

The eight hundred and twelfth meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025

Commissioners present were: Genzel, Reichert, Evans, Donahue and Grady Also present were Chief Millisky, Administrator Robb and Solicitor Carlamere.

Chairman Genzel opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the flag salute and acknowledgement of the meeting being held in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and having been advertised as such.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Grady and 2nd by Donahue to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

Chief's Report: Chief Millisky had nothing to report other than the department has a live burn this Saturday.

Administrator's Report: Admin Robb reviewed the attached agenda and also noted that the gear has all been cleaned in house by Redline and the invoice is included in the bills presented for approval tonight.

Solicitor's Report: None

Group Report: "A" Building Maintenance, Park (K. Donahue) No report

Group Report: "B" Fire Prevention, EMS (J. Reichert) Comm. Reichert reviewed the monthly report submitted by FM Young noting that the 2025 annual registration fees are due no later than Friday May 23rd. Penalties will be assessed on any business that is delinquent after May 23rd.

Group Report: "C" Apparatus & Equipment (R. Evans) Comm. Evans reviewed the monthly report submitted by Capt. Procopio providing updates on the new Chief's vehicle outfitting as well as station and apparatus maintenance completed.

Group Report: "D" Insurance, Hydrants, Radios & Uniforms (L. Grady) Comm. Grady commented that unrelated to his department; he recently saw on the news that anyone travelling outside of the USA should contact their health insurance company to ensure they have medical insurance while travelling. An American was stranded in another country until he paid his over \$40,000.00 medical bill for treatment in that country.

Group Report: "E" Training, Personnel, Office (G. Genzel) Chairman Genzel stated that his department will be discussed in closed session.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Grady to approve the bills presented for payment this evening in the amount of \$136,100.24

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to accept the receipts presented this evening in the amount of \$665,325.34.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Genzel to approve SQ88 to respond to calls in GTFD #1 between 6am & 6pm seven days per week starting June 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, and to authorize Chairman Genzel and Comm. Donahue to negotiate the compensation terms, with minimum compensation to D2 of \$5,000 and to sign the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the fire district.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Genzel and 2nd by Evans authorizing the department to participate in the Heart of Heroes television show highlighting the January 5th ice rescue .

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

Good of the District: Comm. Evans thanked everyone involved in the set up and assistance in the gear cleaning process and would agree that this is something that should be accomplished each year.

With approval by Chief Millisky; LT Comisky, LT Jenkinson and FF Pozniewski provided a presentation on a new integrated program (First Arriving) which they have researched which also works with the First Due Program. This program would take the place of our current subscriptions of Active 911 and Code Messaging. A very lengthy discussion was held regarding the functions, capabilities and integration of the new program as well as who would have access to post/send messages etc. It was noted that the Active 911 subscription expires July 30, 2025 so a decision should be made prior to this subscription renewing. It was also noted that there is no expiration on the quote received from First Arriving.

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Donahue to look to continue researching the First Arriving program and providing it fits the needs and criteria of the department as well as being capable to integrate with our onboard programs in the apparatus- provisional approval is granted. Continuing research will include input from Capt. Giambri.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Genzel and 2nd by Reichert to go into closed session at 8:11 pm to discuss personnel issues.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A discussion was held regarding the position of Fire Department Chief.

A motion was made by Reichert and 2nd by Evans to go back into open session at 8:45 pm.

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Genzel and 2nd by Evans to approve Resolution 25-19

Roll Call: Reichert-yes, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Grady-yes, Donahue-yes

There being no other business, a motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to adjourn at 8:48 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

Read and approved:

Chairman: George B. Genzel

Submitted:

Clerk: Marianne Robb

Date: June 11, 2025

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: Meeting – May 14, 2025

1. Shared Services / Interlocal Agreement Programs:
 - a. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00pm at Station 84.
 - b. D1 has expressed interest in having Squad 88 respond to all D1 calls for service between the hours of 6am and 6 pm, seven days a week, starting June 1, 2025. In exchange they are offering to pay \$5,000.00 to each district for the 2025 fiscal year. They've also indicated interest in budgeting additional funds for the 2026 fiscal year. Based on a May 2nd phone conversation I had with D1 Chairman Glass, I prepared and e-mailed to the group a draft D1, D2 and D4 Interlocal Agreement for Squad 88 responses to D1. I also requested additional information from Chairman Glass regarding the anticipated call volume for Squad 88 from June 1st to December 31st. The requested information has not yet been received, but D1 approved and signed the Interlocal Agreement at their meeting last night. It's anticipated that D1 representatives will be attending our Shared Services Meeting tomorrow night, at which time we will hopefully receive the additional requested information. **Request a Motion to approve the response of Squad 88 to all calls in Fire District #1 between the hours of 6am to 6pm, seven days per week, starting June 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. It is further requested that Chairman Genzel and Commissioner Donahue be authorized to negotiate the compensation terms, with minimum compensation to D2 of \$5,000.00, and to sign the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the fire district.**
 - c. Payments have been received from Fire Districts 3 and 4 for 2025 1st Quarter Squad 88 shared service costs.
 - d. The attached correspondence was sent by D4 Commissioner John Vannoni to Chairman Genzel and Commissioner Evans. The correspondence notes that D4 is preparing to reinstate consolidation discussions with D6 and is once again inviting D2 representatives to participate in the discussions.
2. Upfitting of the new chief's vehicle is nearing completion.
3. The quote for replacement of the apparatus room motion sensors is still pending.
4. The recommendations from the January 5th ice rescue award committee have been forwarded to the Board. I've asked the committee to forward suggested language for each of the awards based on their deliberations. Chief Millisky has sent correspondence to the committee requesting reconsideration of some awards. Suggest we also form a committee to determine the appropriate awards for the August 21, 2024 tree rescue in Station 84's local. C Platoon members and Station 82 volunteer staff were involved. Both of these items are still pending.
5. Per the e-mail sent to the Board a short time ago, the Heart of Heroes television show has expressed interest in highlighting the January 5th ice rescue on one of this season's episodes. Based on the viewing of prior episodes it will likely involve interviews of involved firefighters, video / photographs of our station and apparatus, and sharing of scene photos or videos. **Request a Motion to authorize the department to participate.**

6. I'm pleased to report that Captain Knight has attained his Masters of Science Degree in Public Safety / Fire Administration from Liberty University. His transcript notes that he graduated with High Distinction. Please join me in congratulating Captain Knight on his impressive accomplishment.
7. At the May monthly meeting, the Board provisionally approved Antonio Valentin to join the department as a Junior Firefighter, pending completion of a pre-membership physical / drug screen. I'm pleased to report that same was completed by Mr. Valentin and he was formally accepted as a Junior Firefighter effective May 6, 2025.
8. As approved at the May meeting, the order for a Panasonic CF-33 Toughbook computer for Squad 88 has been placed with Wireless Communications. Delivery is pending.
9. As approved at the May meeting, notification letters have been forwarded to Michael Scott, Chief Millisky and President Ardecki to officially notify them of the board's March meeting Resolution to permanently revoke the authority of Michael Scott to serve as a volunteer firefighter for Fire District #2. The letters to Mr. Scott were sent via both Standard and Certified Mail from the Glendora Post Office on April 11, 2025.
10. As a result of the unavailability of Chief Millisky, Assistant Chief Haines and Captain Gant from April 24, 2025 to April 27, 2025, and as approved by the Board, Captain Richard Knight was designated as Acting Chief on April 24th and April 25th, and Captain Nicholas Giambri was designated as Acting Chief on April 26th and April 27th. Compensation was provided per a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Fire Commissioners and IAFF Local 3249. An addendum to the current Negotiated Labor Agreement is planned to address any future needs to temporarily appoint a Career Captain as Acting Fire Chief.
11. The New Jersey Civil Service Commission Fire Fighter list has been received and shared with the Board. The list is effective from May 9, 2025 to May 8, 2027.
12. With approval from Chief Millisky, Lts Comisky and Jenkinson and FF Pozniewski have asked for the opportunity to present a proposal to the Board to switch from Active 911 to First Arriving.

Closed Session:

Chief Position Discussion