

# Fire District Meeting 12/10/2025

The Fire District Budget Approval meeting covered several key points. The budget for 2026 includes \$1.8 million in total appropriations, \$1.1 million in revenues, and \$791,000 to be raised by taxation. A 2% raise was approved, representing \$15,000. The board discussed the need for new air packs and a 5% price increase. The meeting also addressed the transition to a new procurement card provider, US Bank, and the potential for shared services with Maple Shade Twp including a \$50,000 annual contribution. The board approved the 2026 budget resolution and discussed various operational and maintenance issues.

## Outline

### Budget Approval and Meeting Minutes

- President Wesolowski confirms the posting of notices for the meeting on various platforms, including the Moorestown Fire District 2 website.
- President Wesolowski leads the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the departed member Tom Bragg.
- President Wesolowski reviewed the minutes from the November 12 regular meeting and the executive session, with no additions or corrections. Minutes were approved on motion by Commissioner Gifford, seconded by Commissioner Clark. President Wesolowski abstained on the executive session minutes vote.

### Chief Report and Recruitment

- Chief Grant reports on Mistras paperwork regarding repairs made to 3135 since their inspection and mentions we lost two lengths of hose during hose testing, which were replaced with spare. Additionally Glick had been in to complete repairs that would be reported on in January.
- Fire Official Orsini presented routine report and discussed a major subdivision near Knowles Farm and the good access and street widths in the area.
- Bills were discussed for approval. Brian Wesolowski provided a report on the kitchen hood servicing, fuel bills, and hydrant rentals, with details in the Dropbox. Bills were approved on motion by Commissioner Gifford, seconded by Commissioner Sterling

### Budget Discussion and Resolution

- Brian Wesolowski updates the board on the budget changes, including the need to order new air packs and a 5% price increase.
- He explains the 2% raise in the budget, which represents \$15,000, and the importance of incremental increases to avoid future burdens on the taxpayers
- President Wesolowski presents the 2026 fire district budget resolution 2025-18, detailing the total appropriations, revenues, and taxation amounts.
- The board approves the resolution by roll call vote, with all members in favor.

## **Election Date Change and Shared Services Update**

- President Wesolowski discusses the need to change the annual election date from February to November, due to the county board of elections' willingness to redraw voting districts.
- Brian Wesolowski explains the potential risks and benefits of the election date change, including the need for both districts to agree.
- The board passed Resolution 2025-19 moving to a November election on a unanimous roll call vote
- FO Orsini provided an update on the Maple Shade shared services meeting, including the agreement to pay \$50,000 annually for additional responsibilities and the need for further evaluation.
- The board agrees to move forward with the shared services process, with additional information to be provided in the next meeting.

## **Old Business and Parking Lot Lighting**

- Brian Wesolowski mentions the need for \$212 worth of brackets for mounting tools, which is approved by the board on motion by Gifford, seconded by Sterling.
- Discussion on the parking lot lighting, with suggestions to adjust the existing lights or add additional lights to improve visibility.
- The board decides to wait until 2026 to address the parking lot lighting, as there is sufficient budget for other projects.
- Brian Wesolowski provides an update on the snow removal contract, noting that the current provider has not increased their prices since 2023.

## **Procurement Card and Whistleblower Policy**

- Brian Wesolowski discusses the transition from Bank of America to US Bank for the procurement card, explaining the need for a resolution to reflect the change.
- The board agrees to the transition, with Brian Wesolowski preparing the necessary resolution.
- Discussion on the whistleblower policy, with the need to ensure all employees receive and acknowledge the policy.
- The board agrees to address the policy in the next meeting, ensuring all employees are informed.

## **Part-Time Fire Company Operations Assistant**

- Fire Chief Elect Orsini presents a proposal for part-time fire company operations assistant, including administrative tasks and light maintenance.
- The board agrees to post the job description and allow members to apply, with the possibility of finding multiple individuals for different tasks.
- Discussion on the need for safeguards to ensure smooth operations, with the chief and other members providing input.
- The board agrees to proceed with the proposal, with further details to be discussed in the next meeting.

## **Meeting Closure and Acknowledgments**

- Chief Grant reported that there is a hole forming in the front suction hose on 3132. Board approved \$878 to replace the hose on motion by Commissioner Gifford and seconded by Commissioner Clark.
- President Wesolowski thanked the board members and participants for their contributions to the successful year.
- Acknowledgment of Chief Rob Grant's service and contributions to the department, with the board expressing gratitude for his leadership.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, with a public hearing for the budget to be held.
- The board and adjourns the meeting on motion by Commissioner Sterling, seconded by Commissioner Clark.