

The Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township held a workshop in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Vice-Chairman Evans 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.

Roll Call: Reichert - Present, Genzel – Absent, Evans - Present, Millisky - Present, Donahue - Present

Also in attendance was Administrator Robb and Chief Haines.

The board reviewed the items on the administrator's agenda.

Additional items discussed: Comm. Evans provided an update on the truck committee's progress for the new Squad 88 and new Squad 84. The quotes received from Fire and Safety of \$1,218,187.98 per truck are valid through April 30, 2026, so the committee's goal is to place the orders prior to that date. Commissioner Evans also noted the district is saving approximately \$15,000 per truck due to ordering two trucks with the same specs. Comm. Reichert asked Chief Haines if there has been any change in the position of the volunteer staff regarding the previously stated position that they will quit if the commissions decide to consolidate. A lengthy discuss followed.

A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Millisky to adjourn at 9:12 pm.

All in favor, motion carried

Submitted by Administrator Robb

Read and Approved:

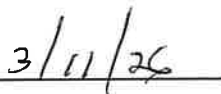
Vice-Chairman:



Clerk:



Date:



TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: Workshop – March 3, 2026

1. Shared Service Program / Interlocal Agreements:

- a. The last shared services committee meeting was held on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00pm at our station. Minutes are pending. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm at Station 84.
- b. The Staffing and Consolidation sub-committee met on February 24th. In addition to the D2 and D4 representatives, the meeting was attended by D3 Chairman Tom Jowett and D3 Commissioner Jeff Reese. The discussion was positive, and the D3 representatives agreed to discuss the topic of consolidation at the next D3 meeting. Minutes of the meeting were e-mailed to the board.
 - i. GT Council member Ciri Castro has offered to meet with representatives of D2 and D4 to obtain information regarding our consolidation proposal. With approval from the Board, Commissioner Millisky and I would like to represent D2 at the meeting.
- c. The Invoice for the remaining 2025 payment of \$2,500.00 from D1 is still pending. Commissioner Steiner recently contacted me to advise there as an issue with a number of checks mailed after their February meeting. He advised that a replacement check would be issued at their March meeting if not received by us before then.
 - i. Based on information that the D1 referendum passed, I forwarded to D1 representatives last week an Interlocal Agreement to continue the Squad 88 responses to their district through the remainder of the year, noting the current agreement expires on March 31st. I have not yet received a response.
- d. The Joint Awards and Commendations policy approved at the February meeting is in effect and has been communicated to all. I am working with GT Police representatives to obtain the necessary ribbons and certificate templates. Once that's completed, we can move forward with the January 2025 Ice Rescue awards.
- e. In light of the budget and referendum passage I suggest we initiate the process to hire two additional firefighters. It's been proposed to create a joint hiring committee, comprised of Chief Reiss, one commissioner from each district, one of the three shift captains and one shop steward (5 persons total). If the board is in favor of the proposal, we need to furnish the name of the commissioner to serve on the committee. There's also a suggestion to utilize a combined application and the same background check process. Lastly, it's suggested to simultaneously advertise for anyone interested in an Intergovernmental Transfer and certification of the civil service hiring list.
- f. Once the hiring process details are addressed, I suggest a near-future discussion regarding proposed changes to our rank structure, to include creation of a deputy chief

- b. The D2 and D4 budgets both passed, as did our respective referendums to hire two additional firefighters per district.
 - c. The election results have been reported to the DCA via the FAST portal and GT Officials. The results have also been posted to the fire district website and to the recently created joint D2/D4 Facebook page.
 - d. This year's cost for the printing and mailing of the Vote By Mail ballots through Color Source is \$7,718.00.
10. The board was recently provided with a Fire District Cash Management Plan. Absent any questions or concerns, I will request a Motion at next week's meeting to approve the plan.
 11. I recently forwarded to the board a letter received from New Jersey American Water Company noting a possible per hydrant rate increase of \$0.00 to \$8.36. Given that we have 155 New Jersey American Water hydrants in our district, this could result in a significant increase. However, we received a similar notice last year but did not experience a significant increase. Hopefully the same holds true this year.
 12. The state has revised the public notice advertising law, and now permits Public Notices to be posted on fire district websites in lieu of advertising in a newspaper. However, districts are required to post notices in a local newspaper twice a month through the end of the year advising residents of the location where the notices can be found. The deadline for compliance is May.