

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2025-3.16**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON AND THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 (2024-2025)**

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 a shared services agreement for 2023-2024 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 be pay Capital Health an annual fee of \$200,000. to be reimbursed by the three municipalities;

WHEREAS, the reimbursement paid by Pennington Borough under that first shared services agreement was \$25,730, based on Pennington’s proportionate share of the combined population of the three municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Capital Health Contract is automatically renewable at the discretion of HTFD each year for five years, and HTFD elected to renew for the 2024-2025 contract year (April to April) and intends to renew for the 2025-2026 year as well;

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough has continued to have the benefit of the Capital Health Contract during the 2024-2025 contract period but to now there has not been a new annual shared services agreement with HTFD and reimbursements to HTFD have been suspended to permit the parties to renegotiate the formula for sharing costs;

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough and HTFD have now agreed to the elements of a reimbursement formula that would require Pennington to pay (a) a percentage of the \$200,000 Capital Health fee determined by dividing total emergency calls from Pennington Borough by total emergency calls from the three municipalities combined, and (b) some additional amount to be agreed upon for the next contract year based on independent professional analysis of costs incurred by HTFD as the result of Pennington Borough participating in the Capital Health Contract;

WHEREAS, Pennington Borough and HTFD now enter into this shared services agreement for the 2024-2025 contract year (April to April) (“Shared Services Agreement 2024-2025”) incorporating to the extent possible at this time the new payment formula, retroactive for the year;

WHEREAS, a credible sampling of Capital Health data for 2024 indicates that Pennington’s proportionate share of calls was 16.37% in the 2024-2025 contract year, implying by that criterion a share of the Capital Health annual fee equal to \$32,740;

WHEREAS, in the absence of the desired independent professional calculation of HTFD costs allocable to Pennington Borough, which cannot now be performed until the next contract year, Pennington agrees to pay HTFD the additional amount of \$7,260 but only as a credit against Pennington’s reimbursement obligation in the 2025-2026 contract year, and without prejudice to the parties’ future good faith negotiation of that obligation;

WHEREAS, subject to the above, Pennington Borough’s payment to HTFD authorized by this Shared Services Agreement 2024-2025 amounts to \$40,000.00;

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has certified that these funds are available;

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 Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of Pennington and the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1 (2024-2025), retroactive to April 3, 2024; and (2) the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to take such steps as necessary to disburse to HTFD the full amount of \$40,000. as provided in 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 3, 2025.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk