

The 828th 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 Chill, Commissioner Shelters, Commissioner Ruane ABSENT:

Motion to dispense with reading and accept minutes of Regular Meeting of August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelter. With all voting in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: August 31, 2025

Amboy Operating Account	\$1,877,831.24
Amboy Capital Account	\$ 58,895.42
Manasquan Operating CD	\$ 550,227.11
Manasquan Money Market CD	\$1,250,973.19
United Roosevelt Operating	\$ 328,945.23
United Roosevelt Money Market Capital	\$ 159,761.98
Unemployment Account	\$ <u>112,516.68</u>
TOTAL	\$4,339,150.85

Motion to pay checks for Month of September, 2025 in the amount of \$259,701.98 made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

Motion to approve bill list due before next regular meeting October 15, 2025 in the amount of \$539,329.49 made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

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

COMMISSIONER RUANE:

We will go into Executive Session for personnel and contracts.

Reminder Budget Workshop on October 15th at 6:00pm

I don't have anything further till we come out of Executive Session.

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

CAPTAIN'S REPORT: Given by Fire District Administrator.

In August District 3 there were 398 inspections.

Total receipts from August is \$15,373.48. District 4 there were 53 inspections for a total revenue of \$1,351.55.

If you recall a couple months ago, I went out with John to do inspections to see is, we wanted everyone to use the tablets. Further discussion ensued.

Can he have the funding for food for Fire Prevention Week? All Commissioners agreed.

He wants to repurpose a tablet for applications to be filled out in the lobby which would save time with entering the information from paper to computer. Further discussion ensued.

He is asking for additional portable radios, which will coincide with the conversation in Executive Session.

Commissioner Sassi asked if Matt could change the cover page of his report to the receipts and total on the first page. Bob agreed.

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

CHIEFS REPORT:

Monthly reports have been provided to you.

In the past the open house flyers you guys have been generous to sponsor them. I wanted to ask if you would take care of them again this year. Its roughly 2,500. Commissioner Ruane said we will get in touch with Bill.

310 was involved in an MVA. Its hit a pole leaving a funeral in Spotwood. All proper notifications were made. I went out there with Fire District Administrator Verney, and pictures were taken by the Fire Marshal. All reports were turned in.

Lastly, pagers Fire District Administrator Verney and I worked on the pagers, I believe we have 3 left to hand out. Further discussion ensued. We got 45 pagers and handed out 24.

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

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:

You have the manpower reports.

We had the ladder & hose testing done. 312 & 323 both failed the vacuum test. All the pumps passed the capacity test which is the more important of the 2. A work order is in for 312 & 323 to have their vacuum test failures looked at. No ladders failed. We did have some hose failures, very minor amount. I don't want to do anything with that yet because now that the hose is re-racked I would like to get a look to see if we are where we need to be with the rack inventory that we came up with several years ago and possibly get that to be where it should be if its not. During the test we lost 1 yellow and 1 red 5", 1 length of 3", 1 orange and 1 red 1-3/4 from 312 and 1 yellow from the 302 rack. The 1 3" that failed was one of those old cotton ones from 1965. Further discussion ensued.

The old hurst equipment is on a trailer at Engine 1. The fire department asked if that could be moved out of there, they have their open house coming up. Problem is it can't move because it's overloaded with weight, and the tires are just about sitting on the rims. Further discussion ensued. We are not having any movement on the garage auction thing. Discussion on moving it and where to and how.

More on the paging system. We did a soft cut on September 18th. What that did was it abled the new system outside the old. It gives us time to work the bugs out of the new if there were any and there were. We were able to work through that quickly. The hard cut will be October 1st, unless we find problem that can't be rectified before October 1st the low band system will be inactive. Further discussion ensued.

Radio swaps are scheduled for October 13th. After that, the old low band radios are coming out the VHF radios are going in. They will not have microphones on them; they will just be receivers for the tone. That should eliminate the confusion of what mic you should be talking on.

Fire house installations for the base stations and the new antennas, we had originally gotten a quote from Wireless for that, the township decided they wanted PNC to do all of the fire housework. So we had that deleted from the proposal that we had gotten from Wireless and PNC can do the fire house base station installations and all of the antenna work. Further discussion ensued.

Discuss. about All Around Old Bridge and advertising in it. I had a meeting with the President of Old Bridge Hospital, Pat Carol, and asked her to consider an advertising partnership between Fire Prevention Bureau and the hospital. She was very interested in it. She was going to run it past her Marketing Department. Further discussion ensued.

Resolution for the disposal of 1 Garmin GPS12 unit that no longer turns on.

Motion for Resolution 25-0924 to Dispose of Garmin GPS12 made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten. With all voting in favor.

I would like to go into Executive Session.

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

COMMISSIONER RUANE:

I have under communications 4 portable APX 6000 portables. They are \$1,687.50 ea. Not to exceed \$1,690.00. We are going to hold off till after Executive Session.

Maintenance is on schedule.

We have a request from Carmine Annunziata to use the Smoke Trailer one day in October to take to Union Beach. They will sign a waiver.

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

COMMISSIONER CAHILL:

I have a PO request for miscellaneous maintenance things. Velcro, crazy glue, magnets, hinges, garage lights, ISC Calibration Gas, 0.5 lpm regulator, pediatric AED pads.

Motion not to exceed \$800.00 for items on purchase order request made by Commissioner Cahill, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

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

COMMISSIONER SHELTERS:

No training this month.

Replace hard drive for \$350.00, request for computer backpack and red NMX workorder for \$750.00. Further discussion ensued.

Motion not to exceed \$1,200.00 for IT purchases made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

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

COMMISSIONER SASSI:

With the movement of the law firm from Riker Danzik to Decoda, so we have made pretty good progress in a short time that we have a clean draft of the CBA we will go threw one more time. A couple minor changes were identified. Once that is completed, we will communicate that to the union.

We had a sprinkler line that broke in the rear yard, TA Sprinklers was called they made the repairs. Sprinklers are scheduled to be turned off on the 28th of October.

Generator maintenance, we have not had it maintained in a while, and we are due for them to come out Danley will come out and do it and we will go into a formal contract with them. This is our last free maintenance on it.

Snow contract, last year we hired Custom Landscaping, so I'd like to stay with Custom. They worked out good last year. So I would like to stay with them.

In and around the flagpole and flower bed we had looked at putting crushed stone down there. We received quotes way to high. We have a quote for GK Landscaping to do red stone at \$4,500.00 or white stone at \$5,500.00. further discussion ensued.

On a purchase request, we have 2 draw lateral file cabinet. So between the cost of the cabinet with delivery and set-up and with the red stone for \$4,500.00. I am asking not to exceed \$10,680.00.

Motion not to exceed \$10,680.00 made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

Motion to accept Commissioner Sassi's report made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten.

COMMISSIONER KR TOTTEN: 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: No report.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

Name:

Address:

Motion for Resolution 25-0924.1 to go into Executive Session at 20:04 hours made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

We are back from Executive Session at 22:25 hours.

In Executive Session we discussed contracts and personnel that comes before the Board.

The LOSAP we discussed.

I just signed for Electec for the election and the cost is \$6,012.50.

Motion made by Commissioner Shelters not to exceed \$6,012.50, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

Fire District Administrator stated I know we are holding off on the portables, but can we look into the tablets? Yes.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner KR Totten. Meeting adjourned at 22:27 hours.

Commissioner Shelters
Clerk