

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF MIDDLE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

July 13th, 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, Phil Woodrow, Lewis Hand, Michael Clark and Keith Arenberg . 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.

Commissioner Michael Clark 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: \$846,324.70. On a motion of Commissioner Arenberg, seconded by Commissioner Woodrow, the treasurer's report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

The monthly bills were presented. The bills totaled \$115,409.92. 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. There were two building request uses, one from Bill Ritchie for August 15th from 1-4 pm. The other one from John Conway for August 1 from 12-6pm. A letter from Fire Official Doug Greenberg was received requesting to attend the Basic Fire Investigators Course at Ocean County Fire Academy.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2025 Audit is completed and will be posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-15: Acceptance of Additional Public Fire Hydrants Located Within the Boundaries of Fire District No.1

Resolution 2026-16: Acknowledgement of 2025 Audit.

Resolution 2026-17: Authorizing of Hiring a Part Time Technical Assistant.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Schwakoff asked the Commissioners if they could possibly replace the treadmill in the gym.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

There being no further business brought before the Commission, on a motion of Commissioner Mericle, seconded by Commissioner Hand, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith P. Arenberg, Clerk

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