

Meeting was called to order August 24, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. John Boyle, Jr. opened the meeting under the open public meeting guidelines.

Roll Call:

Robert Cromer - present
Robert Holmes – present
Ian Thompson – present
John Boyle, Jr. – present
Derek DeLuca - present

After the flag salute and moment of silence, the minutes of the July 24, 2025 meeting and August 4, 2025 Special Meeting were reviewed. Robert Holmes motioned to approve the minutes Robert Cromer seconded.

Communications:

Recall Notice 2017 Ford F-250 and 2007 Tahoe

Insurance Report:

VFIS Accident and Sickness Policy renewed

Don Ruprecht from JA Montgomery would like to schedule his annual First Responder Insurance Fund Loss Control inspection. Will reach out and schedule inspection/meeting for September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Legal Report:

Attorney out for vacation.

Affidavit of Publication received for financing publication

Resolution regarding restructure of commissioner salaries on hold until Board can meet with attorney in executive session to discuss.

Local Finance Board hearing is scheduled for September 17th at 10:00 a.m. at attorney's office as a Zoom hearing. John Boyle, Jr. to attend.

Accountant Report: No report.

Would like to ask Accountant to attend at least 1 meeting per quarter, as well as asking Bob Soden to attend 1 meeting quarter.

Financial Report:

Derek DeLuca reviewed the list of bills for the month, Robert Holmes motioned to approve and pay all bills, Robert Cromer seconded. Roll call vote, all in favor.

Robert Holmes made a motion to close account at TD Bank in 45 days (October 15th). Derek Deluca seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Committees:

Trucks:

Ian Thompson planning on meeting with fire company to go over deficiency list. If repaired deemed necessary it will be scheduled.

Major issue with 28-375, when generator running, lights blink. Have call into Harrison Generator; check engine light on, depth sensor failing. Parts of \$2,800.00, not including labor. Was advised that the warranty is voided, if deleted.

New Truck:

Equipment:

Radios:

District was awarded \$200,000.00 LEAF grant, grant is signed and accepted by Board and DCA. John Boyle, Jr. would like a motion to approved \$1,000.00 budget to Central Jersey Compliance for paperwork for the grant management. Robert Holmes motioned to approve, Derek Deluca seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Fire Police:

Need additional members. Right now there are 2 – Robert Holmes and Bill Cleary.

New Building/Garage:

There was a conversation with County regarding shared services allowing County to install 2 consoles at firehouse as a backup. Current backup in Middletown and Neptune. Would be eligible for grant for shared service. This would open the door for future help with possible tower, etc.

Discussion on building cost and items not budgeted for – site work; dry wells; curbs, etc. JCP&L billed \$57,000.00 with would include prepaying for electric.

Ian Thompson made a motion to pay the \$57,000.00 to JC&L, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Estimated unbudgeted costs:

Paving - \$170-200,000.00

Curbs - \$30-40,000.00

Drain and site work - \$110,000.00 (20 storm drains and drainage well)

JCP&L \$57,000.00

Basic Landscaping \$35,000.00

Removal of asphalt - \$35,000.00

Soil containment

Approximate cost \$500,000.00

Spoke with attorney and she suggested doing a referendum in December. Possibly ask for \$750,000.00 to cover outstanding items, suggested not going with another Finance Board application. Finance Board hearing would be July – September of next year.

John Boyle Jr. motioned to schedule a referendum hearing for December if possible for \$750,000.00 budget for unbudgeted work, Ian Thompson seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Travis Lamberson is dealing directly with contractor on outstanding matters.

Stairs started; walkways prepped, ballards completed on one side.

Date of 9/2/2025 was confirmed for water shut off at Chelsea Square to just past Brown Road for water line to be installed. There are 48 properties/residents affected, need to hand deliver a letter and case of water to each address during business hours.

Building and Grounds: Nothing to report

Future of the District:

President of the Fire Company to meet with Ian Thompson to review draft of contract.

LOSAP: No report

HYDRANT:

There is a proposed bill to ban fire hydrant rental fee from township to district. John Boyle, Jr's recommendation it to hold off paying any hydrant rental bill for the next couple of months.

Unfinished Business:

John Boyle Jr., motioned that the Resolution regarding commissioner salaries be tabled until next month when attorney is present, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

New Business:

Discussion on the doctor's office and possibly seeking mobile medical for physicals.

Chiefs Report:

See attached report.

There were 2 requests for fire reports for fires within the district, both were sent out.

Discussion on box alarms, etc.

Defender asked if 28-391 could go to Wildwood for 3 days.

Presidents Report:

Working on contract between Fire Company and Board.

Comments from the Floor: None

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting Derek Deluca seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer