

The 824th meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #3, Township of Old Bridge, County of Middlesex, was called to order by Commissioner Ruane, at 19:30 hours.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

"This meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by furnishing announcement thereof, to the Home News Tribune, and the Asbury Park Press, by posting notice in the Municipal Building, and by filing a copy of the notice with the Municipal Clerk."

Pledge to the flag. Moment of silence.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Commissioner KR Totten, Commissioner Sassi, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Shelters, Commissioner Ruane.

Motion to dispense with reading and accept minutes of Regular Meeting of April 23, 2025 Regular Meeting made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: April 30, 2025

Amboy Operating Account	\$1,339,891.09
Amboy Capital Account	\$ 58,599.56
Manasquan Operating CD	\$ 543,872.30
Manasquan Money Market CD	\$1,236,767.54
United Roosevelt Operating	\$ 325,694.03
United Roosevelt Money Market Capital	\$ 158,169.97
Unemployment Account	\$ <u>112,138.31</u>
TOTAL	\$3,775,132.80

Motion to pay checks for Month of May, 2025 in the amount of \$141,649.75 made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

Motion to approve bill list due before next regular meeting June 18, 2025 in the amount of \$594,042.54 made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

Motion to accept Treasurers report made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

COMMISSIONER RUANE:

We will be going into Executive Session to discuss contracts.

We are waiting on the vendor to fix the Opticom antennas on 9 & Ferry and 9 & Spring Valley. Further discussion ensued.

I met with the new accountant. Joe has resigned he is not doing Fire Districts anymore. The letter is in your folders. She went on the Resolution during the Re-Org. Meeting. The senior accountant makes \$180.00/hr., the staff accountant makes \$150.00/hr., and clerical makes \$85.00/hr. Kathleen Strack will be the new accountant.

Motion to accept Commissioner Ruane's report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

FIRE MARSHALS REPORT:

Receipts from April 1st to April 30th \$19,402.62. District 4 revenue \$7,835.38. Total Revenue year to date is \$99,091.36.

Inspection totals 110 annual, 94 re-inspections, 63 resale 7 apartments, 15 permits, 1 knox box, 55 miscellaneous, 26 fire calls, 3 detector programs, 3 call outs, 10 new businesses, 21 complaints for total of 401. Total in District 4 is 85. For a grand total of 486.

Discussion ensued about 2 fire prevention employees being out at the same time.

CHIEFS REPORT:

You have the reports. I have nothing else.

Motion to accept Chiefs report made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten. With all voting in favor.

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:

You have the manpower reports.

Also in your folders is the convention ruling from Mr. Braslow. There was some back and forth about whether the delegate status of someone who was a delegate other than here was correct in the state statute. Mr. Braslow gave us that ruling saying he looked into it, and he doesn't find anything that would go against what it says. If you're a delegate either here or anywhere else, you are entitled to a leave of absence to go to the convention. Further discussion ensued.

On April 24th Firefighter Equipment was out for turn out gear repairs. They made 105 repairs to 26 garments. Nine active members had their gear repaired, and 17 spare pieces were repaired. Total cost was \$6,242.05. a new set of gear is \$4,374.70 so a little bit over the cost of what one set would cost we had 26 garments repaired on site.

The 312 part that we have been waiting for, for the hydraulic system finally shipped on the 23rd so as soon as they get that they will send someone to install it.

321 went out this morning for deficiencies. They are brought to our attention by Campbell tech who does the annual service. He makes a list of things that he thinks should get some attention. I talked to Marty about the list, and we determined what the priorities are. Further discussion ensued.

PMs continue monthly. I along with Matt have been in touch with Jungle Laser's people, they are the software for the Fire Prevention guys. It seemed like there was a lag for a while, so we got together and put the squeeze on them. Things are moving well. Matt and Pam met with the accountant to confirm some things that had to be finalized as far as accounting both in Matt's system and our system.

No progress on the paging system.

I would like to go into Executive Session please.

Motion to accept Fire District Administrators report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

COMMISSIONER RUANE:

We need approval for \$710.00 for uniforms and various pairs of pants.

Motion not to exceed \$710.00 for uniforms made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten. With all voting in favor.

The Fire Marshal wants 2 more leak detectors (gas detectors) for \$310.00 each for a total of \$620.00 for the 2 spare inspector cars because now there is a new ruling once you move a Food truck you have to get inspected again.

Motion not to exceed \$610.00 for 2 new meters made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

There are other things we can talk about in Executive Session.

Motion to accept Commissioner Ruane's report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

COMMISSIONER SHELTERS:

I do have a training request. Discussion ensued regarding John DePinto taking a class for planning & zoning on a day when the Fire Marshal is in a class. Commissioner Sassi asked if Carmine has the certifications in the event there is a fire in town. Commissioner Shelters asked if we are bringing in another Per Diem for the day. Commissioner Ruane stated no, didn't we say we were not covering Matt to go to his Haz-Mat class. Commissioner Ruane said we will cover John but not Matt.

With that said I have a training request for 3 training courses and also I gave Bob the go ahead to purchase some wood for the training prop.

Motion not to exceed \$1,050.00 dollars for training made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

Motion to accept Commissioner Shelters report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner KR Totten. With all voting in favor.

COMMISSIONER CAHILL:

The Fire Marshal would like to get a new generator for the smoke house. It is \$2,799.00. Further discussion ensued regarding generator.

Motion not to exceed \$2,799.00 for new Honda Generator made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten. With all voting in favor.

Motion to accept Commissioner Cahill's report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

COMMISSIONER SASSI:

On May 1st the sprinklers were turned on by TA Sprinklers. While they were going through their process, and prior to that there was work done outside by the Township to replace the sidewalks, in that work they probably broke some of the heads and 2 lines that were found broken. TA Sprinklers had to replace 4 swivel heads and repair the broken lines. The system is up and operational. Further discussion ensued.

Motion for Resolution 25-0528 we have a new hire, Nelson Melendez, 27 North Main Street, Farmingdale. He will be joining us as of June 1, 2025.

Lastly, the contract I responded back to the Local 3311 on May 7th with verbiage and context that we approved or denied from the Board and we are still waiting to hear back. Fire Marshal Bond said they are waiting for the legal stuff back from you guys. There were 5 to 7 things on your reply that you were waiting to get clarification from your attorney.

I have some stuff for Executive Session.

Motion to accept Commissioner Sassi's report made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Cahill. With all voting in favor.

COMMISSIONER KR TOTTON: No report.

Motion to accept Commissioner KR Totten's report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT:

A couple things, we are on boarding a new member for the Fire Department on 6/3/2025 and we have 2 new applicants that are in the screening process. The new member is going to Engine 2. Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Sassi asked if there was an update on the meeting for the contract. Anita stated that we had the meeting and we are doing additional research before we meet again on June 12th.

Motion to accept Fire Company Presidents report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

Name:

Address:

Motion for Resolution 25-0528.1 to go into Executive Session made by Commissioner Cahill, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

We are back from Executive Session at 21:20 hours.

In Executive Session we discussed personnel and things to come before the Board.

We are going to move the July meeting from the 23rd to the 16th. Pam will you advertise please?

Matt came back with new numbers receipt totals \$16,012.28. money collected in District 4 for April is \$7,835.38 for total revenue of \$82,869.27.

Motion to accept Fire Marshals report made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

Commissioner KR Totten stated what Pam provided us with is a number of operational payments that were made such as for the attorney, the Fire Company, VIFS, Campbell, some payroll is in there so it appears it is all correct.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

Last month's meeting the Fire Chief supplied us with a letter from the Cheesapeake Fire Chief about double coverage to the square. Down Throckmorton to Bushnell to 516 up the ramp on 9 North. We approached Fire District 2 with the letter and at this point we have had no response to our asking for a meeting.

We are going to purchase new Hurst tools for \$94,571.25 and then we need some fabrication work to both trucks to introduce the new tools to the cabinets. That is going to be \$14,040.00. They are battery operated tools. So the total is \$110,000.00. Fire District Administrator stated that they are on the Houston Galveston Agreement EE08-19 contract. Replacing the hydraulics on 325 & 321.

Motion not to exceed \$110,000.00 to purchase new Hurst Tools made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. Roll Call: Aye, Commissioner KR Totten, Commissioner Sassi, Commissioner Cahill, Commissioner Shelters, Commissioner Ruane.

We have a drill coming up in June. It is EV Electrical Hybrid Vehicle training.

Motion not to exceed \$700.00 to Roadway Rescue for that training made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten. With all voting in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cahill, second Commissioner Sassi. Meeting adjourned at 21:25 hours.

Commissioner Shelters
Clerk