

Meeting was called to order December 18, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. John Boyle, Jr. opened the meeting under the open public meeting guidelines.

**Roll Call:**

Robert Cromer - absent  
Robert Holmes – present  
Ian Thompson – absent, however arrived later in meeting  
John Boyle, Jr. – present  
Derek DeLuca - present

After the flag salute and moment of silence, the minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Correction was made to show increase in referendum was to be from \$750,000.00 to \$900,000.00. Robert Holmes motioned to approve the minutes Derek DeLuca seconded.

**Communications:**

Notice from Freehold Soil Conservation regarding silt fence

**Insurance Report:**

John Boyle, Jr. reached to Soden Agency for anticipated insurance costs for next year. Was told there could be an increase around \$8,000.00.

**Legal Report:**

The following Resolution was offered:

Resolution Establishing a Temporary Budget Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.17 (Temporary budget to be 14% of 2025 Budget) Robert Holmes motioned to approve, Derek Deluca seconded, roll call vote: Robert Holmes – yes, Robert Cromer – absent, Ian Thompson – absent, John Boyle, Jr. –yes, Derek Deluca – yes.

Resolution for Commissioner Compensation for 2026 was going before the Council Board this evening.

Petitions for Commissioner elections are available.

**Accountant Report:**

Audit was approve, need resolution accepting same.

## **Financial Report:**

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

## **Committees:**

### **Trucks:**

28-391 – can't tighten muffler clamps, new on in and to be replace; when the monitor was ordered the stream straight-line was not ordered, in the process of being corrected.

### **New Truck:**

**Tanker:** in process, received information that they cannot do 2250 pump. Jimmy trying to follow up.

**New Tower** - in process, approximately 2 years out, slight issue with equipment purchased, Scot packs will cause an increase of 7-9% (\$40-\$50,000.00). Will have scot packs before truck comes in

### **Equipment:**

Flow test of scot packs should be done if new packs are delayed. Packs are getting a lot of use, unless there is a user error, the packs have a lifetime warranty.

### **Radios: No report**

**Fire Police:** No report

### **New Building/Garage:**

Have not heard from JCP&L. Travis Lamberson is trying to get specs on generator, without specs cannot have proper wiring or panel.

Will have to disconnect water again, water company would like it done before end of winter. Temporary water service no longer active.

Skyco agreed to armor-tech flooring at no extra cost, life time warranty.

Interior is painted except for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is primed.

4 ACHC to be completed

Bathroom is tiled on floor and grouted, starting wall tile next. Toilets are set, but there are no doors yet

Locker room floors are mudded.

Garage doors on order and in at Eastern Doors. Will hold off installing until all material is done going in and out of the building.

Company came to put up gutters. John Boyle, Jr. refused them, gutters need to be installed and then flashing.

There was a reimbursement to John Boyle, Jr. for plywood underlayment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Kitchen hood – larger hood was entire budget, members will install themselves.

Mr. Quasi provided name of door company in NY that will cut the cost of the doors from \$82,900.00 to \$41,830.00, Mr. Quasi also agreed to purchase all T.V.s for the building.

Chief 360 to be installed except for server on 12/26/2025; AGS (door access and cameras) to be installed 12/26/2025, Fire Alarm to be installed 12/26/2025

Briana Boyle has designed the interior at no cost, design includes paint, tile, etc. and she has been negotiating with other designers.

Kitchen cabinets are 4-5 weeks out.

Elevator is here, however, permit not issued yet. Need release for NJ, there was some information that needed to be revised, 4-5 weeks to installed, anticipating mid February.

### **Building and Grounds:**

Not much to report

### **Future of the District:**

Contract with Fire Company and Board needs to be finalized to get to auditor.

**LOSAP:**

List of qualified members to be posted at building for 1 month.

**HYDRANT:**

Anticipated 21% increase for 2026. Proposed Bill passed 2<sup>nd</sup> step in Senate.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Proposed Budget reviewed, there was a change to one question. Robert Holmes motioned to accept the 2026 Budget, Derek Deluca seconded. Roll Call vote Robert Holmes – yes, Robert Cromer – absent, Ian Thompson – absent, John Boyle, Jr. – yes, Derek Deluca – yes.

Budget hearing to be January 22, 2026.

**Chiefs Report:**

664 Calls from 1/1/2025 -12/17/2025 50 of them building fires, busiest year to date.

30+ training sessions

1900 hours of training not including classes

Santa Run is scheduled for Sunday morning and will finish up on Monday evening

NFRS going away, going to NERIS

Working on plans for next year

Have averaged 10+ members per call

**Presidents Report:**

Good job by all

Looking forward to next year, re-branding in station, response crew, duty crew Need

to discuss bathroom situation in trailer, cost of a temporary bathroom trailer is

\$8,000.00/month, trailer now is costing \$3,600.00/month. Discussion on having a cleaning crew

come in to clean the trailer. Robert Holmes motioned to have a cleaning crew come in 2 times a

month to clean and that the trailer to be removed by 2/28/2026. Derek Deluca seconded, roll call

vote – all in favor.

John Boyle, Jr. would like a new report in the order of business for EMS to report at the monthly meeting.

**EMS Report:**

Travis Lamberson thanked the Board for housing, etc, said things are running smoothly, they are pulling rigs to every live burn, all are dual members.

Received a 2007 rig from Union Beach, was painted and lettered to match the fire trucks. Asked if the Board would help with cost of painting 2<sup>nd</sup> rig, Travis spoke with the Town B.A. and they have no problem with the wording Fire Rescue. Ian Thompson has an issue with district money going into a township owned vehicle. There was discussion on the painting of the first aid rigs.

Ian Thompson asked what the long term goal is.

Ian Thompson made a motion for Travis to submit a voucher for the painting and lettering done on the donated Rig and the Board will pay. Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote all in favor.

There was discussion on the wording on the truck. The truck should not refer to "District" anywhere.

**Comments from the Floor:** None

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting Derek DeLuca seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer