

February 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The meeting covered the required notices for a public meeting on February 21, 2025, and the approval of January minutes and bills. Chief Matt Orsini proposed professional gear cleaning in the future and \$385 per fire apparatus cleaning. The EMS chief's proposal to staff a rig from 9 AM to 9 PM seven days a week was approved. Fire code penalties totaled \$39,650, and shared services with Maple Shade were discussed. The need for new iPads and Wi-Fi upgrades was approved, with a budget of up to \$1,000 for each. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11.

Attendance: Commissioners Gifford, Clark, Sterling, and Grant. Commissioner Wesolowski absent due to surgery recovery. Also in attendance: DFS Wesolowski, Chief Orsini, Deputy Chief DiPaolo, Battalion Chief Clancy and Lt Payne.

Action Items

- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Purchase three replacement iPads and appropriate cases for commissioners, spending up to \$1,000 total, and report back with receipts
- [] @Brian Wesolowski - Replace or upgrade building Wi-Fi hardware (routers) and contact Comcast to confirm and increase internet plan speeds as needed, spending up to \$1,000, and report status to commissioners
- [] Schedule and coordinate initial professional cleaning of three apparatus (one deep clean trial of three trucks) with vendor and manage cost not to exceed \$500 for the trial; report completion and final cost back to commissioners
- [] Attend and evaluate a demonstration for professional turnout gear cleaning, collect vendor details and pricing, and provide recommendation to include annual gear cleaning in future budgets
- [] Coordinate and implement squad staffing at the station from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM seven days a week starting March 1, including providing building access and use of chief's office for paperwork
- [] Contact the township clerk to initiate updates to the fire ordinance and proposed fee increases, prepare proposed fee schedule to present to council, and follow up after council meeting

Outline

Notice and Pledge Allegiance

- Commissioner Gifford details the required notices transmitted and posted for a public meeting pursuant to the City Public Meetings Act of 1975.
- The notice was transmitted to the Burlington County Times, posted on various bulletin boards, and filed with the clerk of the township.
- Commissioner Gifford asks everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

- The meeting begins with a call for the minutes and bills paid to be reviewed and approved.

Review of Minutes and Bills

- The minutes from January 14, 19, and 26 are reviewed with no corrections or additions.
- Motions to approve the January bills and minutes are made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Grant, with no opposition.
- The minutes and bills are approved unanimously.

Chief's Report: January Activities and Proposals

- Chief Matt Orsini reports on January activities, including personnel top calls and the need for professional gear cleaning at an approximate cost of \$3750.
- A quote for professional gear cleaning is presented with an approximate cost of \$3650, and Chief proposes quarterly cab cleanings at \$380 per cleaning.
- Discussion on the financial feasibility and benefits of the proposed cleanings.
- A motion is made by Commissioner Sterling and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve \$385 for the cleaning of three fire apparatus, not to exceed \$500.

EMS Chief's Proposal and Captain's Report

- Chief Matt Orsini discusses the EMS Chief's proposal to staff a rig from 9 AM to 9 PM seven days a week operating out of our building, starting March 1.
- The EMS staff the chief's office for paperwork, and the squad will have access to the building.
- A motion is made by Commissioner Sterling and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the EMS Chief's proposal.
- The captain's report includes updates on fuel, old meters, a cracked speed lay on 3131, and new multi-gas meters ordered.

Fire Official's Report: Fire Code Penalties and Shared Services

- Matt Orsini reports on fire code penalties collected, including \$37,750 from Kay Jewelers and a total of \$39650 in penalties for the month.
- Discussion on shared services with Maple Shade, including the need to adopt the township's ordinance and fees.
- The shared services meeting with the township manager and mayor went well, with no major questions raised.
- The need to raise fees by 15-20% is discussed, with the proposal to be presented to the town council.

Rental Manager's Report and Public Recruitment

- Matt Orsini provides a report on rental activities, including events, inquiries, and security deposits.
- Discussion on public recruitment efforts, including attending the MLK Learning Opportunity and Volunteer Encouragement fair at the Moorestown High School and the need for new strategies to attract new members.
- The importance of the Duty Crew program in retaining members is highlighted.

Bills and Communications

- Brian Wesolowski presents the bills for approval, including regular bills, snow removal, and fire prevention office registration.
- A motion is made by Commissioner Sterling and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the bills, with no opposition.
- No new communications are reported.

Old Business and Election Reminders

- No old business is discussed.
- Brian Wesolowski reminds everyone of the upcoming election on February 21 and encourages voting yes on the budget.
- Paper ballots and provisional ballots are available, and mail-in ballots have been sent out by the county.

New Business: iPads and Wi-Fi Upgrades

- Brian Wesolowski proposes buying new iPads for commissioners, with a budget of up to \$1,000.
- A motion is made by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the purchase of new iPads, with no opposition.
- Discussion on upgrading Wi-Fi hardware and increasing internet speed to more than 60 megabytes.
- A motion is made by Commissioner Grant and seconded by Commissioner Clark to spend up to \$1,000 on Wi-Fi upgrades, with no opposition.

Meeting Adjournment

- No further new business is discussed.
- The meeting is opened to the public, with no additional comments or questions.
- The date of the next meeting is set for March 11, with a motion to adjourn the meeting made and seconded.