

**MINUTES**  
**TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OCEAN BEACH FIRE CO.#3**  
**JANUARY 7, 2026**

A public budget hearing of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, New Jersey was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman.

**ROLL CALL**

**Cirz -present                      Krohn-present**  
**Minkler-present                Tutela -present**  
**Roman-present**

Budget Coordinator Dawn Halliwell present to take minutes.

Commissioner Krohn read aloud the 2026 approved budget. (See enclosed)

**Motion Krohn second Minkler to open the floor to public comment.**

**Ayes – 5      Nays – 0**

**CARRIED**

Commissioner Minkler had questions relating to salaries and compensated absences. Halliwell reviewed his questions and answered them as much as possible without proper documentation being available during the hearing. Suggested asking questions before the hearing so answers are available for the public during the meeting.

**Motion Krohn second Minkler to close the floor to public comment.**

**Ayes – 5      Nays – 0**

**CARRIED**

**Resolution was presented, Motion Tutela second Cirz amending the 2026 budget to include an additional \$200,000 in reserve for future capital outlays. (See inserted Resolution)**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cirz -Yes                              Krohn-Yes**  
**Minkler-No                         Tutela -Yes**  
**Roman-Yes**

**CARRIED**

Commissioners approved to utilize \$650,000 of unrestricted fund balance along with restricted fund balance to purchase an engine. This question will be placed on the 2026 ballot and, if approved, the truck will be purchased in 2027.

**Resolution was presented, Motion Tutela second Cirz adopting the 2026 budget. (See inserted Resolution)**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cirz -Yes                              Krohn-Yes**  
**Minkler-No                         Tutela -Yes**  
**Roman-Yes**

**CARRIED**

Commissioner Minkler changed his vote to “yes” but reserved the right to change it to “no” if he is not satisfied with answers from questions asked during public comment.

**Motion Tutela second Cirz to close the public hearing on the 2026 budget @ 6:15 p.m.**

**Ayes – 5      Nays – 0**

**CARRIED**

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Robert Krohn, Clerk*  
*Toms River Fire District No 1*

# RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

## PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3

### FISCAL YEAR: JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Fire District Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026 was introduced on December 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the 2026 Fire District budget has been held on January 7, 2026 as publicly advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend certain line items in the 2026 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fire District #1 of the Township of Toms River in the County of Ocean, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the following amendments to the introduced 2026 Fire District Budget be made:

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

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<b>Revenues and Fund Balance Utilized</b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
Total Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 755,000.00	\$ 955,000.00
Total Revenues and Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 2,965,340.33	\$ 3,165,340.33
<b>Appropriations</b>		
Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 878,000.00	\$ 1,078,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 9,765,804.03	\$ 9,965,804.03

#### REVENUES

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<b>Fund Balance Utilized</b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 675,000.00	\$ 875,000.00
Total Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 755,000.00	\$ 955,000.00
Total Revenue and Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 2,965,340.33	\$ 3,165,340.33

#### APPROPRIATIONS

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	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 878,000.00	\$ 1,078,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 9,765,804.03	\$ 9,965,804.03

# 2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

## Toms River Fire District No. 1

**FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Toms River Fire District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, has been presented for adoption before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of January 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the adopted budget is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects Total Revenues of \$9,965,804.03 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$6,800,463.70 and Total Appropriations of \$9,965,804.03; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February (only if required) in each established fire district to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at an open public meeting held on January 7, 2026 that the Annual Budget of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, is hereby adopted and, *[subject to the proposed referendum being approved by 50 percent of the voters]* shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$9,965,804.03 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$6,800,463.70 and Total Appropriations of \$9,965,804.03; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget as presented for adoption reflects each item of revenue and appropriation in the same amount and title as set forth in the introduced and approved budget, including all amendments thereto, if any, which have been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an annual election shall be held on the third Saturday of February (only if required) to determine the amount to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year. The results of which shall be subsequently certified to the Division and the Municipal Assessor.

  
Robert Krohn, Clerk

1-7-26  
Date

### Board of Fire Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Anthony Cirz	X			
Robert Krohn	X			
Leonard Minkler	X			
Daniel Roman	X			
Richard Tutela	X			