

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

December 12, 2024

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm followed by a 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 December 12, 2024 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
yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Officer Election committee reported the results of the election:
 - a. Chief of the Fire Department: Benjamin Benfer
 - b. Deputy Chief: Edwin Deuchar
 - c. Captain: Joseph Adams
 - d. 1st Lieutenant: David Tucker
 - e. 2nd Lieutenant: Patrick Keenan

yes Commissioner Matthew Gannon
yes Commissioner Scott Jarmer
yes Commissioner Lori Moses-Day

Resolution 2024-12-02

A Resolution Adopting the Rules and Regulations Governing the Board of Commissioners of Neptune Township Fire District No. 2

Motion: Comm. Bagdanov 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

2024-12-03

A Resolution to approve the 2025 Fire District Budget

Following introduction of the proposed budget and board discussion of same, approval is appropriate to advance the budget to the next step, a hearing at the January 9, 2025 meeting of the Board. After the January 9, 2025 meeting, the budget may advance to the ballot for voter approval at the February 15, 2025 public election.

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

Resolution 2024-12-04

A Resolution Authorizing Vehicle Purchase through State Contract

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

Resolution 2024-12-05
Authorize expenditure of \$750 for Fire Department Holiday Gathering

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

Fire Official Scott Liddick submitted the attached written report

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Benjamin Benfer reported 232 alarms to date; thanked everyone for their support in the election and through the past year; arranged for Neptune Fire Department to cover on December 15, 2024 during the OGFDD holiday party.

PUBLIC HEARING

The chairman opened the floor to public comment. Comment was heard regarding the inability to locate the budget on the district webpage; on the status of the turtle nozzle order and delivery; rumors of apparatus purchase; Toyne pump panel lights require service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this meeting, motion to adjourn meeting, the board adjourned by unanimous action.

RESOLUTION 2024-12-05

A Resolution to Authorize expenditure of \$750 for Fire Department Holiday Gathering

Whereas members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department devote countless hours responding to alarms, extinguishing and preventing fire and other calamity, and preparing for same; and

Whereas, near and at the conclusion of the calendar year, mankind has gathered to reflect upon and celebrate the past year; and

Whereas, the members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department, likewise, organize a social gathering near the conclusion of the calendar year, and

Whereas, the Board recognizes the societal value of such gatherings in developing and maintaining and promoting the good and efficiency of the efforts to prevent and extinguish fire and to prevent and appropriately respond to other threats to the safety and well being of the community.

Now therefore, the Board authorizes the expenditure of \$750.00 to support a safe and appropriate celebration by the members of the Ocean Grove Fire Department.

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

The above resolution was adopted on December 12, 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