

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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September 18, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of Wall Fire District No.1, Board of Fire Commissioner was called to order at 5:30 pm with the salute to the flag by President Davenport.

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 their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1 of the Township of Wall, has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:

- *Published in the Asbury Park Press on January 3, 2025*
- *Published in the Coast Star on January 9, 2025*

ROLL CALL:

President - Davenport – Present

Vice President – Curtis - Present

Secretary – Stelling – Present

Treasurer – Rogers - Present

Commissioner – Campion - Present

Chief Newberry and Deputy Chief Dave Hunt are also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Campion and seconded by Commissioner Curtis to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting YES.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS, VOUCHERS AND BILLS: Callan Cotta, who handled the finances for the Board, resigned this past Monday, so we took her assignments and divided them up temporarily amongst the office staff. A motion was made by Commissioner Curtis and seconded by Commissioner Campion to approve the bills for payment as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting YES.

TREASURER REPORT: Commissioner Rogers reported that the balance in the Citizens Payroll Account was \$46,567.91. The balance in the Ocean First Operation Account was \$433,494.86. A motion was made by Commissioner Stelling and seconded by Commissioner Campion to accept the Treasurer report as submitted. The motion was moved and approved with all members voting YES.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The stipend seems to be going very well but I would like to see about enhancing it. There was an issue, but the Assistant Chief corrected it. There were a few individuals that attended more than 30% of the calls. We missed it the past two quarters. The checks will be going out on the first of October. The checks will make up for the quarters that were missed. The Chief would like to put something in the stipend program that individuals that respond to 55% of the night calls, between midnight and 6:am, will receive another stipend of an additional \$125 or \$175. Had an extrication drill, it had a rough start, but all in all it went well.

COMMITTEES:

1. House Report: Progress
2. Equipment: covered during workshop session
3. Fire Bureau: Fire Prevention is October 16th at West Belmar School

OLD BUSINESS: Covered during workshop session

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking lot Paving: A motion was made by Commissioner Campion and seconded by Commissioner Davenport to split the cost of the engineering for the paving project with the fire company. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting **YES**.

Commissioners Compensation – 2026: A motion was made by Commissioner Stelling and seconded by Commissioner Rogers to raise the Commissioners Compensation to \$2,250 for all positions except the clerk who will get an additional \$750. The motion was moved and approved with all members present voting **YES**.

MISCELLANEOUS: It is the Boards intention to maintain the present tax rate for the 2026 Budget

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

GOOD OF THE BOARD: Nothing to come before the Board currently.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to be addressed by the Board and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman R. Stelling
Secretary/ Clerk of the Board