The eight hundred and twenty-third meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

Commissioners present were: Genzel, , Evans, Donahue and Millisky Also present were Chief Haines, 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. A moment of silence was held in honor of recently passed Commissioner Joseph Reichert, Jr.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Donahue at 7:03pm to go into closed session to discuss Board personnel issues.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to go back into open session at 7:15pm.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Donahue to solicit letters of interest for the vacant unexpired term of Comm. Reichert. All letters of interest must be submitted by Thursday August 27th for review by the Board.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

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

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

Chief's Report: Chief Haines reported on the social activities provided by the fire department personnel to include a Christmas in July event with Santa on Cameron Circle as well as attending many of the National Night Out events throughout the district. Chief Haines also informed all present that he had received an email from Pine Hill FD advising that TL6 is no longer permitted to leave town. Chief Haines adjusted our boxes to reflect SQ6 on the initial dispatch. Chief Haines also reported that there will be a township wide single tone dispatch for structure fires.

Administrator's Report: Admin Robb reviewed the attached agenda and answered questions accordingly.

Solicitor's Report: None

Group Report: "A" Building Maintenance, Park (K. Donahue) Comm. Donahue reported that the air compressor has been repaired-adding that the pump had burned out from running continuously due to a leak in a R82 air bag.

Group Report: "B" Fire Prevention, EMS) Comm. Millisky reviewed the Fire Prevention Bureau report supplied by FM Young.

Group Report: "C" Apparatus & Equipment (R. Evans) Comm. Evans reviewed the station and apparatus report submitted by Capt. Procopio, noting that Pierce is going to send a new valve for the TL outrigger, to be installed by Fire & Safety services once received. FF Comisky questioned if we typically send out for airbag issues and Comm. Evans stated that the lift in the Station 82 shop is not certified for the size & weight of the truck.

Group Report: "D" Insurance, Hydrants, Radios & Uniforms (M. Millisky)

Group Report: "E" Training, Personnel, Office (G. Genzel)-Chairman Genzel reported that his topics will be discussed in closed session and commented that Admin Robb did a great job with the presentation to Mayor Mayer regarding the need for consolidation of the fire districts.

Old Business: Comm. Evans questions Chief Haines regarding his request to expand the radius of new member applicants from 3 miles to 7 miles. Where did the 7-mile mark come from why not ask for 5 miles? Comm. Millisky also questioned who would be monitoring the new volunteers that may be travelling from 5-7 miles away? Comm. Donahue wants to discuss this topic further regarding concerns and suggested this be a topic for the workshop of September 1st adding that Chief Haines is welcome to attend.

New Business: A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Millisky to approve the bills presented for payment this evening in the amount of $139,444.62

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to accept the receipts presented this evening in the amount of $889,061.13

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Millisky to approve the purchase of the following equipment: 10 pair of Ringers rescue gloves, 6 fire Dex hoods, 1 Mustang ice rescue suit and 4 Scott 30-minute 30-year SCBA cylinders from Dival Safety and Supplies of Buffalo, NY for a low quote total of $9,431.00, 10 pair of Fire Dex Gloves and 3 MSA 1368 helmets (one white and two black) from Continental Fire & Safety of Hamilton NJ for the low quote total of $2,879.94, and 1 Stihl MS462 RCM Chainsaw from Ed's Rental of Erial NJ for the low quote cost of $1,849.99.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to authorize all eligible career firefighters to register for the upcoming Civil Service Fire Captain test if interested.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Genzel to approve two District #2 commissioners and Administrator Robb to meet with members of Gloucester Township Council regarding the proposed consolidation of fire districts.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to authorize the opening of a Sam's Club account in the name of the fire district for approved purchases related to fire district operations.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

Good of the District: Comm. Evans thanked the volunteers for their participation at National Night Out and Christmas in July event. Admin Robb took the opportunity to enumerate his qualifications as both a fire fighter/officer and as Administrator regarding the anonymous letter and an additional letter authored by Captain Comisky questioning his integrity and job performance. Congratulations were offered to Captain Giambri and FF Wolf for their recognition of outstanding performance while on duty for a vehicle crash on Rt. 42. Councilman Siri Castro commented that with the fire service is always about the residents, not whose name is on the coat or trucks – it's about the residents. Consolidation is not an easy process and everyone has a job to do. Chairman Genzel thanked Councilman Castro for attending and his input. Life member, former commissioner and former President of the fire department Larry Grady questioned Councilman Siri as a resident of our district how he feels about consolidation. Mr. Castro replied that he wants to see the fire department provide the service that the residents are supporting and are entitled to.

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to go into closed session at 8:13pm to discuss personnel matters.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Millisky to go back into open session at 9:15 pm.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

A motion was made by Genzel and 2nd by Evans to disqualify career firefighter applicant Anthony Tomasco due to failing to meet the residency requirement.

Roll Call: Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

There being no other business, a motion was made by Millisky and 2nd by Donahue to adjourn at 9:19pm All in favor, motion carried.

Read and approved: Chairman: George H. Genzel

Submitted: Clerk: Marianne E. Robb

Date: Sept 9, 2026.

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: Meeting – August 12, 2026

1. Shared Service Program / Interlocal Agreements:
    a. The last shared services committee meeting was held on Thursday, July 16th at Station 84. Minutes are pending. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th at 7:00pm at our station.
    b. The Staffing and Consolidation sub-committee met with Mayor David Mayer on Monday, July 20, 2026. The members discussed the previously shared financial spreadsheets and utilized a PPT presentation in support of our proposal to consolidate fire districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, noting the consolidation will require the support of mayor and council. At the conclusion of the meeting Mayor Mayer agreed to provide us with an opportunity to make the same presentation to members of council on a future date. I was contacted by Councilman Castro yesterday and advised that he is working to coordinate a meeting between our committee and Council President Mercado and Council Vice-President Mignone in early September. **Request a Motion to approve two D2 commissioners and I to meet with members of Gloucester Township Council for the noted purpose.**
    c. The 2nd quarter Squad 88 Interlocal Agreement payments in the amounts of $6,937.50 for D1 and $10,437.50 for D3 have been received.
    d. The following representatives have been appointed to the 2026 Awards and Commendations Committee: Chief Reiss, Chief Haines, Captain Giambri, Lieutenant Donahue, Commissioners Millisky and McCann.
        i. On July 8th I e-mailed the committee members to request that they conduct the necessary preparation for and schedule a ceremony to recognize those involved in the January 2025 ice rescue. I also requested they review the memo prepared by FF Wolf reference a crash with entrapment on Route 42 on April 24, 2026 to determine if recognition is warranted. I e-mailed the group again this morning, as no response has been received.
    e. Hiring Process:
        i. Request a Closed Session discussion of civil service candidate Anthony Tomasco Jr. regarding a residency issue.
        ii. Candidate Nicholas Woods has accepted an offer of employment with our district and has successfully completed the pre-employment physical / drug screen and psych eval. I am coordinating the IGT paperwork with D6 Chief Brown, and we have agreed on a D6 release date of Saturday, August 29, 2026, a D2 start date of Sunday, August 30, 2026. Ff Woods will report for his first day of work for orientation of Monday August 31, 2026, and is being assigned to A Platoon.

iii. Candidate Nicholas Angelozzi has accepted a provisional offer of employment with D4. He has completed his pre-employment physical/drug screen, and his psych eval is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19th. Assuming no issues with same, Chief Reiss will determine his platoon assignment, and is working with D5 representatives on the IGT paperwork, with a targeted start date of Monday, August 31, 2026. Chief Reiss advises that he will be assigned to the C Platoon.

iv. We have four candidates remaining: Shaun Lowe, a resident of Gloucester Township with no firefighting experience; D'Angelo Youngkin, a disabled vet from Cherry Hill, NJ, currently attending the GC FFI / FFII class; Bradley Engime, a resident of Pennsauken, NJ with no firefighting experience; and Eric Oberle, a resident of Voorhees, NJ, and a FFI certified member of the Waterford Twsp. Fire Department. We are hoping to fill the remaining two positions from the above candidates as soon as we complete the background process and interviews.

f. Only two firefighters responded to the survey sent by Chief Reiss regarding intra-platoon transfers. I plan to meet with Chief Reiss and the D4 personnel director in the near future to determine a course of action.

2. We have been notified by the New Jersey Civil Service Commission that our fire district will be including in this year's Fire Captain's test. Firefighter's Ritz, Lindell, Foley and Wolf are all eligible to take the test. **Request a Motion to authorize the listed personnel to register for the test if interested.**
3. I'm pleased to report that Captain Giambri and Firefighter Wolf have each received 2026 Firehouse Valor Community Awards as a result of their actions at a motor vehicle crash with a serious natural gas leak on Sicklerville Road on May 13, 2025. Please join me in congratulating them on their accomplishment.
4. Our third quarter tax levy check in the amount of $866,192.95 has been received from the township.
5. While preparing for the Zoom meeting with the Local Finance Board regarding the purchase of the new Squad 88 and Squad 82, I discovered that our restricted apparatus purchase fund had not increased from the current amount of $241,776.99 since 2022, in spite of our intention to add $100,000.00 to the fund in the 2023, 2024 and 2025 budget years. Upon further research, it was discovered that the fire district accountant made an incorrect entry on the state's budget worksheet in each of those years, which resulted in a failure to add the $100.000.00 to the amount to be raised by taxation. A contributing factor was the incorrect advice given to the accountant by the Local Finance Board during their review of our 2023 budget. I will discuss with the board a plan to address the shortfall during our 2027 budget discussions.
6. **Request a Motion to approve the purchase of the following equipment from the listed vendors, for the total purchase cost of $14,160.93:**
    a. Ten (10) pair of Ringers rescue gloves, Six (6) Fire Dex hoods, one (1) Mustang Ice Rescue Suit AND FOUR (4) Scott 30-minute, 30-year SCBA cylinders from Dival Safety and Supplies of Buffalo, NY for the low quote total of $9,431.00.

b. Ten (10) pair of Fire Dex fire gloves and Three (3) MSA 1368 helmets (one white and two black) from Continental Fire and Safety of Hamilton, NJ for the low quote total of $2,879.94
c. One (1) Stihl MS462 RCM Chainsaw from Ed's Rentals of Erial, NJ for the low quote cost of $1,849.99.

7. Per the e-mail sent to the board, Captain Procopio was removed from his Trustee position by the fire company's executive board due to missing three consecutive fire company meetings. On behalf of the board, I'd like to thank Captain Procopio for his 20+ years of service as a trustee, and for the many projects he oversaw and the numerous repairs he completed during those years.
8. **On a related topic, request a Motion to authorize Captain Procopio to open a Sam's Club account in the name of the fire district for approved purchases related to fire district operations.**
9. Chief Haines has requested a revision to A.P. 16-3 V2, New Member Applicants. If approved, the revision will expand the radius for accepting untrained applicants from the current standard of three miles to seven miles. For reference, this would expand the northern boundary to Route 38 on the Cherry Hill Township / Pennsauken border, the eastern boundary to Cooper Road in Voorhees Township, the southern boundary to Hurfville-Cross Keys Road in Washington Township, and the western boundary to Grove Road in West Deptford Township. **If the board is in favor of the change, request a Motion to approve the policy.** It should be noted that SOG 22-01 Personal Vehicle Response / Blue Lights, restricts use of blue lights beyond 2 miles from the fire district border. If the policy change is approved, a review of the POV policy will be requited to ensure there are no conflicts.
10. Training:
    i. The approval at the July meeting to permit newly certified fire investigators Ritz and Wolf to respond to serious fires in Fire District 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 to gain experience in cause and origin fire investigations has been communicated to them.
    b. The policies developed by Fire Officials Young and O'Connor reference distribution of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and an update to the fire investigations policy are still in the review process, and will hopefully be ready for requested approval at the September meeting.
    c. Training of D4 Captain / Fire Official Brandon O'Connor as a driver/operator of R82 and TL82 is still pending his availability.
    d. Members of Squad 88 A and C Platoon have been trained by Captain Procopio as TL82 drivers, and training of B Platoon members is ongoing.
    e. Volunteer Probationary Firefighters Ernest Magrys and Andrew Hargenrader are currently enrolled in the Gloucester County Fire Academy's FFI and FFI program.
11. The policy sub-committee is making good progress on the proposed updates to the D2/D4 Interlocal Agreement, along with the three Addendums; Substitutes, Cost Shares and Dispute Resolution. Whereas the original Interlocal Agreement was limited to creation of the 24/7 staffing program (Squad 88), the proposed new agreement has been expanded to cover all aspects of our emergency services operation. It is felt that the updated agreement, if approved,

will authorize the districts to jointly engage in any aspect of our operation that will enhance our emergency responses, including, but not limited to; staffing, training, emergency responses, apparatus, equipment, fire prevention and associated costs. It will also be consistent with our current and planned joint endeavors, which have expanded far beyond the Squad 88 program. The language in the Substitute Addendum has been updated to reflect our current practice of utilizing career firefighters from other participating districts, in addition to the use of volunteer firefighters from Chews Volunteer Fire Company #1 and Blackwood Volunteer Fire Company. A copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement and Substitute Addendum was e-mailed to board members this morning for review. Once the proposed changes to the remaining addendums are completed, the committee will work on proposed changes to the District Fire Chief policy, with a recommendation to make it a joint D2/D4 policy. All proposed changes will be forwarded to the board for review and approval once completed.

12. The kitchen committee has met and developed a proposal for the discussed renovations. Now that Captain Procopio is no longer a Trustee I don't believe he will be involved with the project.
13. Volunteer Staff:
    a. Applicants:
        i. Ryan Lisle – 23-year-old male resident of Fairways Apartment, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete, approved to receive his physical on June 8, 2026 but had not yet scheduled same as of this morning.
        ii. Nicholas Lee – 22-year-old male resident of Woodmill Drive, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete, approved to receive his physical on June 22, 2026, but had not yet scheduled same as of this morning.
    b. Status:
        i. Captain Jenkinson was not medically cleared after receiving his department physical on 12/22/2025. He visited Interstate Mobile on July 20, 2026 and received another physical, but was not medically cleared for the same reason. According to the Interstate Mobile representative, it does not appear that he has seen his personal care physician to address the issue.
14. A plan to begin phasing out our leather helmet inventory, many of which are 20+ years old, is being developed by Commissioner Evans and Chief Haines.
15. I am working on plans for our annual 9/11 ceremony, to be held on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7:00am. Barring any objections, I'm assuming we will ask our personnel to wear their Class A uniforms, given that this will be the 25th anniversary.
16. The annual fire department physicals are scheduled for Monday, October 12th, starting at 4:00pm.

**Closed Session.**