

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

January 12th, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of Middle Township was held on this date at the FireHouse, 112 Hand Ave., Cape May Court House, New Jersey. The following members of the Commission were present, Craig Mericle, Michael Clark, Michael McNulty , Lewis Hand and Phil Woodrow . This meeting is a public meeting held in compliance with P.L. 1975 (commonly referred to as the "Sunshine Law") and has been appropriately advertised. Exits have been indicated in compliance with the New Jersey State Fire Code.

A Special Meeting was held at 7:00pm to adopt the 2026 Budget. There was no public input at this time. **Resolution 2026-01:** Authorization to adopt the 2026 Fire District #1 Budget was passed by all Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Michael McNulty opened the meeting at 8:00 P.M., inviting those in attendance to join him in saluting the flag.

Commissioner Mericle presented the following treasurer's report: Operating Fund: \$1,183,463.81. On a motion of Commissioner Hand , seconded by Commissioner Woodrow , the treasurer's report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

The monthly bills were presented. The bills totaled \$64,042.74. Commissioner Woodrow moved the bills to be paid. Commissioner Hand provided a second to the motion, which was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The monthly report from the Bureau of Fire Prevention for Districts #1, #3 and #4 was received and made a part of these minutes. Also received was the Certified List of qualified volunteers for 2025 LOSAP Award Program which will be posted in the Commissioners Office. New Jersey State Association of Fire District Minutes were also received. James McClure sent a letter requesting the use of the Firehouse on March 7, 2026 from 11:00am - 3:30pm to hold a small gathering. Two other building use request letters were received one from Kyle Byrne requesting the use of the firehouse on Feb 21, 2026 from 12pm - 4pm for a small family gathering. The next one from Chuck Marriner requesting the use of the firehouse on Apr 26, 2026 starting at 11:00am. A motion was made to approve all requests. A request from Charles Marriner was made to the Board of Commissioners to accept new member Keith Strain.

OLD BUSINESS

All testing of Ground Ladders, Aerial and Pumps have been received from Mistras Testing. All equipment passed with no deficiencies found.

NEW BUSINESS

The 202 Fire Protection Agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Volunteer Fire Company No.1 was signed by both parties. There were two resolutions passed.

- 1) Resolution 2026-02: Approving and Authorizing Execution of Fire Protection Agreement.
- 2) Resolution 2026-03: Establishment of Salaries and Hourly Wages / Ranges for Full and Part Time Positions for Fiscal Year 2026.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chief McCann thanked Michael McNulty for his time spent as a Commissioner.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

There being no further business brought before the Commission, on a motion of Commissioner Hand, seconded by Commissioner Mericle, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Clark, Clerk

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