

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 2  
TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, NEW JERSEY

March 10, 2026

Chairman Patrick Coburn called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. The Sunshine Law was read, and the date and time of the meeting was posted.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence

Roll call was taken as follows:

Mr. Bailey Present

Mr. Panzarino Present

Mr. Crawford Absent

Mr. Polo Present

Mr. Wodell Present

Mr. Parker Present

Also, present President Berman, Chief Reilly, Asst. Chief Bailey, 1st Lt. Chiusano

Before the meeting, Mr. Parker sworn in Commissioner Anthony Panzarino and Mark Woodell for a 3-year term and the 2026 Budget passed.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Update of the commissioners and titles will be sent to Freehold Township and update the Commissioners Website.

Mr. Baily sent the following to the DCA, Budget Resolution, synopsis of the budget. Per the state Commissioners no longer need to public

Mr. Polo recommended the following positions for the 2026 Commissioners.

Mr. Bailey- Chairman

Mr. Panzarino Co-Chairma

Mr. Crawford Secretary

Mr. Polo Treasurer

Mr. Wodell Clerk

Roll was called, Board approved.

## CHIEF REPORT

Chief will follow up with Wireless? On the pagers that were ordered.

Wireless keyboards have been ordered.

Asst. Bailey will have a count of how many bottles will need to be replaced, at the next meeting.

RedMnX is having problems again with the dispatching of the calls. The Officers would like to move the dispatch portion to Chief 360, there's a one-time set up fee of \$1,821.00, then a yearly fee of \$1,059.00.

## RADIO/ALARMS

Mr Crawford asked Mr. Bailey to discuss the purchase the APC battery backup at Pond Road. Mr. Panzarino made a motion, 2nd by Mr. Polo.

## LOSAP/INSURANCE

Mr. Panzarino gave Chief Bailey and President Berman the number and account number for Hartford W/C.

### Workers' Comp Process (Going Forward)

If someone gets injured, you must call and report it within 24 hours.

Do not just fill out forms—the claim now needs to be called in.

They will take the information over the phone and then send back a claim number.

The hospital will need that claim number for billing.

### Important

If it's not reported right away, it can cause issues later.

Even if someone doesn't want to go to the doctor, it's best to still report it so there is a record.

### Current Claims

Ryan – Claim is active. We just need a form completed (restrictions from doctor).

Jack – Claim was initially denied, but a workers' comp claim does exist. Waiting on more info.

### Next Steps

Make sure all injuries are reported immediately.

We will organize forms and instructions so everyone knows what to do moving forward.

If needed, the injured person's doctor should complete any required paperwork.

Mr. Panzarino gave a medical form for Ryan's doctor to fill out and send back to Hartford. -

LOSAP-Mr. Panzarino called VFIS and upped the fee from \$25 to \$35 a month starting April.

## BUILDINGS

Nothing at this time

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Mr. Bailey made a request to eliminate Campbell Supply, Mr. Wodell made a motion to table the

discussion for 1 month, 2nd by Mr. Panzarino, Board Approved.

16-2-67 Radio antenna repaired, Service completed 2/26, Weather Tech floor mats installed

16-2-73 Back to shop for engine issue this week. Scene lighting to be scheduled.

16-2-75 (2025) In service, a couple more pieces of equipment to be mounted, air bag light address and in progress, plymovent adapter installed.

16-2-75 Cleaned and dismounted all tools that remained. Ready for pick-up.

16-2-76 Rear brake adjustment and possible fluid leak in rear in progress

16-2-77 Engine air intake assembly dislodged and damaged, issue reported and in progress, front suction bleed switch leaking air (airline capped off until new switch arrives)

16-2-78 Air bag light repaired, ladder rack wiring repaired.

16-2-85 Body damage parts on order awaiting arrival for repair

16-2-88 Check engine light for transmission shift selector, will be in shop this week for diagnosis. Waiting on plow parts and dollies, couple weeks out. New plow guide sticks ordered and received.

16-2-86 Waiting on plow parts and lift gate. Upcoming replacement of exhaust manifolds. Will be a Ford dealership job. Should have estimate from Freehold Ford this week.

19-2-90 Emergency lighting issue repaired, New monitor installed. Pump valves replaced.

Batteries ordered and received for SCBA

DEF ordered and received

Priced out parking bumpers for new 78 at Daniels Way

Quick Dri to be ordered this week when on sale

Mr. Panzarino made a motion to purchase, parking curb in the amount of \$258.18, 2nd by Mr. Bailey. Board Approved.

The old '76 will be leaving for Tennessee, on March 21.

Mr. Bailey stated that, now that he is serving as Chairman of the Board, he would like to cease and desist from using Campbell Supply for maintenance services. He explained that, given his position, the optics of continuing to use Campbell Supply may not reflect well on him or the Board.

He noted that in the past, he has not signed any vouchers related to Campbell Supply, but feels that, due to his current role, it would be more appropriate to discontinue their use altogether.

He then asked for input or comments from the Board regarding this matter.

A discussion was held regarding Mr. Bailey's request to cease using Campbell Supply for maintenance services. While the Board acknowledged and respected Mr. Bailey's concerns regarding the optics of continuing the relationship, it was noted that there is currently no contract in place requiring immediate action.

It was agreed that additional time would be beneficial for further review. Mr. Wodell expressed interest in becoming more familiar with this area before a final decision is made.

Mr. Bailey requested that his concerns be formally placed on record.

A motion was made to table the request for a minimum of one month, allowing time for further research and discussion. The Board agreed to continue using Campbell Supply in the interim, with the understanding that the matter will be revisited after additional review.

## NEW CHIEF'S TRUCK

Quote from Gentillini Motors for \$61,314.52 for a new 2026 Tahoe, Chief's vehicle. Mr. Panzarino made a motion to place the order, 2nd by Mr. Wodel. Board Approved

## 5 YEAR PLAN

Mr. Bailey will bring the 5 year plan to next meeting.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

An update was provided regarding the environmental sampling.

It was explained that recent elevated levels may have been due to improper sampling methods. Specifically, water samples were not being properly filtered and were taken in a way that disturbed surrounding soil. As a result, sediment may have contaminated the samples, even if there was no actual lead present in the water itself.

There was ongoing communication with the environmental team to address these concerns. It was emphasized that the sampling method used was not appropriate and needed to be corrected.

A recommendation was made to:

Conduct longer sampling intervals at a slower pumping rate to reduce disturbance.

Collect both filtered and unfiltered samples.

Unfiltered samples may show higher levels due to sediment.

Filtered samples can help demonstrate that contaminants are not present in the actual water, only in

the disturbed sediment.

It was also recommended to:

Perform the next round of sampling in 91 days,

Then continue with another round 91 days after that, depending on results.

This approach is expected to help demonstrate that the contamination is related to sediment rather than the water itself and may help resolve the environmental concerns moving forward.

The Board agreed with the recommendation and approved proceeding with the updated sampling plan.

#### OPTIMUM

Nothing at this time

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Nothing at this time

#### OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time

#### NEW BUSINESS.

Lease agreement between the Fire Company and Commissioners expires in September, the lease is with the company lawyers. Once completed, a meeting will be held to discuss.

TREASURER

Nothing at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted

Michael Crawford, Secretary

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