

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2025

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Engelbert delivered the Sunshine Notice and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call:** Chairman Barry Engelbert
Commissioner James Davidson
Commissioner Daryl Lloyd
Commissioner Chris Rinaldi
Commissioner Gerard Sprinitis
Solicitor Dave Carlamere
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Rinaldi read the Treasurer's report and the submission of bills for the month of **June 2025** in the amount of **\$97,798.84**, seconded by Commissioner Davidson
Roll Call: 5-0 Motion Carried
- IV. **Minutes** - A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the month of **May 2025** was made by Commissioner Sprinitis, seconded by Commissioner Rinaldi
Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried
- V. **Clerk's Report** – None at this time
- VI. **Career Report** – Firefighter Fowler stated that the Quint came back from Bud's and stated that Bud's went over and above in their services. Also, Firefighter stated that the driver's side for the sirens is not working and Chief Dimitri stated that he will be looking into quotes for the sirens. Firefighter Kelly stated that he is still waiting from the Workers Compensation insurance nurse to schedule him for Physical Therapy
- VII. **Fire Marshall's Report** – None at this time
- VIII. **Chief's Report** – Chief Dimitri presented his May Chief's report to the Board of Fire Commissioners. There were a total of 94 calls for the month. There were a total of 72 hours combined In-House Training hours that was conducted between all shifts. There were 2 rescue assignments with 1 rescue

assignment that will receive a Valor award. It was a very busy month and the squad did pass the pump test. Chief Dimitri stated that he normally doesn't give credit for much of the rescues but Fire Marshall Steve Schwegel went over and beyond for this rescue and probably saved the victim's life. At this time Chief Dimitri stated the following:

At approximately 2014 hours on May 13 2025, Quint 85 and Chief 85 were dispatched to incident number 25-5121277 in the area of 2279 Sicklerville Road for a reported single-vehicle motor vehicle accident with airbag deployment.

Upon Quint 85's arrival, Captain Steve Schwegel assessed the scene and immediately notified Camden County Communications that the vehicle had struck and ruptured a natural gas main, and one person was confirmed to be trapped in the vehicle. Recognizing the imminent and extreme danger, Captain Schwegel requested a full box assignment and took swift action by directing his crew to stretch a 1 ¾ inch attack line and apply water to cool the vehicle's motor and disperse the gas leak in order to prevent a potential explosion and fire.

Upon arrival, Chief 85 assumed command of the incident as Sicklerville Road Command. As the water supply from Quint 85 diminished to a quarter tank, Squad 86 was ordered to lay a water supply line to Quint 85. While a water supply was being established, an unknown vehicle drove over and damaged the supply line laid by Squad 86, causing a delay in establishing the water supply and further escalating the risk to both the victim and operating crews.

With conditions rapidly deteriorating and the victim's life hanging in the balance, Battalion Chief Salvatore Pizzo, who had assumed operations, advised command that rapid extrication was necessary, due to the extreme hazard of working in a volatile gas environment with limited water. Chief 85 approved the decision.

Without hesitation, Captain Schwegel, Battalion Chief Pizzo, Captain Giambri, and Firefighter Wolfe entered the danger zone and worked together with unwavering focus and determined to force the driver's door open with Squad 88's battery-powered Hurst Rescue Tool and remove the unconscious victim to awaiting EMS personnel for immediate emergency medical care.

The victim was transported to Cooper Trauma Center in critical condition. Following multiple surgeries, and against overwhelming odds, the patient has since been transferred from the Intensive Care Unit to a regular hospital floor, beginning a long road to recovery.

The heroic and selfless actions of these firefighters, performed under extreme and life-threatening conditions, directly resulted in the saving of a human life. Their courage, teamwork, and dedication to the mission exemplify the highest traditions of our fire service.

IX. President's Report – None at this time from President Ottinger but Treasurer Bill Larsen stated that the Lowe's bill is still in arrears and stated that he will request from Lowe's that the bill is to come directly to him. Also, Treasurer Larsen stated the auditor was going to meet with them but that we are still in arrears for their bill. At this time, Chief Dimitri stated that he would meet with Treasurer Larsen at another time with President Ottinger to discuss these issues.

X. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Rinaldi reiterated that everyone did a great job and this should be recognized. Commissioner Sprinitis wished Bill Larsen a Happy Birthday.

At this time, Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion for Firefighter Nicholas Angelozzi to become a Captain. Chairman Engelbert stated this will not cost the district any more monies since Firefighter Angelozzi has been receiving the additional monies as a supervisor for the A Shift. Commissioner Rinaldi made the motion to approve and Commissioner Davidson seconded the motion
Roll call: 5-0 Motion carried

At 7:13 p.m., Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Rinaldi approved the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Davidson. At 7:40 p.m., the Executive Session ended with no action taken.

XI. Public Portion – None at this time

XII. Adjournment – Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 1, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Jerniney, Clerk