

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

MINUTES

January 11, 2024

**OPENING**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:30 pm, followed by the flag salute. 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 2023 issue of the Coaster.

Roll Call: present Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman  
present Commissioner Paul Bagdanov  
present Commissioner Matthew Gannon  
present Commissioner Scott Jarmer  
absent Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Comm. Bagdanov Second: Comm. Jarmer

Roll Call: yes Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman  
yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov  
yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon  
yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer  
absent Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. (Via text to Clerk) Brian Crean requests approval to enroll in Advanced SCBA at All Hands Fire, 2/6, 8, 10, 11. (\$350) and for reimbursement upon completion.
2. 2022 Audit

## **ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS**

1. On the motion of Comm. Bagdanov and second of Comm. Jarmer, the Board unanimously agreed to reimburse Brian Crean, and an additional member, upon successful completion of the course.
2. The board received the audit, action is contemplated at the February meeting.

## **INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS**

1. Althea Deuchar, Eagle Hook & Ladder, was sworn to membership in the fire department. Appointment to a 5 year term with the Fire Police is anticipated.

Commissioner Moses-Day joined the meeting at this point.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

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

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

Roll Call:    yes    Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman  
                  yes    Commissioner Paul Bagdanov  
                  yes    Commissioner Matthew Gannon  
                  yes    Commissioner Scott Jarmer  
                  yes    Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

Motion to acknowledging receipt of the 2022 audit for review and consideration at the next regular meeting of the Board.

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

Roll Call:    yes    Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman  
                  yes    Commissioner Paul Bagdanov  
                  yes    Commissioner Matthew Gannon  
                  yes    Commissioner Scott Jarmer  
                  yes    Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Water fountain installation is in progress.  
Tire replacement has been completed on 4 apparatus.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC HEARING for the 2024 Budget**

The Chairman will open the floor for comments pertaining to the 2023 budget.

Following questions from the public regarding a correction in the list of department vehicles, and funds designated for supporting the Neptune Township Office of Emergency Management training site, budget for per diem firefighter, the chairman called for any further comments or questions, and hearing none, requested the budget question moved.

2024-01-01

### Adopted Budget Resolution

Resolution adopting the 2023 Budget, pending approval by NJ Division of Community Affairs and further subject to voter approval at the district election on February 17, 2024

Motion: Comm. Bagdanov    Second: Comm. Gannon

Roll Call:	yes	Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
	yes	Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
	yes	Commissioner Matthew Gannon
	yes	Commissioner Scott Jarmer
	yes	Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

## **REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL**

1. Request approval to attend NJIAAI 2024 Annual Training Conference (\$625) 2/28-3/1/2024 (budgeted and approved)
2. Monthly report attached.
3. Freezer is out of service, not repairable. Quotes for replacement will be obtained.
4. Replacement television in bay is in progress

## **REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF**

1. Request approval for Basement Fire class at All Hands, February 27, 2024 (budgeted and approved)
2. 11 Alarms year to date. RTK/BBP training is scheduled for 1/29 at Olin St.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A department member requested that the Olin Street firehouse be returned to normal, noting that items removed from the walls to allow painting had not been returned; there is no television on the first floor, that the firehouse area is dark at night and additional lighting should be in place, requests to be informed regarding “downsizing”, request the Board donate future retired apparatus to a museum rather than sell the apparatus, and asserts that the tower ladder (presumed to be considered for retirement) is a valuable piece of equipment. Another member requested the return/reinstallation of the Dri-Erase board removed during painting.

## **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 Robert McEwan, Chairman
	yes	Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
	yes	Commissioner Matthew Gannon
	yes	Commissioner Scott Jarmer
	yes	Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

## **OCEAN GROVE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION**

50 OLIN STREET  
OCEAN GROVE, NJ 07756  
732-774-0306

Fire Marshal Scott Liddick

January 8, 2024

- As of Jan 1, 2024, inspections are scheduled and re inspections to take place for the month of Jan. Jan 1, 2024 to present 0 complaint, 0 follow up to the complaints, 0 Fire Investigation, 0 Civilian Burn, and permits applications have been completed.
- Update on Tablets: As you know, the wrong mounting was ordered for the FM Truck. I have the tablets here for the installation of spillman from the county.
- Ladder testing was completed, Waiting on reports for needed repairs
- Olin St FD, the freezer in the kitchen is non repairable, waiting on install of new outside kitchen door, the air line in the engine was hit by an apparatus and repaired, replaced a bell&gossett pump on boiler for heat in Stokes room.
- Tires were replaced on four pieces of apparatus.
- See attached paperwork for training
- End of the year reports are being finalized for the state.

