

2026 Budget Workshop
Ocean Beach Fire Company No. 3
October 15, 2025

A budget workshop of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, New Jersey was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner Roman. The following statement was made:

Let the official minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and a notice thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey, being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with the statute.

ROLL CALL

Cirz - present Krohn - present
Minkler - present Roman – present
Tutela – absent(arrived 5:45 p.m.)

Halliwell present to take minutes. Administrator Kubiel present.

District #1:

Board questioned salary line. Halliwell explained she sent email to attorney requesting settlement agreement regarding employee or monetary amount contained in it to budget for 2026 and any knowledge of personnel plans for upcoming year. Did not receive a response so only included commissioners' salaries. Board requested budgeting amount to cover settlement agreements, new Finance Clerk, and Administrator at average salary to cover half the year.

Discussed office move and increase in rent for same. Agreed to a 2% increase for fire company leases. Discussed possible increase for physicals to cover PFAS testing. Krohn requested to increase meals to \$1,500 to cover expenses for townwide drills and larger fire events. Discussed replacement of gear containing PFAS. May cover costs with a bond. Increase gear line to \$200,000 and see what can be purchased this year.

Fire Co.#1:

Board reviewed Co.#1 budget. Will consider ballot question for quad and jet ski replacement. Asst. Chief Weingroff will forward that information to the commissioners.

Fire Co. #2:

Board reviewed Co.#2 budget. Commissioners asked Chief Rice to prioritize Hurst equipment.

Fire Co. #3:

Board reviewed Co.#3 budget. Discussion on high rescue vehicle, ballot question for capital. Commissioners suggested purchasing same gas meters as other companies.

Fire Co. #4:

Board reviewed budget requests by Co.#4.

After final review board agreed to \$40,000 Tools & Equipment for each fire company.

There being no further business, motion Cirz second Minkler to close the meeting @ 6:35 p.m.

AYES-5 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0 CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Krohn

Robert Krohn, Clerk