

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

November 14, 2024

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

OPENING

The meeting was called to order 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 2024 issue of the Coaster.

Roll Call:

Present	Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
Present	Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
Present	Commissioner Matthew Gannon
Present	Commissioner Scott Jarmer
Present	Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm Moses-Day

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

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chief Benfer: quote for departmental Rope Assisted Search Training \$450.00

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

1. Class approved following the motion of Comm. Jarmer, second of Comm. Moses-Day, and the unanimous agreement of the Board.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report was deferred to December's meeting. Motion to approve bill list.

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
yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

OLD BUSINESS

1. Electrical work at Eagle. No current progress. The Board requested members identify the circuit and/or appliance at issue to assist the electrician in evaluating the problem
2. Generator at Eagle. Cover on order.
3. Proposed bylaws - deferred to December
4. Vehicle purchase, van vs SUV - discussion. No motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-11-01

Resolution approving 5 year Interlocal Services agreement with Neptune Township for services from the Special Operations Unit.

Motion: Comm. Bagdanov Second: Comm. Jarmer
yes Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
yes Commissioner Paul Bagdanov
yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

Resolution 2024-11-02
Establish 2024 Annual Compensation for Fire Commissioners

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Bagdanov

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

Resolution 2024-11-03
Establish 2025 Annual Compensation for Fire Commissioners

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Bagdanov

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

Resolution 2024-11-04
Purchase Portable Radio as per quote, \$4,600.42

Motion: Comm. Jarmer Second: Comm. Bagdanov

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

Resolution 2024-11-05
Authorize payment of registration/tuition fee of \$900.00 for fire official to attend continuing
education program

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

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

(Attached)

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

1. 209 alarms to date; 11/19 drill on rope search; portable radios are in use, FireOps1 is fireground channel

PUBLIC HEARING

The chairman opened the floor for public comment. Comment was heard regarding:

Request to support neighboring fire department event, allowing 54-77 to go out of town for same. Motion to permit same by Comm. Bagdanov, Second by Comm. Jarmer, with unanimous agreement.

Request that the Board provide written acknowledgment of the receipt of engine specifications sent to the Board earlier in the year by Washington Fire Company. The clerk was directed to send a letter of acknowledgment and gratitude, indicating the specifications were passed along to the apparatus planning committee.

Request to be informed of the reason no ice making appliance has been acquired and installed, noting the the Board approved the purchase, acquisition, and installation at a prior meeting.

The board was informed by a firefighter that many car dealers have vehicles that would be suitable for purchase for a chief's vehicle and offered suggestions as to the make and model.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this meeting, motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 pm

Motion: Comm Jarmer Second: Comm. Moses-Day

Unanimously agreed.

INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT
FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

THIS SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT AGREEMENT

(hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”) is made this _____ day of _____, 2024, by and between the Neptune Fire District #2, a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey, having its office at 50 Olin Street, Ocean Grove, Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as “Ocean Grove Fire District”) and the Township of Neptune, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, having its municipal office at 25 Neptune Blvd., Township of Neptune, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as “Neptune”).

R E C I T A L S:

WHEREAS, the Township of Neptune and Ocean Grove Fire District, each mindful of its duties and responsibilities to protect and maintain the public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants, find it necessary to provide a Special Operations Unit to provide specialized rescue services in response to an emergency or disaster requiring specialized equipment and or training in rescue operations that are not currently provided by any emergency response organization based within the jurisdiction served by the Ocean Grove Fire District; and,

WHEREAS, Neptune Township and Ocean Grove Fire District have determined that their best interests would be served by the utilization of the resources and services of the Township of Neptune for said purpose; and,

WHEREAS, The Governing bodies of the Ocean Grove Fire District, and Neptune Township have duly adopted a resolution authorizing the entering into of this joint agreement pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1; and,

WHEREAS, Township of Neptune is willing and able to provide the services of a Special Operations Unit for the protection and general safety and welfare of its residents upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, Pursuant to the authority of the applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, and pursuant to the authority and direction of the resolutions referred to hereinabove and adopted by each of the municipalities which are parties hereto, and in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings herein contained, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICE AND TERM OF AGREEMENT.

1.1 The Township of Neptune (hereinafter “Neptune”) hereby agrees that Neptune and/or its agents, servants and employees shall acquire and manage, in an orderly, efficient and workmanlike manner, a Special Operations Unit in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

1.2 Neptune shall acquire and maintain a Special Operations Unit, pursuant to the attached Concept of Operations, as agreed upon by the parties to this agreement. Creation of the program shall include acquisition of equipment and training and use of Township facilities and equipment at the Township’s cost with the exception of those costs outlined herein.

1.3 Neptune shall provide for ongoing maintenance and training for a term expiring on December 31, 2029, and renewable in five year periods thereafter by mutual consent of the parties hereto.

1.4 Neptune shall provide a twenty-four (24) hours, seven (7) day a week public safety dispatch point from which emergency response calls will be dispatched pursuant to protocols

adopted annually by the parties hereto, which will include the use of the automated emergency services dispatch system.

1.5 Ocean Grove Fire District shall provide and maintain records of annual certification training attained by members of the Special Operations Unit who are also members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department.

1.6 Ocean Grove Fire District shall provide and maintain records of annual fit testing, respiratory protection compliance and hazard communication compliance by/for members of the Special Operations Unit who are also members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department.

1.7 Ocean Grove Fire District shall provide and maintain workers compensation and liability insurance coverage for members of the Special Operations Unit who are also members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department and consider assignments with the Special Operations Unit to be assignments of the Fire Department for purposes of insurance eligibility.

1.8 Ocean Grove Fire District shall allow for the use of Fire Department equipment and vehicles by members of the Special Operations Unit who are also members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department.

1.9 The terms of this agreement shall commence upon the date of execution by Neptune and the Ocean Grove Fire District at 12:01 A.M. and terminating on (and inclusive of) December 31, 2029 at 12:00 midnight, unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

2. SERVICE CHARGE.

2.1 There shall be no service charge to the Ocean Grove Fire District from Neptune Township in connection with the provision of this service.

3. PERSONNEL.

3.1 Neptune shall be solely responsible for hiring and maintaining personnel in a manner so as to ensure the full performance of the duties and obligations of Neptune in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Neptune shall, at its own cost and at all times, pay the salaries of all such personnel engaged by the same in the performance of this agreement

4. EQUIPMENT.

4.1 Neptune agrees to purchase and/or maintain any and all necessary equipment, with the exception of the equipment outlined in Section 1 above, to effectively comply with and perform under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. All such equipment shall be properly maintained and managed by Neptune so that services are provided in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5. GOOD FAITH PERFORMANCE

Neptune shall use its best efforts to keep maintain and perform all services to be rendered hereunder to the best of its ability. Each party shall act in good faith at all times under this Agreement. Officials shall confer on at least an annual basis to address any concerns which may arise under this Agreement, and to negotiate possible future contracts.

6. MICSELLANEOUS

6.1 This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties. This Agreement shall only be amended by a written instrument executed and authorized by proper

action of the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be signed by its authorized officers, and attested by its Clerk and its seal affixed hereto, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE

Gabriella Siboni, Clerk

By: _____
Tassie York, Mayor

ATTEST:

NEPTUNE FIRE DISTRICT #2

David M. Shotwell Jr., Clerk

By: _____
Robert S. McEwan, President

RESOLUTION #2024-11-02

ESTABLISH ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR FIRE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 requires the municipal governing body to review and approve annual compensation for fire district commissioners regarding of whether the amount of compensation is being modified; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners desires to establish annual compensation for 2023 at the said amount that has been in effect for the last twenty years or more,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Neptune Township Fire District #2 that the annual compensation for the year 2024 for the Commissioners of the Fire District shall be set at \$2,500.00 for the Chairperson and \$2,000.00 for each of the other four Commissioners; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be and is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Neptune Township Committee for review and approval of said compensation.

Motion: Second:

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

The above resolution was adopted on November 14, 2024 following introduction, second, and approval by not less than a majority of the Board of Commissioners.

DAVID M. SHOTWELL JR., Clerk
Board of Commissioners
Neptune Township Fire District No. 2

RESOLUTION #2024-11-03

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Motion:

Second:

Roll Call:	yes	Commissioner Robert McEwan, Chairman
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Board of Commissioners
Neptune Township Fire District No. 2



All Hands Fire Equipment

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Quote

Date	Quote #
11/4/2024	EST41768
Contract #	
Account #:	

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				Subtotal	450.00
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