

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 4, 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:** Chairman Barry Engelbert - Present
Commissioner James Davidson - Present
Commissioner Daryl Lloyd - Present
Commissioner Chris Rinaldi - Absent
Commissioner Gerard Sprinitis - Absent
Solicitor David Carlamere – Present

Solicitor David Carlamere swore in Anthony J. Tomasco to the position of Fire Fighter at the annual salary of \$40,000 to be effective Sunday, August 23, 2026

Chief Hunter of the Pine Hill Fire Department presented Fire Marshall Steven Schwegel with a Valor Award for a Motor Vehicle Accident Rescue Assignment that occurred on May 13, 2025.

Photographs were taken with families for the swearing in of Anthony J. Tomasco to the position of Fire Fighter and Fire Marshall Steven Schwegel for his valor award. Even though Chief Spross was unable to attend the meeting, he wanted to congratulate both Probationary Firefighter Anthony Tomasco on his appointment to the district and Captain Steven Schwegel on receiving his valor award.

Chairman Engelbert introduced Resolution 2026-18 Authorizing The Submission Of A Proposal At The Special Election Scheduled For September 12, 2026 To The Legally Qualified Voters Of Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5. Commissioners Davidson and Lloyd both seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 3-0 Motion Carried – Commissioners Rinaldi and Sprinitis were absent

- III. Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Lloyd read the Treasurer's report and the submission of bills for the month of **August 2026** in the amount of

\$139,017.86, 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 for the month of **July 2026** was made by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd
Roll Call: 3-0 Motion carried – Commissioners Rinaldi and Sprinitis were absent
- V. Clerk's Report** – None at this time
- VI. Career Report** – Fire Fighter Fowler stated that the Quint left yesterday to Fire and Safety for the repairs. The Squad is now back in service
- VII. Fire Marshall's Report** – Fire Marshall Schwegel stated that there will be a joint Fire Prevention Night with all of the Gloucester Township districts for October 10 and that there is a meeting tomorrow to discuss the Fire Prevention event
- VIII. Chief's Report** – Chief Spross reported that there were a total of 81 monthly response calls for July 2026 of which A Shift had 28 calls, B Shift had 22 calls, C Shift had 19 calls and D Shift had 12 calls. Also, crews responded to 12 boxes of which 5 were working calls. There are a total of 573 year to date calls of which A Shift had 180 calls, B Shift had 170 calls, C Shift had 154 calls and D Shift had 69 calls. Quint 85 is OOS due to a crack in the platform of the aerial ladder. The Quint was taken up to Fire and Safety yesterday to start the repair work. They are estimating 3 weeks give or take to do the repairs. Ladder 85 is now in service. Squad 85 was repaired by Campbell Supply. The turbo was completely replaced, and a clogged air filter in the air intake elbow was repaired. Campbell did cause some cosmetic damage that they repaired. We are still waiting on a door strap that will be repairing in house. There were no new members for this month. I would like to personally thank all of our members, personnel, staff and board for allowing me time away to care for my wife after her surgery. As of today, Amana's surgery was a success and she is on the way to recovery. I will know more from her doctors in the days to come on how long the road will be. I appreciate everyone's patience, prayers and positive thoughts for us. I would like to congratulate Probationary Firefighter Anthony Tomasco, Jr. on his appointment to the district. I wish him well and look forward to attend the swearing in. (If the swearing in started, please add my congratulations to that portion of the meeting). I would also like to congratulate Captain Steven Schwegel on his award tonight. I also apologize for not being able to attend. (If the award has been presented, please add my congratulations to that portion of the meeting). AFG Grant was submitted to FEMA; this is still pending review by the FEMA group. I did

send out 3 letters to our Legislative branch to ask for support in the grant process. To date, Senator Andy Kim sent me an email offering his support to our gran. Still awaiting to hear from Senator Booker and Norcross. The radio grant with the rest of the districts has been submitted. For the Taskforce 8 tone, Chief Brown has sent all of the district Chiefs a draft of the MOA for the use of the "Taskforce 8 Tone" (Old Hazmat 8 Tone) to be utilized for all boxes in town. Once this is finalized, the Chiefs will sign the MOA and we will be moving forward. The use of this tone will cut back on the time for dispatching tones and use of the staff company's township wide. For District 5, as it stands now, we have 7 different tones that activate for a box; the new method will drop us to 3 tones. Chairman Engelbert spoke with me last week on starting up a Junior Firefighter program for District 5. We have a few young adults interested in doing this. I have started to put together a program that I hope to have completed in the next few weeks for the board to review and decide if this program will work. Personally, I believe that this would be a beneficial program for us; a lot of our members have started as Junior/Explorers in our younger years. I believe grabbing their interest at a younger age is more crucial as in before since life becomes too busy and we can already have them through the Fire 1 program and when they turn 18, they will be ready to become active members. We did order 2 new O2 sensors for our multi meters that did come in. I believe Captain Angelozzi handled swapping out the sensors. We ordered 2 new nozzles for both the Quint and Squad. They should be in any day now. New gear should also be out for delivery this week. This is the 5 trial sets from FireDex. For the Cost Recovery Program, for the month of July, we did not submit any claims. The Cost Recovery Program has processed 3 claims for \$1,031.94. Year-To-Date, we have submitted 13 claims for \$11,197.68. We have received three payments so far.

IX. President's Report – None at this time

X. Commissioner's Report – Chairman Engelbert as well as Commissioners Davidson and Lloyd congratulated both Anthony J. Tomasco for being hired as a permanent full time Fire Fighter and to Steven Schwegel on receiving his valor award.

XI. Public Portion – Clerk Colleen McWilliams congratulated Ed Fowler on the birth of his son.

XII. Adjournment – Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Commissioner Lloyd, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 1. 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Jeminey, Clerk