

Board of Fire Commissioners

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026

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:** Present: Commissioner Davidson, Commissioner Lloyd, Chairman Engelbert, Solicitor Carlamere
Absent: Commissioner Rinaldi, Commissioner Sprinitis

- III. Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Lloyd read the Treasurer's report and the submission of bills for the month of April in the amount of **\$134,701.81**. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Lloyd, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Roll Call: 3-0 Motion carried. Commissioners Rinaldi and Sprinitis were absent

- IV. Minutes** – A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 3, 2026 was made by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. Motion carried 3-0 Commissioners Rinaldi and Sprinitis were absent

- V. Clerk's Report** – None at this time

- VI. Career Report** – Fire Marshall Schwegel asked if any thought was given to raising the holiday pay for the fill in Fire Fighters and can we work on moving on with this. Chairman Engelbert stated that this does not seem to be a pressing issue and does not know what is going to be done about this since we are going to spend approximately \$300,000 on fill ins as it is right now. Fire Captain Angelozzi stated that we can pay the holidays only for the day and not the entire shift. Chairman Engelbert stated that we will talk about this at a later date. Fire Marshall Schwegel stated that the ladder truck that we rented does not have water. Chairman Engelbert said that someone broke the ladder truck that we currently have and did not report it. Also, I was told that we needed a ladder truck to rent but that was before the squad went down and now the squad is currently out of service. We were supposed to take the squad to Bud's today or take the squad to whoever is going to fix it. If we should have gotten a squad or a ladder truck, I was told that we needed a ladder truck. Fire Marshall stated that we currently do not have a fire truck. Captain Angelozzi suggested that we put the squad back in service without using the ladder portion of the truck. Fire Fighter Kelly then stated that we are not to use the aerial at this time. Chairman Engelbert then stated that we can try to swap out the ladder truck with an engine truck but the owner of the rental company will not be around for 3 weeks since he is currently on vacation. Fire Marshall Schwegel then asked if we can get a gazebo outside with a new grill for the guys to use since the one that we currently have is not in good shape. Chairman

Engelbert stated for someone to talk to Bill Larsen who works at Lowe's to see if Lowe's will give us one. Captain Angelozzi stated that the volunteers bought the grill that we currently have but it is rusted out from water damage. Captain Angelozzi also reported that the dryer is broke. Chairman Engelbert asked how did this happen and somebody knows that the dryer is broke but did not report it when it happened; just like somebody knew the ladder broke and also did not report it and that there is probably \$100,000 in damages to the ladder truck. Fire Marshall Schwegel asked if we can get rid of Anthony Dimitri's stuff since it is taking up the entire trailer which is full of his personal belongings. Solicitor Carlamere stated that we need to be careful on how we handle this matter and that a letter can be sent to him asking him to make arrangements with the Fire Department to pick up his personal belongings or make arrangements with him to have them dropped off to him. Chairman Engelbert stated that we currently have a real problem because both the ladder truck and engine truck are out of service. The rear spring is down on the squad and needs to be fixed as soon as possible. We don't know if Buds called Ed Fowler back about repairing the squad. Fire Marshall Schwegel asked if we can call the Blenheim Fire Department to see if they can lend us a truck that is an engine truck. Fire Fighter Kelly asked if there is a plan to be trained on the fire truck that was rented. Fire Fighter Fowler stated that all the equipment can be put back on the ladder truck to be used as an engine truck only. Fire Fighter Fowler stated that if Bud's does not call back by tomorrow then we will have to take it to Vineland. Chairman Engelbert stated we need a truck immediately and will get in touch with the Blenheim Fire Department to see if they will let us use their truck until the end of the week. Fire Fighter Fowler stated that today we had 2 brush fires, 2 house fires and 1 rescue

VII. Fire Marshall Report – None at this time

VIII. Chief's Report – Chief Spross was unable to attend this month's meeting but presented the following report to Board Clerk Cindy Jeminey. For the month of March, there were a total of 83 calls of which A Shift had 38 calls, B Shift had 21 calls, C Shift had 19 calls and D Shift had 5 calls. The total calls as of March 2026 were 240 calls of which there were 91 calls for A Shift, 65 calls for B Shift, 58 calls for C Shift and 26 calls for D Shift. Quint 85 is OOS due to a crack in the platform of the aerial ladder. We have found additional damage under the turntable and a claim was filed with the insurance company. We are awaiting word on who can perform the repairs. Quint 85 was up at Public Works and had the DOT lights, Tip Light and a Scene Light replaced. There were no new members for this month. Squad 85's license plate went missing during the winter storm and has been found by the Police Department and has been placed back on the truck. The radio grant with the rest of the district is in progress. Chief Riess has taken the lead on this. I will have an MOA for the board to review and sign using District 4's grant writer vs District 1 which is a bit cheaper per district. Our Fit Testing machine has come back repaired. The Captains/Lieutenant have done a great job at getting nearly everyone done for the year. Clean Air Company came out and serviced the Plymovent System. I have to follow up because they have to order parts to make the repairs. All the hoses are dry rotted and will need to be replaced. With Quint 85 having an extended OOS timeframe, the Captains stressed concerns with looking for a rental ladder. I went through three different companies and the first one

was out of Delaware and they had a 75 foot Quint but was out on loan for another nine weeks. The second company was in Pennsauken and this company had a ladder for rent. The ladder is a 1998 Pierce, dry (meaning no pump or water). I contacted a third company out of North Jersey and they did not have any ladders to rent. I contacted the second company and had Fire Fighter Fowler, Chairman Engelbert and myself to go out and inspect the ladder. We found the ladder to be in great shape, only 23K miles on it and the ladder was recently certified in January. Going through the insurance company, we are able to rent the ladder, and as you may have seen, the ladder is in the bay. It is not in service as of yet. I have spoken with the Captains and they will be ensuring their drivers are comfortable with operating it. We will then begin mounting tools on the truck and placing it in service. I am hoping to have it in service within the next week or two.

IX. President's Report – None at this time

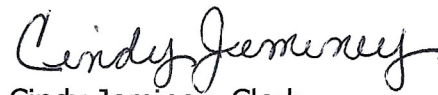
X. Commissioners's Report – None at this time

XI. Public Portion – Former Fire Chief Kevin Goins asked about the brush truck that was presented to the board last meeting. He wanted to know how many brush fires have we had, and the truck that was being considered to be converted to a brush truck, was bought to be a support vehicle. Former Chief Goins thinks that it is a waste for that truck to be converted to a brush truck because everyone in the township has gotten rid of their brush trucks and that Washington Township already has 2 brush trucks. He wanted to know if they are going to go into the woods and then beat it up. Fire Fighter Fowler stated that we are getting more calls for brush fires and that we need to go deep into the woods for these fires and that we cannot go deep into the woods with our current fire trucks.

Adjournment – Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Jeminey, Clerk