

# THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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

## Regular Meeting December 10, 2019

Chairman Gregory Scarlato called the meeting to order at 20:00 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 December 20, 2018
- Published in the Howell Times on December 29, 2018
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on December 17, 2018
- 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, and Acampora all in attendance. Commissioner Bailey was absent from the meeting.

It was noted that there were six (6) members of the public in attendance.

### **Administering the Oath of Office: None**

Commissioner Acampora reported that the regular workshop Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2019 were posted on the Fire Company Bulletin Board outside the meeting room at the firehouse. He then read the minutes from the regular business meeting on November 12, 2019.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Stalling. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

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**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Commissioner Bommer presented the following bills for payment:

<b>Bills</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Witmer	\$ 2,037.00
CIT	\$ 97.00
Jersey Coast	\$ 706.85
Ramtown Fire Co	\$ 32,583.00
Mike Acampora	\$ 51.55
All Hands - Pump ops	\$ 3,250.00
Optimum	\$ 169.37
Bobs Uniforms	\$ 138.75
Edwards tires	\$ 7,409.60
CSM	\$ 782.25
Net Link	\$ 199.00
NJ American water	\$ 3,358.00
Greg Scarlato	\$ 23.45
Taylor Oil	\$ 239.37
Verizon Wireless	\$ 189.87
Barry Osborn	\$ 3,150.00
Grainger	\$ 352.33
Defender	\$ 2,301.24
Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$ 2,770.66
Brick MUA	\$ 7,781.40
Wireless Electronics	\$ 780.00
J. Hodges (planning Board)	\$ 50.00
Gilsenan - Phone	\$ 150.00
Acampora - Phone	\$ 150.00
Scarlato - Phone	\$ 150.00
Bailey - Phone	\$ 150.00
Bommer - Phone	\$ 150.00
Stalling - Phone	\$ 150.00
Maher - Phone	\$ 150.00
Scarlato, S. - Phone	\$ 150.00
Murphy - Phone	\$ 150.00
Romano - Phone	\$ 150.00
Gotto - Phone	\$ 150.00
Ramtown Fire Company - Stipends	\$ 17,860.00
<b>Total bills</b>	<b>\$ 87,930.69</b>

A motion was made by Commissioner Stalling and seconded by Clerk Acampora to pay the bills.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Scarlato – Yes

Bommer – Yes

Stalling – Yes

Acampora – Yes, present on own bills

The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Received**

Howell Township fire bureau monthly reports

Sendzik & Sendzik: Notice of Special Meeting 12/4/2019

Affidavit of Publication

Notice of Special Budget meeting 12/10/2019

Minutes from Joint Board meeting 12/6/2019

2020 Schedule of Joint Board Meetings

### **Sent**

Workers comp insurance claims sent for firefighters D'Arcy and Arcos

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Joint Board Meeting**

Meeting attended by Commissioners Scarlato and Bailey.

Station 19-1 as of 1/1/2020 will now have paid members from 6am-6pm from Monday thru Friday and will now be responding to EMS calls. Initial radio study has been received from Allegiant. The representative will attend the next Joint Board meeting in March 2020 with a full report.

19-4 is the Chairman of the Joint Board for 2020 and as such we need to advertise the Joint Board meetings for 2020 in the local media.

### **Chief's Report**

All reports were handed in.

All portable radios have been reprogrammed, with minor issues still remaining.

Chief Gotto certified the 2019 percentages on 12/3/19 and provided the report to Chairman Scarlato. There is still an issue with the Red Alert reporting system with fire fighters on medical leave. Lt. Scarlato is working with Red Alert to correct the issue.

Mobile Hot Spots have been installed in all vehicles. We will need to cancel the Wireless Air cards in Engine 475, 480, and vehicle 486.

### **Chief Engineer**

All the tires have been installed on the vehicles that have been approved.

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Still need to front tires on Ladder 490.  
The water way on Ladder 490 is leaking and needs to be fixed.

## **Purchaser:**

Pagers have been ordered

Strainer that has been received and needs to be returned and a floating strainer needs to be ordered.

Turnout gear needs to be replaced – 4 sets. The list of gear that needs to be replaced was provided to Chairman Scarlato.

**TRUCK COMMITTEE:** Progress

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Stalling to pay Wireless Communications for township wide maintenance contract for the repeater system. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Bailey to pass Resolution #12102019-09 Resolution Authorizing A Shared Service Agreement for Consulting Services for Township Wide Emergency Communications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Scarlato – Yes

Bommer – Yes

Stalling – Yes

Acampora – Yes

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4-0

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Stalling to hold a Special Budget Meeting on 1/14/2020 to approve the 2020 budget. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** None

**JOINT PURCHASING COMMITTEE:** None

**APPLICATIONS/TERMINATIONS:** None

**PAYROLL:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Stalling reported the following balances for the for the Board's accounts:

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## CHECKING ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 37,111.35
INTEREST	\$ 3.38
CANCELED CHECKS	\$
TRANSFER	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 137,114.73

NJ – PERS TEPS Payment	\$
BILLS PAID (Stipends - clothing)	\$ 19,510.00
BILLS PAID	<u>\$ 68,420.69</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 49,184.04

## SAVINGS ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$2,142,011.47
DEPOSIT (HOWELL TWP.)	\$ 270,571.56
DEPOSIT ()	\$
INTEREST	<u>\$ 886.59</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,413,469.62

TRANSFER TO PAYROLL	\$ 15,000.00
TRANSFER TO CHECKING	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$2,298,469.62

## PAYROLL ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 6,829.46
TRANSFER	\$ 15,000.00
ADP	\$
INTEREST	<u>\$ 7.78</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$ 21,837.25

PAYROLL	\$
FEES	\$
FEES	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	\$ 21,837.25

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Commissioner Acampora and seconded by Commissioner Bommer and passed unanimously by the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were six (6) members of the public in attendance at the end of the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

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**ADJOURNMENT:** This concluded the business before the Board, so a motion was made by Commissioner Bommer and seconded by Commissioner Stalling to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting closed at 20:30 hours.

Respectfully submitted:



Michael L. Acampora  
Clerk