

# THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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

## Workshop Meeting August 8, 2016

Chairman Gregory Scarlato called the meeting to order at 19:00 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 insure 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 January 8, 2016
- Published in the Tri-Town News on January 14, 2016
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on January 6, 2016
- Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building
- Posted on [www.njfiredistricts.org](http://www.njfiredistricts.org)

The above postings indicate that Formal Action May Be Taken.

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

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

### Critical Correspondence

Clerk Acampora referenced all correspondence that was received and sent out, as will be noted in the next regular meeting minutes on 8/9/16.

### Old Business

We are currently running out of room in the bays to house the Foam Trailer. The Board is requesting that we give the trailer back to the Western Monmouth Mutual Aid Association. Commissioner Bailey stated that he will speak with Monmouth County Fire Marshal Stout regarding finding another fire company to house the trailer.

Ongoing open issues with Engine 480 were discussed. The following items still need to be addressed:

- Bakes – still squeaking. They are now dealing directly with the brake manufacturer to correct this issue
- Doors – the doors still do not open and close properly. They also do not close flush to the body of the truck.
- Driver's seat – the air bladder is not working correctly. They are now contacting the seat manufacturer directly.

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- Seat belts in the jump seats – the seatbelts are not retracting.
- Low battery light

## **New Business**

Defender Emergency Services looked at Brush 494 and gave the following list of items that need to be addressed:

Brakes - \$1,518.72 (rear drums, shock kit, cylinder, brake fluid, etc.)

Water pump - \$1,605.68 (includes belts, tensioner, anti-freeze, etc.)

Total cost - \$3,293.38

The board will motion to proceed forward with this quote at tomorrow night's meeting.

Hamtro equipment located in the bumper of 480. It was found that there is an improper connector on the pump. The pump was test and is in good working condition. All work was certified by the Hamtro dealer when it was installed at First Priority. First Priority will be in touch with Hamtro about correcting the issue.

The Howell police department has contacted the Fire Bureau regarding the upgrades to the tower and communications equipment. The 5 fire district boards had all agreed to pay a maximum of \$5,000 each towards these upgrades. It has been determined that the total cost to the fire districts will be \$17,214.85. Each district will be requested to pay \$3,442.97. The board will pass a motion tomorrow night to pay this expense.

**Executive Session: None**

**New Truck: None**

**Payroll: None**

**Treasurers Report:** Following the completion of the voucher and check entry by Treasurer Stalling, he reported 25 bills totaling \$52,008.30. In order to cover the expenses, \$45,000.00 will be transferred to the General account. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Acampora and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. The Motion passed unanimously by the board.

**Good and Welfare:** None noted

**Public Comment:** There were zero (-0-) members of the public present and there were no public comments offered.

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**Adjournment:** This concluded the business for the workshop, so a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey. Motion passed unanimously by the board.

The meeting was closed at 21:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael L. Acampora  
Clerk  
The Board of Fire Commissioners  
District No. 4 - Ramtown