

# TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

## Regular Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2026 - 7pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting, N.J.S.A 10:46-6 seq., was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with provisions of the Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:

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Forwarded to the Courier Post January 2026 (Informational Purposes Only)  
Posted on the Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building January 2026  
Fire District Website

### Meeting Called to Order:

Comm. Painter called January 28, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm.

**Roll Call:** Present: Comm. Painter, Comm. Field, Comm. Johnson and Comm. Scully  
Absent: Comm. Ciasca

### Correspondence:

1. Bureau of Fire Prevention December 2025 receipts memorandum.

### Appointments/Oath of Office:

There were no appointments/oath of office.

### New Members:

There were no new members received.

### Administrator's Report:

Adm. Fazekas submitted his report as follows:

- I received the Certification of Eligible Appointments for Fire Official on 1/13/26. Individuals on the list have 5 working days to submit a letter of interest. After receiving the letters of interest, I will contact the Commission Personnel Committee to set up interview dates and start background checks.
- The Recruitment/Retention Committee suggested we have a fillable form online for our department's application. to make it easier for individuals to apply. After completing the application, the applicant can hit a "submit" button and the application will be automatically sent to the district office for processing. (Comm. Painter questioned if this online application is currently "live," she was informed that it was.
- The department dinner is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026, invitations have been mailed.

- A 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passing of Edward Marbet memorial ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 11am at Station 301.
- The new ladder truck's remaining issues were addressed on Thursday, January 15, 2026, by Fire & Safety.
- The Strategic Plan was finalized and will be reviewed by the committee before sending it to the Commission for review. A review of the Strategic Plan and update on progress of the recommendations noted in the Master Plan will be done at a future commission meeting.
- The old Tower 3035 is scheduled to go on GovDeals.com auction, Monday, January 26, 2026, at 8am and close on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 4pm. Public notice was sent to the newspaper. Currently there have been seven bids with a top bid of \$15,000.
- Individuals testing for the career lieutenant position will have taken their oral test on Saturday, January 24, 2026. We hopefully will receive the result in Fall 2026.
- We only received once petition for Fire Commissioner – Deborah Painter.

### **Fire Official's Report:**

Fire Official Tomaszewski submitted his report as read:

- During the month of December, the Fire Prevention Bureau performed 57 Life Hazard and Non-Life Hazard inspections. A total of 42 re-inspections and 2 complaint inspections were completed.
- Public Education: 12/4 the annual Burl. Twp. Tree Lighting Ceremony and 12/9, 12/12 and 12/13 the annual fire department Santa Runs.
- Fire Investigations: 12/13 a car fire at Equestrian and Groom Street.
- Planning Board: The meeting was scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>. An application was heard for Yousif, LLC. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chief's Report:**

Chief Leshner thanked those members that responded to incidents and staffed the stations during the recent snowstorm. He also thanked Adm. Fazekas, FO/Batt. Chief Tomaszewski and Deputy Chief Field for handling the department in his absence, due to work responsibilities during the storm.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no comment from the public and this portion of the meeting was closed.

### **Special Presentation:**

Chief Leshner and FO/Batt. Chief Tomaszewski announced the presentation of two Probationary Shield plaques. Probationary Shield plaques are presented to a firefighter that has completed their one-year probationary period in the department. They invited Firefighter Keith Scully, Jr. forward to be presented with his Probationary Shield plaque and for photos, followed by Firefighter Logan Hreso. Both firefighters were congratulated on achieving their first departmental milestone.

Adm. Fazekas presented to the Board from Fire & Safety Services a framed photo of 3035, in appreciation and gratitude for their support and partnership in the creation of the 2026 Fire & Safety Services yearly calendar.

**Old Business:**

Comm. Johnson commented that on February 15, 2026, at Station 301 at 11am there will be a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony to honor L.O.D.D. Edward J. Marbet. He followed by citing the agenda for the day. He commented that notifications are forthcoming and that the Marbet family has been invited to attend. The dress for the day will be Class A uniforms for volunteers and career staff on duty, Class B uniforms.

**New Business:** There was no New Business discussed.

**Approval of Vouchers:**

A motion was made by Comm. Field and seconded by Comm. Scully to approve the vouchers for payment. Comm. Painter called for roll call with all in agreement and the motion was carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Field to approve the Commission Work Session meeting minutes of December 12, 2025, and the Commission Swearing In minutes of January 4, 2026. Comm. Painter called for roll call with all in agreement and the motion was carried.

**District Solicitor's Report:** No report.

**Health-Welfare-Sickness Report:** No report.

**Miscellaneous:** No discussion was held.

**Department Accomplishments:**

Comm. Field expressed his thanks to FO/Batt. Chief Tomaszewski and those that he worked in conjunction with at the County regarding the warehouse SOP recently approved. He stated that a lot of time and effort was put towards this document for the betterment and safety of the members of the fire service.

**Good of the Board:** No discussion was held.

**Closed Session:** No Closed Session was held.

**Adjournment:**

Comm. Painter asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Johnson to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.