

OCEAN GROVE
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT No. 2.
MINUTES

January 8, 2026

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with a flag salute. The clerk announce the meeting was held in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, New Jersey Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act" having been published in a March 2025 issue of the Coaster.

Roll Call: present Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 present Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 present Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 present Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

Selection of Chairman of the Board

Due to the resignation of Robert McEwan, the Board must select a chairman.

Commissioner Scott Jarmer nominated, with a second by Commissioner Moses-Day, Paul Bagdanov to serve as Chairman. After sufficient time to allow other nominations, and none offered, the Board proceeded to a vote.

Roll Call:

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETINGS

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 9, 2025 and the December 11 2025 meeting.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Gannon

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Eric Schreiber requested the Board pay the cost of CEVO 4 training, \$50.
2. Scott Liddick requested the Board pay the cost of training related to maintain current as Fire Official.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chief Benfer informed the Board he had a list of ten additional members that desired CEVO 4. Following the motion of Comm. Moses-Day and second of Comm. Jarmer, the Board approved funds for 11 members to receive CEVO 4 training.
2. Following the motion of Comm. Moses-Day and second of Comm. Jarmer, the Board approved up to \$700 for the training requested by the fire official.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Motion to approve bill list and accept the report of the Financial Officer.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Moses-Day

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING for the 2026 Budget

The Chairman will open the floor for comments pertaining to the 2025 budget.

After sufficient opportunity for comment, and no comment or question being offered, the Chairman entertained a motion.

2026-01-01

Adopted Budget Resolution

Resolution adopting the 2026 Budget, pending approval by NJ Division of Community Affairs and further subject to voter approval at the district election on February 21, 2026

Motion: Comm. Moses-Day Second: Comm. Gannon

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL

Fire Official Scott Liddick (written report attached)

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Chief Benjamin Benfer

1. annual Bloodborne Pathogen and Right to Know training will be 1/29/2026 at 19:00 hrs. CEVO 4 training is 1/27 at All Hands Fire Equipment.
2. Alarms year to date: 2

PUBLIC HEARING

Comment was offered regarding purchase of a door prop for training, whether the prop at Neptune Township’s “Disaster Hill” site was available for use, the cost of a prop “in house” versus attending training with a prop, if certified instructors were required to attend training events, the necessity of regular training. The chairman requested the clerk verify the verbal information provided during public comment, specifically to include availability or lack of availability for use of the prop at the training site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this meeting, motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer

Second: Comm. Moses-Day

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day