upon execution of the Agreement by both parties, the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to take such steps as necessary to disburse to HTFD the aforesaid \$30,000 now due for 2025-2026 under the Agreement.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Angarone					Rubinstein				
Chandler					Stern				
Marciante					Valenza				

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on March 2, 2026.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk