

Board of Fire Commissioners

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 3, 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, Commissioner Rinaldi, Commissioner Sprinitis, Chairman Engelbert, Solicitor Carlamere.

III. Introduction of Resolution 2026-03 Year End Line Item Transfers for 2025 (as attached) A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd.
Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried

IV. Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Rinaldi read the Treasurer's report and the submission of bills for the month of February in the amount of **\$67,221.53**. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Davidson.
Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried

V. Minutes – A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 6, 2026 was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. Motion carried 5-0

VI. Clerk's Report – Board Clerk Cindy Jeminey stated that each Board member has the 2025 annual Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund report in their packet with this evening's agenda. The deadline for the petitions for the Fire District election were on Friday, January 23, 2026 and the district only received one candidate, Gerard Sprinitis, to run for the position of Fire Commissioner for the Fire District election that will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026.

VII. Career Report – None at this time

VIII. Fire Marshall Report – None at this time

IX. Chief's Report – Chief Spross reported that there were a total of 73 calls for the month of January of which A Shift had 17 calls, B Shift had 23 calls, C Shift had 23 calls and D Shift had 10 calls. We were dispatched to 10 dwellings, buildings, apartment fires of which 4 of the 10 were working fires. We were dispatched to 11 MVA, of the

MVA Rescue Assignments, there were 2 confirmed rescues. The totals for 2026 are Total Calls: 73, A Shift 17, B Shift 23, C Shift 23, D Shift 10. For the equipment update, the Quint 85 had 4 new rear tires installed and the Quint 85's repair list is in working progress. We are awaiting scheduling with Fire and Safety, possibly Bud's if Fire and Safety do not get back to us. For membership, Justin Evans was brought in as a Volunteer member last night. For the Cost Recovery, we submitted 3 claims from 2 MVA's and 1 Vehicle fire and are looking at possibly \$2,000 in return. The Gloucester Township Chief's meeting was last week and the meeting was very productive. Looking to revise our Response Plans to using 1 tone (Hazmat 8) for all dwellings, Buildings, Apartments in town. Quint 85 will be dispatched on the initial dispatch throughout the township. We will be doing Quarterly training for either all Township Officers or Officers and Firefighters pending the topic. The 1st Quarter training will be the Camden County Coordinator roadshow in March with a date to be determined. We will be conducting more joint company training with the shifts throughout. This past month with the cold weather, we were able to train on Cold Water/Ice Rescue training. A Platoon met up with Squad 86 and then again with Squad 86, 88 and Squirt 81 to do Ice Rescue Training. D Platoon this past weekend trained with Station 82, 88 and 86 on the same topic. I am encouraging all of our officers to reach out with the other companies to continue this type of training moving forward. The biggest topic of the meeting was a joint federal grant for new radios. Chief Riess brought up the topic and all shifts agreed that this is a grant that we need to push for. Chief Brown advised that most if not all of our radios are the original portables when Camden County switched over to the 700mhz and all are obsolete. Motorola is no longer able to provide parts for them. Chief Woods offered to use their grant writer. The new portables are approximately \$5,200 a radio. We have approximately 30 radios and to replace all of them we are looking at \$156,000 without the grant. Being awarded this grant is crucial to increasing the safety of our members on the fireground. If we are awarded the grant we may need to pay the 10% applicant match (The Matching Funds likely won't be needed until the 2027 fiscal year). So, ideally, we would only need to put up between \$10,000-\$15,000. This is still a huge cost saving for us. Chief Spross also presented 2 quotes.

X. President's Report – None at this time

XI. Commissioners' Report – Chairman Engelbert stated that the radios that Chief Spross is referring to would need to be budgeted in 2027. Commissioner Rinaldi also commented that the newer radios have more features and that would be a bigger advantage with a grant. This would be the same thing with the air packs as well. Chief Spross commented that we definitely got our money's worth with the radios. At this time, Firefighter Kelly commented that B shift has not received any direction for the Cost Recovery Program. Chairman Engelbert then stated that a memo will be sent out tomorrow with a copy of the resolution that was established for direction on how to complete the form. Chairman Engelbert also stated that we can always go over to the Police Department for copies of accidents. Chief Spross commented that if we are able to bring in money, then we can get new equipment. Commissioner Sprinitis asked what the ratables would be and then Chief Spross stated that a lot of verbage needs to go into grants. Chief Spross also stated that gear has to be washed to extend the life of

the gear. Chief Spross stated that we got 4 sets of gear last year and that we should get brand new gear every 5 years. Chief Spross stated that we have a bright future ahead of us and all the Chiefs are on the same page. We are going to do Fire Prevention together and grant writing. Commissioner Sprinitis presented a Brush Truck 85 Conversion packet for an operational need and financial review. Brush fires have gotten worse and the truck can serve us better as a Brush Truck. It is something that is not going to happen this year but is something to be considered to be budgeted for next year. The priorities should be the gear, the radios and the air packs. Chairman Engelbert stated that we spent approximately \$80,000 on the Quint. Ed Fowler is doing a great job and we are trying to prioritize everything. Chief Spross also requested a new hire for a Fire Fighter after the budget is approved. Chairman Engelbert stated that we first have to wait and see if the budget is approved. Commissioner Rinaldi stated for everyone to be careful with the weather. Commissioner Sprinitis stated that he looked at the budget numbers and feels that a journal entry needs to be done for Vector Solutions. It needs a separate line item which is an Administrative Expense and should not be a Training Expense. Chief Spross stated that it is good for reporting especially for maintenance and gear. Chairman Engelbert then stated that Line item transfers can be done. Chief Spross stated that we are going to be with them for 3 years because we just signed a contract with them and it does have training technology.

XII. Public Portion – None at this time

Adjournment – Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to adjourn which was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Jeminey, Clerk