

The 826th 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 June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting made by Commissioner KR Totten, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: June 30, 2025

Amboy Operating Account	\$1,624,088.94
Amboy Capital Account	\$ 58,747.23
Manasquan Operating CD	\$ 547,014.65
Manasquan Money Market CD	\$1,243,908.71
United Roosevelt Operating	\$ 327,329.01
United Roosevelt Money Market Capital	\$ 158,950.95
Unemployment Account	\$ <u>112,325.80</u>
TOTAL	\$4,072,365.29

Motion to pay checks for Month of July, 2025 in the amount of \$133,727.53 made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

Motion to approve bill list due before next regular meeting August 27, 2025 in the amount of \$558,487.28 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 are going to go into Executive Session for man power & other things to come before the board.

Have we heard from the guy for pre-emption? Bob stated he has not. Further discussion ensued.

311 was in a little fender bender. They hit the fire hydrant out on Third Stret. We have a report. One of the per-diems backed into the hydrant and caught the rear door and the bumper a little bit. We have estimates, the officers statement and the drivers statement.

I don't have anything else right now.

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

FIRE MARSHALS REPORT:

Total Revenue for the month of June 2025 \$37,261.31. Monies collected in District 4 \$21,237.52 for June 2025. Revenue total year-to-date \$197,700.48.

Inspection totals 122 annual, 145 re-inspections, 77 resale & apartments, 65 permits, 1 knox box, 49 miscellaneous, 18 fire calls, 0 education, 1 detector programs, 4 call outs, 0 new businesses, 21 complaints for total of 509. Total in District 4 is 68. For a grand total of 577.

We were asked to attend National Night Out on August 5th from 6:00pm till 9:00pm. I just wanted to make sure it is ok with the Board that we go.

I would like to start getting things for Fire Prevention Week with the \$15,000 in the budget.

Motion not to exceed \$15,000.00 for Fire Prevention Week made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

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

CHIEFS REPORT: Deputy Chief Thatcher

Chief did not leave a report, he had a last minute emergency and had to go to work.

The reports are in your folders.

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

FIRE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR:

Manpower reports are in your folders.

Paging system update they finally did the tower work through the highway authority. The highway authority approved the work to be done, but now the stall is the Osprey is back. I have more but it should be discussed in executive session.

We got a letter from a woman on Maria Court. Letter was read.

I have a letter from OEM, copies are in your folders. There is some interest in swift water rescue mutual aid. Further discussion ensued.

Driver License's were run. All 76 came back valid.

With had a meeting with Anthony from "All Around Old Bridge," he had been kind enough to give up space for advertising in the paper but that stopped. It stopped because the material that Matt was giving them was too big for the space that he was giving us. When it got squished into the space it was barely legible. Further discussion ensued.

Hurst Tools they are in. we did training session last night, Tucker was here from First Due Fabrications last Friday, he started on 325 he is coming back this Friday to finish. 325 & 321 will be finished on Friday and the battery systems will be 100% in service. As far as battery maintenance goes every battery has been dated and numbered. Odd number batteries will be in the tools during the odd months, and even numbers will be in tools on even months. The paid staff will take care of the rotation of the batteries. Further discussion ensued.

A gentleman from a business called Garage stopped by the office, he is a clearing house for equipment and apparatus. So he just showed up and he has an interest in taking care of getting rid of 5K system for us if that's what we choose. If we are going to make any donations to any other departments that would have to happen first, and then he would list whatever is left. Further discussion ensued.

Extinguishers, we lost 3 CO2 due to their age. They are on the purchase request.

Executive Session please.

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

COMMISSIONER RUANE:

Maintenance is on track.

There is a list that Bob and I will go over with some items that they found when they were doing the services on the rigs. We will go over that and see what is imperative that we fix right away. Further discussion ensued.

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

COMMISSIONER CAHILL:

On the equipment purchase request there are 9 line items. Purchase order read by Commissioner Cahill.

I received an email from the Fire District Administrator about the Stihl chain saw from 324. It needs replacement. Further discussion ensued.

Motion not to exceed \$2,300.00 for equipment made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With al voting in favor.

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

COMMISSIONER SHELTERS:

No training this month.

IAR computers at Engine 2 is operational.

Discussion ensued on data and Red NMX.

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

COMMISSIONER SASSI: No report.

There is nothing on the contract from the attorneys yet.

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

COMMISSIONER KR TOTTON: No report.

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

FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT: Absent.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC PORTION: None.

Name:

Address:

Motion for Resolution 25-0716 to go into Executive Session at 19:54 hours made by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Sassi. With all voting in favor.

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

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

We are going to promote by Resolution 25-0716.1 Matthew Bond to the position of Captain.

Motion for Resolution 25-0716.1 to promote Matthew Bond to the position of Captain made by Commissioner Cahill, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

Motion for Resolution 25-0716.2 to make title changes to John DePinto, Carmine Annunziata to Fire Fighter made by Commissioner Sassi, second Commissioner Shelters. With all voting in favor.

Commissioner Chill stated we would like to purchase 6 batteries for the K2 at \$183.00 each for a total of \$1,098.00. further discussion ensued.

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

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Shelters, second Commissioner Cahill. With all voting in favor. Meeting adjourned at 21:25 hours.

Commissioner Shelters
Clerk