

Meeting was called to order September 25, 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 August 24 2025 meeting. Robert Holmes motioned to approve the minutes Ian Thompson seconded.

Communications:

Recalls on 2007 Tahoe
Notices that gas monitor is due for recalibration
Medical for Robert Holmes

Lori Keenan was present at meeting and handed in letter requesting information on State Relief benefit for her father Chet Szymanski. The Board advised her that the fire company handled State Relief matters and they would give the information to the fire company.

Insurance Report:

Discussion on whether new members would be added to the life insurance policies. Beneficiary forms to be given to the fire company for their next meeting.

John Boyle, Jr. received an email from Soden Agency regarding updated building values. Information was provided.

Legal Report: No report

Accountant Report:

Final audit should be complete in a week or 2. Will follow up with accountant about attending a meeting once a 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 had question on water bill, John Boyle, Jr. advised to hold bill until last possible date.

Everything is set up with OceanFirst Bank. TD to close account on or about October 15, 2025. The EZ pass account will be transferred from TD to OceanFirst.

Committees:

Trucks:

Ian Thompson advised there are a few items on the repair list.

Truck registrations need to be renewed.

New Truck:

Local Finance Board unanimously approved funding with no objections based on 10 year option with air packs included.

Tanker: update on time frame, pushed up completion date to June, possibly sooner. 180-210 days once started.

New Tower - Pre-con meeting late October at Defender. Completion time, 2 years.

28-391 was displayed at Wildwood, truck looked great. 7 demonstrations requested from fire companies in Central Jersey, detail company did an amazing job.

Equipment:

Radios:

Received LEAF grant, aware amount guaranteed. Requested calculation of cost savings.

Finalizing documentation for American Rescue Grant.

Funding check for the PPE grant check to be sent for direct deposit, should keep TD account open until received.

Fire Police:

Nothing to report. John Boyle, Sr. advised that the Bayshore Chiefs are trying to get a group together for fire police.

New Building/Garage:

Met with township, all permits have been released. Electric and plumbing inspections have been completed, Frame inspection rescheduled for September 30th. There was a courtesy walk through on fire stop. Fire alarm/sprinkler passed.

Insulation to begin next week of all goes well.

Discussion on the use of the Boyle's excavation equipment, skid steer, bulldozer, etc. and the maintenance of the equipment, the use of their equipment has saved thousands of dollars to the Board. Ian Thompson asked if the Board could cover the maintenance and repair costs for the equipment. John Boyle, Sr. to provide estimates for repairs. Ian Thompson made a motion to make repairs and cover maintenance costs, Robert Holmes seconded. Motion tabled until next month.

There was an issue with the septic, Crest Engineering sent approval for the permit from the Board of Health, but approval was based on old drawings. Septic size had increased and added in a 2nd grease trap. Asked for change order and quote, cost approximately \$21,000.00, board doesn't feel that they should pay for error. Robert Holmes asked that after the building is done the Board have any recourse with Crest.

Waiting on JCP&L for placement of pole.

Water line is in, fire hydrants are active, water to front of building, valve is turned off for now.

Water Vault – AT&T line mismarked by 15 feet, line was remarked, height of water valve will stay the same.

Valve added to front of building, contractor did not charge for additional work, John Boyle, Jr. purchased the valves.

CME approve curbing, will need additional funds for completion of site work.

Attorney discussed whether the Board would like a separate referendum in December or for question for additional funding be on the February ballot. Ian Thompson made a motion for a separate Referendum in December seeking additional funding in the amount of \$750,000.00, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, all in favor. Board will reach out to Jessup for bonding and local finance board application.

Travis Lamberson has been assisting with building and contractors, pre-inspection for fire, identified items missing, labeled with paint.

Quote for recycling asphalt, approximately 13,000 square feet, would crush and use as base in parking lot. Cost is approximately \$7,500.00 with equipment cost of \$2,000.00, making total \$9,500.00. Funds are available in building maintenance. Ian Thompson motioned to approve, Robert Holmes seconded, roll call vote, all in favor.

Building and Grounds:

2nd order of flooring to be delivered next week with install the following week. Will call ½ hour ahead of delivery time. Will need someone to accept delivery.

3rd part of order, Skyco has approved same manufacturer with no additional cost. Life time warranty.

Future of the District:

Draft of contract has been submitted, minor details to be discussed, would like 5 year contract, initial payment of \$75,000.00 with 3% increase per year. Will need contract finalized for budget.

LOSAP: No report, Bob Cromer asked to be added back as signor so he can process any requests that may come in.

HYDRANT:

Holding payment for now until update on proposed bill in congress is issued.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Christine Cromer handed in letter of resignation as Board Secretary effective 12/31/2025. Ian Thompson motioned to approve, Derek Deluca seconded, roll call vote, 4 in favor, Robert Cromer abstained.

Discussion on letter received from Motorola for an outstanding invoice of \$4,600.00 from April. Invoice was for programming that could not be completed.

Chiefs Report:

See attached report.

Ryan Keyes thanked to Board for allowing the new truck to attend Wildwood.

Presidents Report:

John Boyle, Sr. discussed the sign placed in back door to block the sun, great job, man power has been good, duty crews have been amazing, have been running more assignments then First Aid.

Comments from the Floor: None

Robert Holmes motioned to adjourn the meeting Robert Cromer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Cromer