

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

February 12, 2026

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm with a flag salute, Paul Bagdanov presiding.

The clerk announced 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, Chairman
 Present Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 Present Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 Present Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2026 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Donation from Ocean Grove Historical Society.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. By unanimous approval, following the motion of Comm. Jarmer and second by Comm. Gannon, the donation was accepted for application to the equipment fund.

INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

1. Elizabeth Benfer, a member of the E.H.Stokes Fire Company, took the oath of firefighter of the Ocean Grove Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Door Prop: Comm. Bagdanov reported to the Board. Following a meeting with department officers, a good faith effort will be made to use the local Disaster Hill training site, 2201 Heck Avenue, Neptune Township, which includes a door prop. The matter will be re-evaluated in a few months, after there has been an opportunity to use the site.

NEW BUSINESS

None proposed

REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL

Fire Official Scott Liddick (written)

See attached.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Chief Benjamin Benfer (verbal)

1. 2/26 "Size up" drill; 4/14 smoke house
2. Alarms year to date: 42, many recent alarms for "frozen pipes".
3. Initiative to update Standard Operating Guidelines and to collect appendices in a single collection.

REPORT OF APPARATUS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Jarmer (verbal)

H2M had drawings 90% complete for bay door modifications. The final is expected within the next week. 12' clearance is anticipated.

PUBLIC HEARING

The chairman opened the floor for public comment. After sufficient time, and no further attendees requesting to be recognized, the chairman entertained a motion for adjournment.

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: Aye Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
 Aye Commissioner Matthew Gannon
 Aye Commissioner Scott Jarmer
 Aye Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

- 4" valve on the rear discharge of the toyne in process of being repaired
- Ladder testing was completed. Minor adjustment needed for the Seagrave as soon as the reports come back.
- The end of year report for the fire bureau to the state was accepted and processed
- The thermocouple was replaced on the oven at eagles. Was tested and working.
- Parts were ordered for the air valve (for the drivers seat) for 5477.
- Both GMI Detectors are back from calibration.
- Bullet Lock & Safe repaired the door lock and made 2 master keys for Stokes meeting room door
- Fire Police Truck going in for maintenance for an engine tic.