

April 8th 2026 Meeting Minutes

Overview

The meeting covered several key points: approval of March bills, a \$5,350 budget for gear cleaning, and a \$4,284.59 budget for a new thermal imaging camera. Chief Orsini discussed the need for gear cleaning and decontamination, and the replacement of two truck tires. The board considered moving the annual election to November, but voted against it. They also discussed the installation of LED lights on the sign, the purchase of air packs in the future, and the need for a new chief vehicle. The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn, setting the next meeting for May 13. All commissioners were present along with Administrator Wesolowski, Chief Orsini and Deputy Chief DiPaolo.

- [] Have Burlington building maintenance perform a one-time building once-over (janitorial/maintenance) as scheduled for tomorrow morning
- [] Begin the process to replace the chief vehicle (change to pickup), gather timing, financing/reserve fund plan, and prepare required documentation depending on election timing
- [] Contact the sign company for a written quote for sign lighting (LED option) and provide that quote to the buildings & grounds committee

Outline

Approval of Minutes and March Bills

- William J Wesolowski opened the meeting by reading the open public meetings opening statement and confirming the preparation and signing of an affidavit certifying the delivery and posting of notices.
- Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
- William J Wesolowski calls for a motion to approve the minutes on motion by Sterling, second by Gifford and March bills on motion by Gifford and second by Grant, which are approved unanimously.

Chief's Report

- Chief Orsini reports on the total calls for the month, personnel responders, and equipment demonstrations by Red Line for gear cleaning and decontamination.
- Chief Orsini discusses the need for gear cleaning and decontamination, suggesting it be added to the Red Line's responsibilities.
- Chief Orsini mentions the need for a new thermal imaging camera and the potential replacement of the chief vehicle with a pickup truck.
- Discussion on the steering box issue, estimated at \$15,000, and the replacement of tires on two trucks.

- Chief Orsini highlights the importance of keeping gear and trucks clean for safety and budget considerations.

Residential Development and Symposium Attendance

- Chief Orsini discusses the impact of ongoing residential development on staffing needs, mentioning specific apartment complexes being developed on North Lenola Road, the Moorestown Mall and Harper Drive.
- Plans to attend a symposium in November focused on volunteer combination fire departments, with Chief Orsini and Deputy DiPaolo attending.
- Chief Orsini mentions the transitioning challenges due to scheduling conflicts for operations and facilities assistant Alex Thompson, Battalion Chief Clancy has been assisting with the calls.
- Discussion on the cleaning of the building and the involvement of Burlington building maintenance.

Captain's Report and Inspections

- Chief Orsini provides a detailed captain's report, including quarterly inspections, equipment maintenance, and replacement needs.
- Discussion on the failure of a vacuum test and the need for further investigation.
- Mention of the Duty Crew Report and the importance of adequate coverage.
- Chief Orsini highlights the ongoing review of the impact of residential development on staffing needs.

Recruitment and Retention

- Discussion on the recruitment and retention of new members, including the use of third-party vendors for background checks.
- Plans to hold open houses during drill nights to attract new members.
- Mention of the need for guidelines for members to follow when giving tours and signing up new members.
- Agreement to proceed with the new application and process for membership consideration.

Bills and Communications

- Brian Wesolowski reviews the bills, including contributions to PFRS and PERS, and the settlement of the gym thermostat issue.
- Discussion on approval of outstanding invoices.
- Mention of the certification of the tax levy and invoicing District 1 f for the first quarter of shared services.
- Motion by Grant, Second by Clark passed unanimously approving the bills.

Old Business

- Phone update, installation complete for Firehouse by Verizon, BFP install is 4/13.

New Business

Election and District Boundaries

- Discussion on the potential change of the annual election date to November and the impact on budget approval.
- Clarification on the process of aligning fire district lines with voting districts and the involvement of the county board of elections.
- Agreement to wait and see how the November election works for Fire District 1 before making a decision.
- Resolution 2026-10 Moving to November Election was defeated unanimously.

Gear Cleaning and Budget Allocation

- William J Wesolowski questions the frequency of gear cleaning and the cost of \$5,350 for the year.
- Discussion on the use of specialized fire cleaning companies versus local building maintenance for truck cleaning.
- Agreement to allocate funds for gear cleaning and the importance of thorough cleaning for safety.
- Motion by Grant, second by Gifford to approve the \$5,350 for gear cleaning, with a note on the potential need for additional cleaning if major fires occur. Motion passed unanimously.

Imaging Camera Purchase

- Discussion on the purchase of an imaging camera, with a budget of \$4,284.59.
- Agreement to proceed with the purchase, noting it is within the current budget.
- Clarification on the state contract for the imaging camera and the potential for additional costs.
- Motion by Grant, Second by Clark to approve the purchase of the imaging camera, with no further questions or concerns.sa

Sign Refurbishment

- Discussion held regarding how to replace the light bulbs in the sign. Quote from electrician was \$1475, decided to purchase retrofit bulbs and install them ourselves.

Pubic comment and Adjournment

- There was no comment from the public.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting, with the next meeting scheduled for May 13.