

Secretary of the Board **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

March 9, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by Vincent Vinci, President, at 7:00 PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence for all the deceased fire fighters.

ROLL CALL

Vincent Vinci	Present
James Lauro	Present
E. Paul Percussi	Present
Nick Panetta	Excused
Russell Bucco	Present
Robert DeBold	Present
Cathy Morello	Present

This meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice has been given to the newspaper and notice of the meeting has been posted in public places. Next open public meeting of the Commissioners will be held on April 13, 2026.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Vincent Vinci)

We would like to extend our thanks to all the residents who participated in the recent election. Your support in electing James Lauro and E. Paul Percussi to serve as commissioners for a three-year term. We also greatly appreciate those who cast their votes in favor of approving the budget.

May I have the District Chief administer the oath of office to James Lauro and E. Paul Percussi, thereby officially swearing them in for another three-year term of service.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept the February 2026 minutes, second by Paul Percussi. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Paul Percussi)

<u>Total Receipts for the Month of February 28, 2026</u>	<u>\$232,169.13</u>
<u>Total Disbursements for the Month of February 28, 2026</u>	<u>\$57,689.41</u>
<u>Total in Money Market for the Month of February</u>	<u>\$663,228.19</u>
<u>CD Investment as of February 28, 2026</u>	<u>\$279,357.20</u>
<u>Total in Checking Account for the Month of February 28, 2026</u>	<u>\$ 52,365.01</u>
<u>Total in Payroll Account for the Month of February 28, 2026</u>	<u>\$ 54,703.43</u>
<u>Total Cash on Hand as of February 28, 2026</u>	<u>\$1,049,653.83</u>

We received the First Quarter Fire Tax Payment from the Township of Aberdeen.

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

FIRE PREVENTION (Russell Bucco) for the month of February 2026

• <u>Business Inspections</u>	<u>22</u>
• <u>Certificate of Occupancy</u>	<u>36</u>
• <u>Violations/Penalty</u>	<u>6</u>
• <u>Permits</u>	<u>0</u>
• <u>Knox Box</u>	<u>1</u>
• <u>Order to Pay/Penalty</u>	<u>0</u>

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept the Fire Prevention Report, second by Paul Percussi. All in favor.

INSURANCE (Russell Bucco)

1. We received a check from Amtrust North America. The payment was issued in the amount of \$291.00. This check represents a credit that was applied to our policy. The credit reflects an adjustment made by Amtrust North America, resulting in a reimbursement to our account.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (James Lauro)

1. The Department of Motor Vehicle utilized our parking lot to conduct the renewal process for upcoming inspection stickers on vehicles.
2. During the month of February, we made a payment for one snow removal service.
3. We used the building for our Fire District elections on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

A Motion was made by Paul Percussi to accept the Building and Grounds Report, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

JOINT DISTRICT TRAINING GROUNDS (James Lauro)

1. The balance in the checking account as of February 28, 2026, \$16,911.31.
2. In preparation for the 2026 training grounds, requests were made to the relevant fire districts to secure financial contributions. We received \$7,000.00 from Fire District 1 & 2. Checks were deposited into checking account on March 5, 2026.
3. Acrisure East Insurance Company has issued an invoice totaling \$5,663.00 for insurance coverage. A Package for Property and Auto Insurance. The coverage is effective from March 6, 2026, through March 6, 2027.
4. Hazlet Fire Department is scheduled to use the training grounds on Thursday, March 26 and Sunday, March 29th. waiting on paperwork to be submitted and approved.

A Motion was made by Paul Percussi to accept the Training Grounds and Joint Districts Reports, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

DISTRICT CHIEF (Robert DeBold)

1. Car #504 was brought to American Chevrolet for an inspection and diagnosis of its electrical system. After a thorough evaluation by the service team, the issue was identified and resolved. The necessary repairs were completed at no cost, as the work was covered under the vehicle's warranty.
2. Car #503 was brought into Ford for recall and routine service.
3. We completed our email conversation from AOL to Outlook.
4. ESI Equipment did an annual service on the Holmatro-Resue tools.

A Motion was made by Paul Percussi to accept the District Fire Chief's Report, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

FIRE COMPANY'S CHIEF'S REPORT AND ENGINEERS' REPORTS (Will Smith)

Chief Smith reported there were a total of 60 Fire Calls, 1 Drills, and 3 Extra Drills and 467 man Hours spent for the month of February 2026. All engineer's reports were done and handed in.

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept the Fire Company Chief's Report, second by Paul Percussi. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE (Cathy Morello)

Nothing to Report

Old Business

Nothing to Report

New Business

The following Resolution were reviewed by Commissioners.

1. Resolution No. 2026-16 The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Aberdeen, New Jersey is hereby accepting the 2024 Audit as being true and correct.

I would like to make a motion to accept Resolution No. 2026-16

Roll Call: Vincent Vinci, James Lauro, Paul Percussi, Russell Bucco

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept Resolution No. 2026-16 second by Paul Percussi. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Any questions or concerns? James Lauro wishes to extend his heartfelt thanks to all the men who remained on duty throughout the night during the recent snowstorm. Their commitment and perseverance ensured the well-being and safety of everyone involved, and their efforts are deeply appreciated. A motion was made to close meeting.

A Motion was made by James Lauro at 7:10 pm to close the Meeting, seconded by Paul Percussi. All were in favor.



E. Paul Percussi
Secretary of the Board