

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1

In the Township of South Brunswick

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District no. 1 in the Township of South Brunswick, was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Chairman William Orchard, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Members present: Commissioners Berezansky, White, Orchard, and Olson

Members absent: Commissioner Hohmeier

Flag Salute: completed

Agenda Changes: none

Address from the Public: none

Approval of October Regular Meeting Minutes: Ms. Berezansky made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Mr. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Line Activities – Chief Perez reported that there we a couple of large incidents in November. They were handled extremely well with no injuries or damage to the apparatus. Otherwise, all is good. Stats for October are attached.

President – he had nothing to report.

Treasurer’s Report/Voucher List – Ms. Berezansky reported that all bills had been paid, including the payroll. After review of the List, Mr. Olson made a motion to approve it as presented, and Mr. White seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Secretary – Mr. Hohmeier was not present at this evenings meeting.

Fire Coordinator – Mr. Perez reported that the State has issued new rules of how the District Website should look. The Website provided has given Mr. Perez information in order to comply with the new rules. There are 88 standards. Now everything on the Website has to look a certain way, including certain colors, which are readable. Also must be formatted in a specific was, so people can easily access information.

There will be a one-time charge for upgrades and the monthly cost, will increase to \$275. This will take effect 4/24/26.

Chairman’s Report: Mr. Orchard had nothing to report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Public Relations: the Website is up to date.

State Association: no minutes had been received.

Insurance: all policies are paid up. It was noted that Workman's Comp was up about \$1500.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Resolution 25/26-15: Resolution to approve the annual salaries of Board members, as such: 4 Commissioners - \$5500/yr; Treasurer - \$9000/yr. Mr. Olson made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. White seconded it. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

2026 Budget: Mr. Perez explained the changes. He noted that the Auditor's cost is \$20,000; he suggested that the Board look into getting a new one.

The Commissioners reviewed line items in question:

Firefighter position: \$25,000. It was noted that Larry S. salary is set by contract. There will be no new Firefight for 2026 but probably one for 2027. It was noted that the Township is growing faster than the Districts can handle coverage.

Executive Session: none

Address from the Public: none

Adjournment: As there was no further business to discuss, Mr. Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. White seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie R. L. Knigge

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