

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

October 9, 2025

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, Commissioner McEwan, presiding.

Following the flag salute, Richard Cuttrel, acting for 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 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 September 9, 2025 meeting.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Donation received from Wetterberg Foundation
Donation received from Rosemay Caulfield

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS

The board unanimously determined to direct the donations to the operating budget of the district, following the motion of Comm. Bagdanov and second of Comm. Moses-Day.

INVESTITURE OF NEW MEMBERS

Shari Alexander, E.H. Stokes Fire Company, was sworn in to the department

- Letter from fire company
- Neptune PD history report
- NJ Fireman's Association Application

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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

Motion: Comm. Bagdanov Second: Comm. Gannon

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

OLD BUSINESS

Eagle Electric: Herbert Electric to evaluate at next availability

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Company is purchasing "Sparky" costume and anticipates reimbursement.

REPORT OF THE APPARATUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Bay door modifications require engineering report and plans, estimate anticipated for November meeting, at which time it is likely a "special election" will be required to have approval necessary to include the work in the 2026 budget.
2. The Fire Official is obtaining the necessary approval from the state to apply funds to purchase a vehicle for the fire department.

REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL

1. See #2 above.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF

1. Chief Benfer provided a verbal report.
2. Alarms year to date: not noted.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Nick Walker requested the Board purchase more apparatus.
 - Fire Official Scott Liddick pointed out that the ISO rating would like improve with less apparatus. Also, the bay door project would need to be completed to determine the size of any new or replacement apparatus.
- Nick Walker requested the Board purchase a “door prop” training device.
 - Chairman McEwan stated the Board was not prepared to commit to such a purchase at this time.
- Joseph San Felice asked the Board when it would be selling surplus equipment.
 - Chairman McEwan indicated the inventory was in progress
- Joseph San Felice requested the Board purchase a nozzle.
 - Chief Benfer stated a nozzle was purchased, but a larger nozzle is recommended and is obtaining quotes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board at this meeting, motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm

Motion: Comm. Bagdanov Second: Comm. Jarmer

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