

# 2016

## Howell Township Fire District #5

(Fire District name and number)

# Fire District Budget

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**2016 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

**Certification Section**

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**HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5**  
(Fire District Name and Number)

**FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**

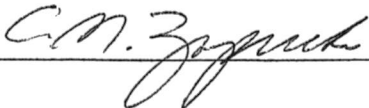
**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

*For Division Use Only*

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET**

*It is hereby certified that the approved Budget made a part hereof complies with the requirements of law and the rules and regulations of the Local Finance Board, and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-11.*

*State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services*

By:  Date: 1/7/16

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTED BUDGET**

*It is hereby certified that the adopted Budget made a part hereof has been compared with the approved Budget previously certified by the Division, and any amendments made thereto. This adopted Budget is certified with respect to such amendments and comparisons only.*

*State of New Jersey  
Department of Community Affairs  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services*

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2016 PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

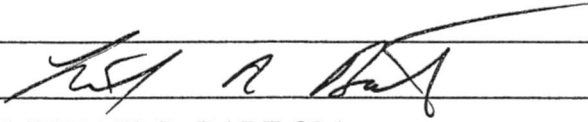
## HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5 (Fire District Name and Number)

### FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR:** January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget, including the annual budget and all schedules attached thereto, represents the Board of Commissioners' resolve with respect to statute in that: all estimates of revenues, including the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget, are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated; all items of appropriation are properly set forth; and in itemization, form and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the Fire District.

It is further certified that all proposed budgeted amounts and totals are correct. Also, I hereby provide reasonable assurance that all assertions contained herein are accurate and all required schedules are completed and attached.

Preparer's Signature:			
Name:	MICHAEL R. BART CPA		
Title:	AUDITOR		
Address:	104 MAIN STREET WOODBRIDGE NJ 07095		
Phone Number:	732-634-5680	Fax Number:	732-602-1059
E-mail address:	MBART520@HOTMAIL.COM		

# 2016 PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION OTHER ASSETS

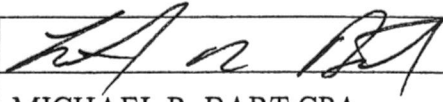
**HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5**  
(Fire District Name and Number)

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

It is hereby certified that operating appropriations, as reported in this annual budget on Page F-3, for the acquisition of Other Assets not included as Capital Outlays are Non-Bondable Assets. The Board of Commissioners has determined that the aforementioned Other Asset appropriation(s) do not meet the criteria for bonding pursuant to the Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A: 2-1 et. seq.) and more specifically, as it pertains to the expected useful life of the asset, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-21.

It is further certified that the Other Asset appropriation(s) as reported herein have been determined not to be Capital Assets pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84 and 40A:14-85. Therefore, the election has been made to treat such Other Assets as Operating Appropriations: Current Operating Expenses, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-78.6.

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# 2015 APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

## HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5

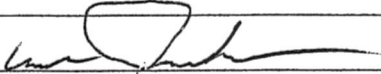
(Fire District Name and Number)

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015**

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget, including all schedules appended hereto, are a true copy of the Annual Budget approved by resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.4, on the 11th day of November, 2014.

It is further certified that the recorded vote appearing in the resolution represents not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board of Commissioners thereof.

Officer's Signature:			
Name:	WILLIAM DONAHUE		
Title:	SECRETARY/ CLERK		
Address:	EAST 5 <sup>TH</sup> STREET HOWELL NJ 07731		
Phone Number:	732-363-6641	Fax Number:	732-583-9558
E-mail address:			

# FIRE DISTRICT INTERNET WEBSITE CERTIFICATION

Fire District's Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_

All fire districts shall maintain either an Internet website or a webpage on the municipality's Internet website. The purpose of the website or webpage shall be to provide increased public access to the Fire District's operations and activities. N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2 requires the following items to be included on the Fire District's website at a minimum for public disclosure. Check the boxes below to certify the Fire District's compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2.

- A description of the Fire District's mission and responsibilities
- Commencing with 2013, the budgets for the current fiscal year and immediately two prior years
- The most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Unaudited) or similar financial information
- Commencing with 2012, the annual audits of the most recent fiscal year and immediately two prior years
- The Fire District's rules, regulations and official policy statements deemed relevant by the commissioners to the interests of the residents within the district
- Notice posted pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act" for each meeting of the commissioners, setting forth the time, date, location and agenda of each meeting
- Beginning January 1, 2013, the approved minutes of each meeting of the commissioners including all resolutions of the commissioners and their committees; for at least three consecutive fiscal years
- The name, mailing address, electronic mail address and phone number of every person who exercises day-to-day supervision or management over some or all of the operations of the Fire District
- A list of attorneys, advisors, consultants and any other person, firm, business, partnership, corporation or other organization which received any remuneration of \$17,500 or more during the preceding fiscal year for any service whatsoever rendered to the Fire District, but shall not include volunteers receiving benefits under a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP).

It is hereby certified by the below authorized representative of the Fire District that the Fire District's website or webpage as identified above complies with the minimum statutory requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.2 as listed above. A check in each of the above boxes signifies compliance.

Name of Officer Certifying compliance

William Donahue \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Officer Certifying compliance

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Signature



# 2016 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION

## HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5

(Fire District Name and Number)

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the TOWNSHIP OF HOWEL Fire District No. 5 (the "Fire District") for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the budget as introduced is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$823,870, which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$708,919, and Total Appropriations of \$823,870; and

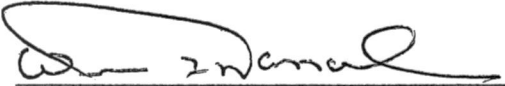
WHEREAS, the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget shall be the amount to be certified to the assessor of the municipality to be assessed against the taxable property in the district, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-79. Such amount shall be equal to the amount of the total appropriations set forth in the budget minus the total amount surplus and miscellaneous revenues set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, in calculating the amount to be raised by taxation, the Fire District has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held on December 15, 2015 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the Fire District's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on January 12, 2016.

  
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 (Secretary's Signature)

12/15/15  
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 (Date)

**Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote**

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
DAVISON	✓			
DONAHUE	✓			
DONAHUE	✓			
JAGER	✓			
DONAHUE	✓			



# 2016 ADOPTION CERTIFICATION

## HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5

(Fire District Name and Number)

## FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET

**FISCAL YEAR:** January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

It is hereby certified that the Fire District Budget annexed hereto is a true copy of the Budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:31-2.4, on the 12 day of January, 2016.

Officer's Signature:			
Name:	WILLIAM DONAHUE		
Title:	SECRETARY/ CLERK		
Address:	EAST 5 <sup>TH</sup> STREET HOWELL NJ 07731		
Phone Number:	732-363-6641	Fax Number:	732-583-9558
E-mail address:	<u>Chief19566@aol.com</u>		

# 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

## HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5 (Fire District Name and Number)

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire District No. \_\_\_\_ (the "Fire District") for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.) *[Include as appropriate: [includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in excess of the allowable amount to be raised by taxation][includes a proposed public referendum in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as an appropriation from restricted fund balance to be used as budget revenue]]*; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and Total Appropriations of \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, is hereby adopted and, *[subject to the proposed referendum being approved by 50 percent of the voters]* shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and Total Appropriations of \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

### Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
DAVISON				
DONAHUE				
DONAHUE				
JAGER				
DONAHUE				

**2016 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET**  
**Narrative and Information Section**

# 2016 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET MESSAGE & ANALYSIS

(Fire District Name and Number)

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

*Answer all questions below. Attach additional pages and schedules as needed.*

1. Complete a brief statement on the 2016 proposed Annual Budget and make comparison to the 2015 adopted budget. Explain any variances over +/-10% for each line item. Explanations of variances should include a description of the reason for the increase/decrease in the budgeted line item, not just an indication of the amount and percent of the change. Attach any supporting documentation that will help to explain the reason for the increase/decrease in the budgeted line item. **Overall costs are budgeted to remain the same, Insurance is budgeted to decrease \$13,000 while the Districts LOSAP contribution will increase \$13,000**

2. Complete a brief statement on the impact the proposed Annual Budget will have on the Amount to be Raised by Taxation to support the district budget and on the Restricted and Unrestricted Fund Balance(s). Explain increases or decreases in the tax rate and utilization of fund balances. If Unrestricted Fund Balance is reduced by more than 10%, explain the projected impact on the following year's budget. **The Amount raised by taxes increases \$26,645, because the district will utilize \$110,381 in unreserved fund balance. This use of available fund balance will not impact the following year's budget.**

3. Include a statement explaining how the Fire District is complying with the Property Tax Levy Cap. The statement must explain reasons for exceeding the Levy Cap and identify the appropriations that caused the Fire District to exceed the Levy Cap, and how they are being addressed by a referendum. **The District is in compliance with the levy cap law.**

4. If the Fire District plans to pass a Resolution for the Release of Restricted Fund Balance, explain the reason and purposes of the appropriation. N/A

5. Complete a brief statement on the Annual Budget's proposed capital appropriations and payment methods, including debt service for the proposed budget year and for future years. N/A

6. If the proposed Annual Budget contains an amount for a Cash Deficit of the Preceding Year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.6, then explain the reasons for the occurrence of the deficit. N/A

7. Does the Annual Budget appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary for the purchase of first aid, ambulance, rescue, or other emergency vehicles, equipment, supplies and materials for use by a duly incorporated association, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85.1? If so, provide the organization's incorporated name and amounts.

8. Complete the following based on the municipal assessor's latest information pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-35:

Total Assessed Valuation of District	\$ 751,996,200
Proposed Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Valuation	\$ .094

9. Is the Fire District providing for a first year funding appropriation to establish a length of service award program (LOSAP) in this year's budget subject to public referendum thereof?

No	X	Yes		If yes, how much is appropriated?	\$
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If the public question is defeated, is the Board of Commissioners aware that the budget must be amended to delete the LOSAP appropriation amount and that the Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the Budget must be reduced by a like amount?

No	X	Yes	
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# FIRE DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

## 2016

Please complete the following information regarding this Fire District. All information requested below must be completed.

<b>Name of Fire District:</b>	HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5		
<b>Address:</b>	EAST 5 <sup>TH</sup> STREET		
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	HOWELL NJ 07731		
<b>Phone: (ext.)</b>	732-363-6641	<b>Fax:</b>	732-583-9558

<b>Preparer's Name:</b>	MICHAEL R. BART		
<b>Preparer's Address:</b>	104 MAIN STREET		
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	WOODBIDGE	NJ 07095	
<b>Phone: (ext.)</b>	732-634-5680	<b>Fax:</b>	732-602-1059
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:Mbart520@hotmail.com">Mbart520@hotmail.com</a>		

<b>Chairman:</b>	CHARLES A. DAVISON		
<b>Phone: (ext.)</b>	732-363-6641	<b>Fax:</b>	732-583-9558
<b>E-mail:</b>			

<b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	W. DONAHUE		
<b>Phone: (ext.)</b>	732-363-6641	<b>Fax:</b>	732-583-9558
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:Chief19566@aol.com">Chief19566@aol.com</a>		

<b>Name of Auditor:</b>	MICHAEL R. BART		
<b>Name of Firm:</b>	BART & BART		
<b>Address:</b>	104 MAIN STREET		
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	WOODBIDGE	NJ	
<b>Phone: (ext.)</b>	732-634-5680	<b>Fax:</b>	732-602-1059
<b>E-mail:</b>			

# FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(Fire District Name and Number)

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Answer all questions below completely and attach additional information as required.

- 1) Provide the number of regular voting members of the governing body: 5
- 2) Provide the number of alternate voting members of the governing body: 5
- 3) Did any current or former commissioner or officer have a family or business relationship with any other current or former commissioner or officer during the current fiscal year? **YES Edna Donahue- Commissioner is mother of William Donahue- Commissioner and Robert Donahue-Commissioner.**
- 4) Did all individuals that were required to file a Financial Disclosure Statement for the current fiscal year because of their relationship with the Fire District file the form as required? YES *If "no," provide a list of those individuals who failed to file a Financial Disclosure Statement and an explanation as to the reason for their failure to file.*
- 5) Does the Fire District have any amounts receivable from current or former commissioners, officers, or employees? NO *If "yes," attach a list of those individuals, their position, the amount receivable, and a description of the amount due to the Fire District.*
- 6) Was the Fire District a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties:
  - a. A current or former commissioner, officer, or employee? NO
  - b. A family member of a current or former commissioner, officer, or employee? NO
  - c. An entity of which a current or former commissioner, officer, or employee (or family member thereof) was an officer or direct or indirect owner? NO*If the answer to any of the above is "yes," attach a description of the transaction including the name of the commissioner, officer, or employee (or family member thereof) of the Fire District; the name of the entity and relationship to the individual or family member; the amount paid; and whether the transaction was subject to a competitive bid process.*
- 7) Did the Fire District provide any of the following to or for a commissioner, officer, or any other employee of the Fire District:
  - a. First class or charter travel NO
  - b. Travel for companions NO
  - c. Tax indemnification and gross-up payments NO
  - d. Discretionary spending account NO
  - e. Housing allowance or residence for personal use NO
  - f. Payments for business use of personal residence NO
  - g. Vehicle/auto allowance or vehicle for personal use NO
  - h. Health or social club dues or initiation fees NO
  - i. Personal services (i.e.: maid, chauffeur, chef) NO*If the answer to any of the above is "yes," attach a description of the transaction including the name and position of the individual and the amount expended.*

**FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE  
(CONTINUED)  
HOWELL TOWNSHIP #5  
(Fire District Name and Number)**

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

- 8) Attach a list of the Fire District's vehicles including make, model and year, and indicate to whom the vehicles are assigned and their positions. If a vehicle is not assigned to a specific individual and is available to all authorized District personnel, indicate "motor pool." SEE BELOW
- 9) Did the Fire District make any payments to current or former commissioners or employees for severance or termination? \_NO\_\_\_\_\_ *If "yes," attach explanation including amount paid.*
- 10) Did the Fire District make any payments to current or former commissioners or employees that were contingent upon the performance of the Fire District or that were considered discretionary bonuses? \_NO\_\_\_\_\_ *If "yes," attach explanation including amount paid.*
- 11) Does the Fire District contract with another entity (i.e.: volunteer fire company, neighboring municipality, etc.) to provide fire protection or EMS services within the Fire District? \_YES District pays \$65,000 to Freewood Acres Fire Company for rental of Firehouse.
- 12) If the answer to #11 above is "yes," did the Fire District execute a written agreement with the entity that details the services that the entity will provide and the amount to be paid by the Fire District to the entity for the services provided? \_YES\_\_\_\_\_ *If "yes," attach a copy of the agreement. If "no," attach a description of the arrangement for services with the entity including the services provided and the basis for the amount paid by the Fire District to the entity. Also explain why the Fire District does not have a formal written agreement with the entity.*
- 13) Does the Fire District have a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) plan? \_YES\_\_\_\_\_ *If "yes," indicate a) the year it was implemented; 1998 b) the total number of volunteer members presently eligible to participate;28 c) the total number of volunteer members presently vested;11 d) whether the annual contribution for each vested member is fixed or based on an automatic increase;AUTOMATIC e) the total LOSAP budgeted for the current year;\$88,000 and f) whether the Fire District has required the Plan Contractor to submit its annual financial statement to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.49.YES*
- 8) 2004 Chevy Pickup; 2008 Dodge Durango; All are assigned to general Motor Pool.  
2013 Chevy Tahoe- Wm. Donahue, Chief; 2014 Chevy Tahoe- R. Donahue- Asst. Chief; 2015 Chevy Tahoe- Bernard Barnes- Asst. Chief