

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 5, 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
Commissioner James Davidson
Commissioner Daryl Lloyd
Commissioner Chris Rinaldi
Commissioner Gerard Sprinitis
Solicitor Dave Carlamere

III. Introduction of Resolution 2026-15 Purchase of 1783 Sicklerville Road Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Chairman Engelbert introduced Resolution 2026-15 for the purchase of 1783 Sicklerville Road Sicklerville NJ 08081. Solicitor Carlamere stated that we need to speak to bond counsel and that we are going to need a statutory election for voter approval and that we will need to go to the Local Finance Board for approval as well. Chairman Engelbert stated that we can't control the process and the owners were advised of the process. Solicitor Carlamere stated that we are going to need to speak to the bond counsel because the Local Finance Board will ask why do we need the acquisition of the land and will weigh in on whether we need the purchase. Chairman Engelbert stated that we do have the need for a larger facility with all of the new homes that are being built in this area. Fire Marshall Schwegel wanted to know what the goal is in purchasing the property because we have things that need to be repaired in this fire house and that a sprinkler system will need to be installed in the new property. Chairman Engelbert stated that we need more room for the bunk rooms. Commissioner Sprinitis stated that he felt that more monies would be needed for the renovations than what is stated on the resolution and wanted to know the breakdown of the monies. Chairman Engelbert stated that we do not have the exact breakdown of monies at the present time.

Roll Call: 4-0 Motion Carried Commissioner Sprinitis abstained from the vote.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Rinaldi read the Treasurer's report

and the submission of bills for the month of **May 2026** in the amount of **\$114,949.97** seconded by Commissioner Lloyd
Roll Call: 4-0 Motion Carried Commissioner Sprinitis abstained from the vote

- V. Minutes** - A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for the month of **April** was made by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Rinaldi
Roll Call: 4-0 Motion Carried Commissioner Sprinitis abstained from the vote
- VI. Clerk's Report** – None at this time
- VII. Career Report** – The old pick-up truck needs a new inspection sticker
- VIII. Fire Marshall's Report** – Captain Schwegel stated that there were 2 house fires but one was a conflict of interest since it involved one of the employees properties. Classes have been submitted to Chairman Engelbert for approval.
- IX. Chief's Report** – Chief Spross was out sick for the meeting but gave the following information to Clerk Cindy Jeminey for the minutes. Chief Spross said that there were a total of 72 calls for the month of April of which A Shift had 17 calls, B Shift had 20 calls, C shift had 23 calls and D Shift had 12 calls. Three of the fires were working fires of which 2 were within 85's local and 1 rescue. The year totals as of April for 2026 were 312 calls, of which A Shift had 108 calls, B Shift had 85 calls, C Shift had 81 calls and D Shift had 8 calls. The Quint 85 is OOS due to a crack in the platform of the aerial ladder. We have had communications with Fire and Safety and they will be making the repairs on the turntable. It will be 2-3 weeks for the delivery of the parts, 4-6 weeks for assembly and 1-2 weeks to make the repairs. This will include a UL testing of the aerial ladder. They will also make repairs to all previous reported maintenance. After the turntable repairs are complete, the Quint will need to go to Lee's in Tuckerton for the body work repairs. We have an unknown timeframe on that repair. Ladder 85 is now in service. We purchased a Come Along for Squad 85. There was no new members for this month. The Radio grant with the rest of the district is in progress. All districts have signed the MOA, we are also adding Pine Hill to the group in an effort to increase our chances of being awarded. Clean Air Company came out and serviced the Plymovent system. I have to follow up as they have to order parts to make the repairs. All the hoses are dry rotted and will need to be replaced. We have a quote and need to have it okayed to proceed forward. We are looking at \$8,564.00. For the Cost Recovery Program, for the month of April, we submitted 3 claims for \$4,931.98. The Cost Recovery has processed 1 claim for \$549.00. Year to Date, we submitted 9 claims for \$8,898.24. To my knowledge, we have not received any payments yet but it looks like we will start soon to receive them. We have been awarded 5 trial sets of FireDex turnout gear. I have been working with Fred Loverdi through Firefighter One. The five members are J. Kelly, J. Daniel, B. Gill, A. Mirianda

and L. Arrazola. At the end of the trial if we feel the FireDex gear is worth keeping and using, we will purchase them at a discounted price. We have purchased new forestry hose for both the Squad and the Quint.

X. President's Report – None at this time

XI. Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Rinaldi stated that with the weather getting warmer, to stay hydrated and be careful. Commissioner Sprinitis asked what do we want to do with a pole barn. Chairman Engelbert stated that we can put the old ladder truck in it. Commissioner Sprinitis stated what will be the value of having a pole barn. Chairman Engelbert stated that at this time this is just a guess estimate of what will be needed. Commissioner Sprinitis questioned the numbers for the purchase of the 1783 Sicklerville Road property since neighbors are asking him why we are not hiring more Firefighters and felt that more monies would be needed.

XII. Public Portion – None at this time

XIII. 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 7:22 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Jeminey, Clerk