

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT No. 4 — RAMTOWN
HOWELL TOWNSHIP MONMOUTH COUNTY
88 RAMTOWN-GREENVILLE RD.
HOWELL, N.J. 07731-2790

REORGANIZATION MEETING MARCH 12, 2024

Chairman Greg Scarlato called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Scarlato read the following legal disclosure:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place, and agenda, to the extent know thereof, posted as follows:

- Published in the Asbury Park Press on December 21, 2023
- Published in the Howell Times on December 18, 2023
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 18, 2023
- Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building
- Posted on www.njfiredistricts.org

The above postings indicate that Formal Action May Be Taken.

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Scarlato, Stalling, Bailey, Romano, and Acampora all in attendance.

It was noted that there were zero (-0-) members of the public in attendance.

Chairman Scarlato noted that the sole purpose of the tonight's meeting is to reorganize the business positions for the year 2024.

Chairman Scarlato issued the Oath of Office to re-elected commissioners Ricky Romano and Michael Acampora. After administering the oath of office, Commissioners Romano and Acampora were congratulated by everyone in attendance.

Clerk Acampora reported that the 2024 Budget was passed and the certified results were provided to the State of NJ and the Township of Howell by Solicitor Haines-Sendzik.

The Board members discussed the five (5) business positions that need to be filled for 2024. Upon conclusion of the Board's discussion, it was decided that the Board seats will be filled as listed below:

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Chairman – Gregory E. Scarlato
Vice Chairman – James Bailey
Treasurer – Richard H. Stalling
Purchaser/Financial Secretary – Ricky Romano
Clerk – Michael L. Acampora

Commissioner Stalling made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Bailey, to accept the commissioners and their new positions as stated above. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Romano made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Acampora, that all previous appointments for the district’s auditor, legal counsel, and official newspaper would remain the same as 2024, with those named appointments being enumerated below. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Stalling, stipulating that all stipends, meeting expenses, and reimbursement for losses would be paid at the rates listed below for 2024, and specifying that the Reimbursement for Losses (commonly referred to as the “clothing allowance”), would not be capped at 100%; as long as the Board has sufficient funds to pay above the 100% figures, as previously established and provided for the Board. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

The officers and appointments for 2024 are as follows:

Chairman	Gregory E. Scarlato
Chairman’s annual stipend	\$10,575.00
Vice Chairman	James Bailey
Vice Chairman’s annual stipend	\$10,575.00
Clerk	Michael L. Acampora
Clerk’s annual stipend	\$12,000.00
Assistant Clerk	James Bailey
Treasurer	Richard H. Stalling
Treasurer’s annual stipend	\$10,575.00
Assistant Treasurer	Gregory E. Scarlato
Purchaser/Financial Secretary	Ricky Romano
Purchaser/Financial Secretary’s annual stipend	\$10,575.00
Legal Newspaper	The Asbury Park Press
Financial Institution	Amboy Bank & Manasquan Bank
Financial Accountant	Koerner and Koerner
Auditor	Mohel Elliott Bauer & Gass CPAs PA
Attorney	Sendzik & Sendzik, Esq.

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Meeting Allowance for additional meetings
added throughout the year \$250.00 per meeting

Absences from meetings will be reviewed and approved at the discretion of the Board members.

Line Officer stipends and other stipends for 2023 are as follows:

Chief	\$675.00
1 st Assistant Chief	\$600.00
2 nd Assistant Chief	\$500.00
Captain	\$475.00
Lieutenant	\$475.00
Training	\$550.00
Safety	\$400.00
Chief Engineer	\$675.00
Assistant Engineer	\$475.00
Clothing allowance	\$5.00 per % point

Public Comment: None

This concluded the business of reorganization, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stalling, seconded by Commissioner Acampora, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 19:45 hours.

Respectfully submitted:



Michael L. Acampora
Clerk
Howell Board of Fire Commissioners
District 4