

The eight hundred and twenty first meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #2, Gloucester Township was held in the Chews Landing Fire Station on Wednesday, July 8^h, 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 7:01 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-absent, 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: Reichert-absent, Genzel-yes, Evans-yes, Millisky-yes, Donahue-yes

Chief's Report: Chief Haines reported on the fire on Brookline Drive, stated that he received an email from Chief Woods of GTFD #1 that their department will not respond until called, he received an invitation to train with the Voorhees fire department at a vacant building and Station 81 invited our department to attend a Ladder Operations training by Ron Taylor on July 23rd. The Chief also mentioned that Capt. Gant will be OIC while he is away for a few days in July.

Administrator's Report: Administrator Robb reviewed the attached agenda providing additional information as needed. Comm. Donahue inquired about the status of Capt. Jenkinson to Chief Haines who reported that to his knowledge, Capt. Jenkinson has been cleared by his primary physician and has an appointment scheduled with Betsy of Interstate Mobile. Chief Haines will reach out to Capt. Jenkinson for an update.

Solicitor's Report: None

Group Report: "A" Building Maintenance, Park (K. Donahue) Comm. Donahue reported that the compilation of the budget report this month was run from the first online bill payment thru the end of the month due to our online bill paying, but next month we will resume with a meeting date to meeting date format as previously reported.

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

Group Report: "C" Apparatus & Equipment (R. Evans)-Comm. Evans reviewed the Apparatus and Station maintenance report provided by Capt. Procopio commenting that Capt. Procopio & FF Foley are providing good maintenance and preventive maintenance as evidenced at the drafting drill.

Group Report: "D" Insurance, Hydrants, Radios & Uniforms (M. Millisky)-No report

Group Report: "E" Training, Personnel, Office (G. Genzel) Chairman Genzel will address his items in closed session as they deal with personnel issues.

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Donahue and 2nd by Evans to approve the bills presented for payment this evening in the amount of \$129,464.63.

Roll Call: Reichert-absent, 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 \$1,862.07.

Roll Call: Reichert-absent, 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 the Administrator to meet with Mayor Mayer regarding consolidation.

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

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to make a Provisional Offer of employment to Nicholas Woods either as an IGT from GTFD #6 or as a new hire from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission list of eligibles. If approved, the offer will be contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment psychological evaluation and a physical/drug screen. Start date would be pending.

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

A motion was made by Evans & 2nd by Millisky to approve the MOU of Camden County Rescue Task Force and to authorize Chief Reiss to sign the agreement on behalf of Fire District #2.

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

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Millisky to approve the purchase of rope rescue equipment and Super Vac PPV fan for Squad 88 from Continental Fire & Safety of Hamilton, NJ for the low quote amount of \$7,297.38. This cost will be shared equally with GTFD #4 resulting in a cost of \$3,648.68 for GTFD #2.

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

A discussion was held regarding the new idea from Chief Haines to create circles/layers of membership in order to incorporate a larger drawing area for new members. The concern of the Board is the distance members would be travelling responding to calls potentially at higher rate of speed. Chief Haines is to present a written proposal for the board's consideration.

Good of the District: Comm. Evans thanked our volunteers for their dedication over the holiday weekend.

A motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Donahue to go into closed session at 8:01pm

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

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

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

A motion was made by Millisky and 2nd by Genzel to disqualify career firefighter applicants Sean Barger and Eggerton Taylor Jr. due to residency.

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

There being no other business a motion was made by Evans and 2nd by Evans to adjourn at 9:17pm. All in favor motion carried.

Read and approved:

Chairman:



Submitted:

Clerk:



Date:



TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Bill Robb – Administrator

RE: Meeting – July 8, 2026

1. Shared Service Program / Interlocal Agreements:

- a. The last shared services committee meeting was held on Thursday, June 18th at our station. Minutes are pending. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16th at 7:00pm at Station 84.
- b. The Staffing and Consolidation sub-committee last met on June 23rd, and the minutes were forwarded the same day. Councilman Castro attended and reiterated his support of our consolidation efforts. D1 and D3 have both declined our offer to participate in our consolidation efforts. Councilman Castro has scheduled a meeting with Mayor Mayer on Monday, July 20th at 3:00pm to present our request to consolidate fire districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, and to seek his support. **Request a Motion to approve two D2 commissioners and I to meet with Mayor Mayer for the noted purpose.**
- c. Per the attached Financial Reconciliation Memo, we owe D4 \$1,097.78 to reconcile our respective 2026 2nd quarter Squad 88 costs.
- d. Invoices have been forwarded to D1 in the amount of \$6,937.50, and D3 in the amount of \$10,437.50 for 2026 2nd quarter compensation per our Squad 88 Interlocal Agreements.
- e. 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. I e-mailed the committee this morning 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.
- f. Hiring Process:
 - i. Per the memo forwarded to the board, request a Closed Session discussion of civil service candidates Sean Barger and Eggerton Taylor Jr.
 - ii. The hiring committee interviewed Candidate Nicholas Woods on Thursday, June 23, 2026. At the conclusion of the interview, the committee voted to offer to Mr. Woods a tentative offer of employment with our fire district as an IGT transfer from Gloucester Township Fire District #6. We have previously been advised that D6 is willing to release him, but I'm awaiting a conversation with Administrator / Chief Brown to confirm same. If D6 doesn't agree to release him for some reason, Mr. Woods still has the option to resign from D6 and accept our offer, as he is reachable on the civil service list. **Request a Motion to make a Provisional Offer of Employment to Nicholas Woods, either an as**

Intergovernmental Transfer from D6, or as a new hire from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission List of Eligibles. If approved, the offer will be contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment psychological evaluation and a physical / drug screen. The start date is pending.

- iii. D5 IGT candidate Nicholas Angelozzi is currently in the background investigation phase, as are civil service candidates Anthony Tomasco Jr, Matteus Reissman, Shaun Lowe and D'Angelo Youngkin.
 - g. A transfer request form was forwarded by Chief Reiss on July 1st to all members of the Squad 88 platoons to identify those interested in inter-platoon transfers, with a deadline for return of July 15th. After that date, representatives of D2 and D4 will meet to review the requests and establish a transfer plan.
 - h. Joint Operational Guideline 23-002 V2, Incident Response Priorities, approved by the board last month, is in effect and has been communicated to all active response personnel.
 - i. The attached Camden County Rescue Task Force MOU was previously shared with the board and has been reviewed by Solicitor Carlamere. **Request a Motion to approve the MOU, and to authorize Chief Reiss to sign the agreement on behalf of Fire District #2.**
 - j. **Request a Motion to approve the purchase of rope rescue equipment and a Super Vac PPV fan for Squad 88 from Continental Fire and Safety of Hamilton, New Jersey for the low quote amount of \$7,297.38. The cost will be shared equally with D4, resulting in a D2 cost share of \$3,648.68.**
 - k. The application for the previously approved FEMA Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been filed by D4. The grant, filed on behalf of all six township fire districts, seeks funding for replacement of one hundred and eighty-nine (189) obsolete portable radios at a total cost of \$967,122.45. If awarded, the D2 10% cost share for the purchase of thirty-nine (39) portable radios will be \$19,956.50. If the grant is awarded, I expect the purchase will be made during the 2027 fiscal year.
2. Tabled from last month: Chief Haines is requesting a revision of A.P. 16-3 V2, New Member Applicants. Specifically, he's requesting to expand the radius for non-trained applicants from 3 miles to 6 miles. For reference, this would expand the northern boundary to Cherry Hill Township, the eastern boundary to Voorhees Township, the southern boundary to southern Washington Township, and the western boundary to West Deptford Township.
3. Training:
- a. I recently participated in a Lexipol Webinar titled *After the Verdict: Operational Lessons from a \$31.5M Firefighter LODD case*. The link to the webinar has been forwarded to representatives of the operational staff, with a suggestion to have it viewed by the department's line officers. Chief Haines has expressed his opinion that the training should be optional. I will reiterate my request that the webinar be required viewing by all career and volunteer officers, given the extremely informative safety content.
4. In light of his illness, Commissioner Reichert approved me to work with Fire Official Young on several topics related to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

- i. One topic involves a request by Fire Official Young 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. Their response has been approved by the fire officials of each district, and compensation will be per the collective bargaining agreement. **Request a Motion to approve the request, noting that the same authorization was given to the previous Deputy Fire Marshal.**
 - b. Fire Officials Young and O'Connor have also drafted policies for distribution of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and an update to the fire investigations policy. These policies are still in the review process, and will hopefully be ready for requested approval at the August 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. The training of career staff as TL82 drivers continues by Captain Procopio is continuing.
5. The proposed revision to the D2/D4 Table of Organization has been provided to the board for review, along with the proposed job responsibilities. Before requesting approval for the proposed change, we plan to review the D2/D4 interlocal agreement and the D2 Fire Chief policy to identify the necessary changes to ensure the documents align with the proposed changes. The documents will be forwarded to the board for review and comment once the review is completed.
6. Update from March Agenda: On June 23, 2026, Captain Procopio prepared a proposed layout for the kitchen renovation. President Ardecki mentioned a desire to schedule a meeting this month to finalize the plan. To my knowledge, the meeting is still pending.
7. Volunteer Staff Changes:
 - a. Applicants:
 - i. Andrew Hargenrader – 24-year-old male resident of Broadmoor West, no firefighting experience. Membership was approved on June 24, 2026. Scheduled to attend the Gloucester County FFI/FFII training starting August 3, 2026.
 - ii. Ryan Lisle – 23-year-old male resident of Fairways Apartment, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete, physical is pending.
 - iii. Nicholas Lee – 22-year-old male resident of Woodmill Drive, no firefighting experience. Background check is complete. Physical is pending.
 - b. Status Changes:
 - i. Captain Jenkinson is still not medically cleared for firefighting duty (since 12/22/2025) At last check he has not followed up with our medical provider since that date.
8. 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.
9. **Request approval of Resolution 26-23 to authorize payment of certain bills prior to the scheduled board of fire commissioner meetings.**

Closed Session.