

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
35 Belle Mead-Griggstown Road, P.O. Box 130
Belle Mead, N.J. 08502**

Meeting Minutes of July 14th, 2026

Call to Order – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at the firehouse at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Spohn, following proof of publication in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Annual Meeting Notice was published in the Courier News (official newspaper of the district) and provided to the Montgomery News and Packet Publications, filed with the municipal clerk, posted at the Montgomery Township municipal building, the Board's website, offices and provided to any person requesting same prior to the meeting.

Roll Call – Upon Roll Call the following commissioners were present: Commissioners Phil Adams, William Hyncik, Michael Parise, Ricky Puleio Jr. and William Spohn.

Also present: Chief Rich Kennedy, Bookkeeper Lynn Franchino, Attorney Eric Perkins and Frank Wendling Jr. for Engineer Frank Wendling III.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the June 9th 2026 meeting were presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 9th board meeting was made by Commissioner Hyncik; 2nd by Commissioner Parise. Motion passed without objection.

Public Comment – None

Meeting Updates –

Emergency Services- no meeting

Fire Prevention – No meeting.

Rescue Task Force- No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monthly Bills/ Financial Statement Review – A copy of the Treasurer's report, attached hereto and incorporated as part of these minutes, was made available to each Commissioner with a listing and description of bills to be paid.

Administration: None

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION: \$0.00

Operations: General Operating Expenses: \$943.78; Rental Charges/Apparatus Housing: \$16,419.00; General Operating Expenses/Supplies: \$1,922.95; Utilities: \$2,873.43.

TOTAL OPERATIONS: \$22,159.16.

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION and OPERATIONS: \$22,159.16.

(Additional detail regarding accounts charged and vendors is contained in the Treasurers Report)

RESOLUTION 2026-19 Payment of Bills

Upon certification that there are sufficient encumbered and unencumbered funds in the FY 2026 budget to pay the bills as presented and having designated the accounts to which each should be charged, authorization is granted to pay the bills as set forth in the Treasurer's report and FY2026 Encumbered Check Detail, allocated to the various administration, operating and capital accounts. Total bills to be paid in the amount of \$22,159.16.

Motion to approve accept the Treasurer's report and approve payment of the bills by Commissioner Hyncik, 2nd by Commissioner Parise. Resolution Ayes: Adams, Hyncik, Parise, Puleio and Spohn. Nays: None

No transfer of funds into the operating account is necessary.

Chairman Spohn will remind the fire company treasurer to remit the fire company share of annual insurance premiums.

Noting that the BOFC has received the first half of the year tax monies in the amount of \$507,571.00 from Montgomery Township. This includes the Supplemental Fire Services monies. Commissioner Adams made a motion to transfer \$200,000.00 of the sum received to the RBC capital account. Treasurer Hyncik seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Training Facility: Commissioner Puleio reported construction should begin in late July/August. The initial invoice for the increased rent for the training facility is included in tonight's bills.

LOSAP: Commissioner Parise reported that he now has access to the BOFC accounts on the Corebridge website. He will prepare a list of vested and non-vested accounts. He will also note which accounts are close to vesting. Service outside the State of New Jersey does not count toward vesting. He noted that Corebridge has no role in vesting and does not monitor accounts to determine if they are vested or not. Letters will be sent to all members without five years of service with ample opportunity to respond. No action is required tonight.

The Corebridge representative Daniel Drabkin will attend the fire company meeting on Monday, July 13th to speak with members.

New Apparatus: No update.

Generator Replacement: Commissioner Hyncik will provide information on contractors and consultants to Chief Kennedy.

Brush Truck: No update.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Kennedy reported that there were 29 calls for service in the month of June.

The truck check process has been updated to include consumables.

The township fuel pumps are back in service.

Drills included the monthly meeting, truck checks, a fire critique and pump requalification, hose lines, pumping supply lines, strategy and tactics, ladders and radios.

Car 45-1 is at East Coast for the installation of lights, sirens and the command box. The installation of the radios and KNOX box are scheduled for July 20th.

The Chief requested approval to purchase two 2 ½ inch cellar nozzles. Low quote was from the FireStore in the amount of \$1,635.00 for two. He also requested the purchase of two inflatable rescue kayaks, two pairs of paddles, two medium boat bags and two SCBA Quick fill kits. The price for all of this equipment is \$6,629.70 and it is available from Fire Fighter One as the sole source provider in New Jersey. The kayaks will supplement existing equipment for swift water rescues. Commissioner Hyncik moved approval of the purchases. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Puleio and unanimously approved.

Engineers Report

In the absence of Engineer Frank Wendling III, Frank Wendling Jr. gave the report. Engine 45-3 tire re-alignment is complete. Tower 45 has a leaking tire valve stem on

the outside tire in the rear on the driver's side. All tires on the apparatus will be inspected and the leaking stem replaced. A tentative schedule for apparatus PM's has been slated for August.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.