

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Bridgewater, New Jersey
Fire District #2**

Regular Meeting on November 19, 2025

This meeting was advertised and called to order in accordance with the "Open Act Sunshine Law."

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debra Brown.

Salute to the flag.

Roll Call of Board: Debbie (P), Chris (P), Jamie (P), Joe (P), John (P).

Also Present: Rob Hanlon, Cesar Abella, Joey DeFilippis, Phil Langon, Charlie Gill, Robert Mihalov

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed to all board members. Minutes accepted as emailed. Motion to accept made by John Marsigliano and seconded by Jamie Brown.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance -	\$ 345,360.92
We received	\$ 0
New Balance	\$ 467,287.94

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jamie Brown and seconded by John Marsigliano.

Bills: Were read and reviewed by board members to be paid by treasurer Joe Langon.

A motion to pay the bills was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Correspondence:

- We received a letter from VFIS regarding P&C Program Policy Changes, which was given to Debbie Brown since she handles communication with VFIS.
- A recall was received for the Ford Expedition because the front driver and/or passenger seatbelt retractor pretensioners may deploy while the vehicle's engine is on. This is in addition to a past recall that was similar. This recall was given to the rescue squad to handle.

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Fire Chief's Report: Yes

- 18 calls for the month of October.
- A PO was submitted for new tool mounts. This was approved by the BOFC.

Chief Engineer's Report: Yes

- Squad 21 is scheduled for its annual PM and will have its tires replaced at that time as well.
- Engine 21-1 is out for repair now.
- The chief has been trying to troubleshoot the issue with the emergency lights on the command vehicle. An appointment with Island Tech to look at the issue is still pending.

Rescue Squad Chief's Report: Yes

- The rescue squad's line officers had to respond to multiple calls. A report was texted.
- There were 55 calls in October.
- The command vehicle went to Island Tech to have its emergency light outages checked. They found 2 bad lightheads and a quote for replacement is pending. They also found a short in the floodlights that were not working, repaired it, and they are now operational.

Old Business:

- A special capital election was held on 11/17/25 for the taxpayers to approve \$450,000 to be added to our 2026 budget for required radio communications upgrades. The vote was successful, with 50 yes and zero no for question 1 and 49 yes and 1 no for question 2. The results were reported to the Bridgewater Township Clerk and Deputy Clerk at the conclusion of the vote and the treasurer will report the same to our accountant.
- A copy of the special election ballot is attached to these minutes. As required by law, the election was advertised in The Courier News and The Breeze (two print papers in circulation in this area) as well as a minimum of 5 public establishments (we posted in 8):
 - 85 Old York Road, Krishna's Kitchen
 - 41 Old York Road, Ciocca Collision
 - 39 Old York Road, Sinclair Gas Station
 - 19 Old York Road, Enrico's Plizza
 - 77 Old York Road, American Legion
 - 83 Old York Road, Image Hair Salon
 - 135 Old York Road, Krauzzer's
 - 139 Old York Road, Jessie's Hair Illusion
- The reimbursement program is caught up through September.
- Joe has made multiple requests for the title for the 2015 Pierce that is now paid off. He is still waiting to hear back from the lienholder.
- 3 firefighters did not cash their reimbursement checks that were written on 3/11/25. The members reported that they lost them and the treasurer will get new checks printed.

New Business

- A resolution was presented for authorizing a LOSAP question on the annual fire district budget, increasing the current benefit from \$1,100 each year to \$1,500 to match the EMS contribution that the township makes annually.
- A second resolution was presented that names the board's compensation for 2026. Thai was unanimously approved by the BOFC and will be sent to the township clerk as required.

Next scheduled business meeting is December 17, 2025. The 2026 will be out for public review from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Being there is no other business to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Marsigliano and 2nd by Jamie Brown. All were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ireland, Secretary