

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

Work Session Meeting Minutes: January 8, 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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Meeting Called to Order

Comm. Painter called January 8, 2026, work session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm.

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

Public Comment

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

Appointments/Oath of Office

Comm. Painter requested Christian Green to come forth to be sworn in as Station 302 1st. Lieutenant. Comm. Scully held the bible while Comm. Ciasca recited the Oath of Public Office to Christian Green who repeated same. The Board congratulated Lieutenant Green on his appointment.

New Members

There were no new members received.

Old Business

Comm. Painter introduced Aud. Robert Elliott who proceeded to review the 2026 Fire District Budget with the Board. He stated that the State had numerous questions regarding the proposal this year and provided them with correspondence to the same. All the questions proposed we were able to answer with full transparency. He also stated that there were numerous late approvals this year, he represents ten fire districts. A quick review of the questions was conducted with the Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Field to approve a Resolution Adopting the 2026 Fire District Budget. Comm. Painter called for roll call, roll call was held with all in favor and the motion was carried.

Adm. Fazekas thanked Aud. Elliott and his staff for all the work they put forth in the preparation of the proposed 2026 budget.

Adm. Fazekas provided the Commission with an update on the disposal of the 1999 Pierce Aerial Ladder (3035). He stated that we did receive a bid of \$23,666 on GovDeals.com and advised that if we choose not to accept this bid, we can put it out again on the same site or a different site. He also stated that we still can donate it to the Burlington County Fire Academy as previously discussed and obtain some training classes free of charge. A brief discussion was held and the Board agreed to rebid the truck with a reserve of \$50,000. A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Ciasca to work out the details with GovDeals.com to rebid the truck for two weeks with a reserve of \$50,000. Comm. Painter asked for roll call, roll call was held with all in agreement and the motion was carried.

New Business

A review of SOP# 416: Gemtor Harness was held. Comm. Scully stated that the replacement for the belt is 10 years not 6 years from the date of manufacturing. Therefore, why are we doing 6 years? Comm. Ciasca was concerned as to why we are expecting the members to shoulder the cost of the belt and not the department. The belts are for our safety, and thus a departmental responsibility. Adm. Fazekas stated that the new gear already has this feature integrated into it, but the older gear does not. Therefore, those with older gear would require the belt or be retrofitted. Chief Leshner simply stated that the SOP as provided is what was submitted by the Safety Committee for approval, other than this document he has no more information. Adm. Fazekas suggested that we table this matter for further research to be completed on both the cost to purchase belts as well as retrofitting of gear. All agreed to table the matter until further notice.

A review of SOP# 523: MEGA Warehouses & Big Box Fire Responses was held. A motion was made by Comm. Scully and seconded by Comm. Field to approve the SOP as presented. Comm. Painter asked for roll call, roll call was held with all in agreement and the motion was carried.

Comm. Johnson asked about the Board's thoughts on dedicating Station 1 in memory of Ed Marbet by placing something permanent like a plaque on the front wall of the building. Pres. Leshner stated they dedicated their hall to Roland Connelly and Comm. Field stated the county dedicated a training room. Adm. Fazekas asked exactly what we are dedicating, Comm. Johnson stated Station 1, the entire building. He then commented that we do not have to produce a decision at this moment, but the anniversary date is fast approaching, and we need to get the process moving. He asked that a group be put together and he would meet with them soon to produce an idea and report back at the next meeting.

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 7:31pm.