

Board of Fire Commissioners

District #5

PO Box 527

Howell, NJ 07731

13 May 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District # 5, was called to order at 20:00 at the Freewood Acres Fire Company. 17 East 5th Street Howell, NJ 07731 by Chaiman K Harper in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Asbury Park Press, Howell Times, and the Township of Howell. The yearly meeting schedule was published in the Asbury Park Press, Howell Times, and posted in town hall.

Roll call was taken with the following present; R Donahue, J Harper, K Harper, K Mannik, T Koubek.

Motion by R Donahue to suspend the regular order of business to talk with Mr. Lablanc from the insurance company. Discussion held on our policies and further coverage. Motion by R Donahue to return to normal business. Seconded by K Mannik. Motion carried.

Correspondence received from insurance for audit. Letter from Defender on discrepancies on vehicles.

Minutes from previous meeting were distributed and read. Motion by J Harper to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by K Mannik. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Chiefs report given by Assistant Chief J Donahue. 243 calls year to date. Quote for \$5996.75 was given for all the 2026 testing. Quote for Ventilation training prop for \$16,000.00. Request to switch engineer status of H Dirtche and S Conover. 19-5-91 needs to go out with a problem with the electrical system.

Old business, R Donahue reported radios are being ordered threw Wireless communications.

New business, Motion by K Harper to pay the bills. Seconded by K Mannik. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion by K Mannik to purchase computers and cables for the Engineers to up keep radios. Seconded by J Harper. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion by J Harper to purchase safe for commissioner's vital paperwork. Seconded by K Mannik. Roll call vote taken with all in favor. Motion by R Donahue for the Chief's to sign into agreement for the 2026 testing with FireFlow Inc.

Financial report given by J Harper.

Opening balance	\$404,660.17
Expenditures	\$45,014.21
Deposits	\$187,547.61
Operations	\$188,253.63
Capital	\$358,939.94
Closing	\$547,193.57

Motion by K Mannik to accept the report as given. Seconded by T Koubek. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

With no further business before the board, a Motion by K Harper to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by T Koubek. Roll call vote taken with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 21:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M Donahue

Clerk