

Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 4
Jackson Township, New Jersey

Minutes of Meeting Held
January 22, 2026

Notice of the time, date, location and agenda of this meeting to the extent then known, was duly published in the district's official newspapers, posted on its official bulletin board and filed with the office of the municipal clerk at least forty-eight hours in advance of this meeting. This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey.

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Goldman at 6:10 pm. Board Attorney Braslow read the "Open Meetings Act" statement. All participated in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

2026 Adopted Budget Resolution: DCA requested a revision to the 2026 Adopted Budget Resolution. After the Board reviewed the revision, Commissioner Jamison motioned to accept said Resolution seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion passed by unanimous consent Ayes: Goldman Jamison Torres, Tremmer; No: None; Absent: Couceiro; Abstain: None. A copy of said Resolution is attached to the original minutes and incorporated herein by reference.

2026 Budget Hearing: Commissioner Jamison motioned to open the meeting for the 2026 Budget Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Torres. There were no questions or comments from the floor. Commissioner Jamison motioned to close the 2026 Budget Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Adoption of the 2026 Budget: Commissioner Jamison motioned to adopt the 2026 Budget, seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Roll Call: Commissioners Goldman, Jamison, Torres and Tremmer were present. Commissioner Couceiro was absent at this time but entered the meeting later at 6:25 pm. Board Attorney Braslow was also present via remote communication.

Executive Session I: Commissioner Jamison motioned to accept the Resolution to take the Board into an executive session for the purpose of discussing Contract, seconded by Commissioner Torres at 6:20 pm. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The Executive Session adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes from the December 18, 2025 meetings were motioned by Commissioner Goldman seconded by Commissioner Tremmer. Motion passed by majority vote. Commissioner Torres abstained due to his absence.

Treasurer's Report: The bill list as well as the report (a copy of which is attached to the original minutes and incorporated herein by reference) as January 22, 2026 was presented and left on table for public review. Commissioner Jamison read the cash balances into the record. Commissioner Tremmer motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills seconded by Commissioner Goldman Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Legal Report: Board Attorney Braslow reported the following: 1. Mail in notice for the February Election has been done; 2. Petition deadline date for the election is tomorrow (1/23/26); 3. Effective March 1, 2026, it is no longer necessary to advertise notices in the newspapers. Local Finance Board has very specific requirements regarding what must be on a district's website. The webmaster can contact Board Attorney Braslow if he needs information on what has to be included Cheryl reported that the webmaster just sent the district an invoice to update the website to the new specifications. Commissioner Jamison motioned for the Board to hire Nicole J. Rafanello Ph.D. for psychological pre-employment testing, seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Truck & Building Report: A copy of the written report is attached to the original minutes and incorporated herein by reference. Deputy Chief Leonard reviewed points from the written report with the Board.

Chief's Report: Deputy Chief Joseph Krzyzewski's written report on behalf of Chief O'Brien was read into the record. It outlined what the volunteers will be doing for upcoming training exercises, how many calls were answered, etc.

President's Report: President Darren Hoffman verbally reported: thanked the career staff and the commissioners for their assistance with December's Santa Patrols. It was well received. Annual Flower Sale is coming up on 2/13 & 2/14 – plans are to staff both stations for distribution, President Hoffman provided the Board with a copy of the Executive Board for 2026 and the Line Officers for 2026. A copy of the list is attached to the original minutes and incorporated herein by reference. List for those who qualify for LOSAP is also attached to original minutes

Fire Official Report: Fire Official report by Fire Official O'Brien was submitted to the Board and read by Commissioner Goldman. A copy of the report is attached to the original minutes and incorporated herein by reference

Work Orders: None discussed

Old Business: Research on GOV.Deals for comparable prices to list district's equipment. #5408 – 2025 \$188,000 & \$120,000. (Recommends selling price \$200,000,) #5414 - \$2,000. - \$ \$4,000. Lengthy discussion. Commissioner Tremmer motioned that prior to selling district vehicles, a committee of career firefighters, the volunteer fire company and commissioners are to come up with a plan on what to replace the selling vehicle with, seconded by Commissioner Jamison, Motion passed by unanimous consent. Commissioner Tremmer motioned to sell #5407 on GOV.deals with a reserve bid of \$100,000. Bids to close on morning of Commissioners' meeting., seconded by Commissioner Jamison. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Commissioner Tremmer motioned to sell #5414 on GOV.deals with a blind reserve bid, Bids to close on morning of

Commissioners' meeting, seconded by Commissioner Jamison. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

New Business: Five potential candidates were interviewed for the position of career fire-fighters. There was one candidate with a deferment. Discussion. Three candidates to receive conditional offers of employment. Next step is to send the three candidates for psych evaluations and medical physicals. District #4 Career firefighters were offered the opportunity to work out with District #3 at their facility. Board was in agreement that they may go during their work day. Captain Porth will schedule the sessions with District #3. Grant process for 2026 will be starting up again soon per DC Leonard.

Correspondence: None.

Mail: None

Pubic Session: None

Executive Session II: Commissioner Jamison motioned to accept the Resolution to take the Board into an executive session for the purpose of discussing of Contract, and personnel, seconded by Commissioner Torres at 7:33 pm. Motion passed by unanimous consent. The Executive Session adjourned at 8:29pm.

New Business: Commissioner Tremmer motioned to hire the following candidates: Nicholas Tremmer, James Harper, Renaud Shequeal, Sr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Torres, Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: Commissioner Torres motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Goldman, Commissioner Couceiro adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

 Clerk

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JACKSON TWSP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
AGENDA AND MEETING NOTES**

January 22, 2026

Meeting Time 6:00PM Caucus 5:30PM

Meeting called to order 6:00PM
Reading of the "Public Meeting Act"
Flag Salute
Attendance
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Legal Report
Truck & Building Report
Chief's Report
President's Report
Fire Bureau Report
Work Order Requests
Old Business
New Business

Mail Correspondence-Per Yellow Folder

Open to Public
Meeting Adjourned

Old Business-Correspondence/Pending

New Business

Adopt 2026 Budget with Referendum

Mail Correspondence

Per Yellow folder

2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RESOLUTION

Jackson Township FD No. 4

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

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for the Jackson Township FD No. 4 (the 'Fire District') 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 15, 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 \$4,760,160.21 which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$4,539,318.21, and Total Appropriations of \$4,760,160.21; and

WHEREAS, an election shall be held annually on the third Saturday of February 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 15, 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, shall constitute appropriations for the purposes stated and authorization of Total Revenues of \$4,760,160.21, which includes amount to be raised by taxation of \$4,539,318.21, and Total Appropriations of \$4,760,160.21; 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 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.

rtremeriii@jacksonfiredist4.org

(Secretary's Signature)

1/15/2026

(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Alfred Couceiro				
Philip Goldman				
Wallace Jamison				
Raymond Tremer III				
Raymond Torres Jr.				

FIRE DISTRICT LEVY CAP REFERENDUM RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT Jackson Fire District 4 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX CAP LEVY REFERENDUM ON
January 22, 2026**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides that in preparation of its budget a fire district shall limit any increase in its property tax levy to two percent (2.0%) over the previous year's amount to be raised by taxation, subject to certain exceptions and additions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46(b), permits a fire district to increase amount to be raised by taxation by a percentage rate greater than two percent (2.0%) where said increase is approved by referendum; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number 4 in the township of Jackson, in the County of *Ocean* has called for a referendum question pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46(b) to be held on the third Saturday in February because it finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2026 amount to be raised by taxation budget by more than two percent (2.0%) over the 2025 amount to be raised by taxation, to provide and maintain essential district services for the residents of the district; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number 4 in the Township of Jackson, hereby determines that a 3.3% increase in the amount to be raised by taxation or \$965,088.50 in excess of the increase in the amount to be raised by taxation otherwise permitted by a two (2.0%) tax levy cap, will only become effective upon authorization by an affirmative vote of in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the voters casting a ballot at the referendum and,

WHEREAS, this additional amount will be appropriated for the purposes set forth below, increasing the total appropriation for each such purpose from what would otherwise be provided under the limitations of a two percent (2.0%) tax levy cap, as set forth below:

Line item name	Amount for referendum
Firefighter Salaries, Health, Pension, Payroll Taxes, Overtime	\$715,088.50
Maintenance and Repair	\$75,000.00
Turnout Gear	\$75,000.00
Firefighting Equipment	\$100,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the question to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number 4 in the Township of Jackson be authorized to increase the 2026 amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by 3.3% or \$965,088.50 as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45, notwithstanding that its amount to be raised by taxation will exceed the two percent (2.0%) increase limitation.

Yes

No

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides a tax levy "cap" of two percent (2.0%) on the amount of increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

The following are those line items to which the increases apply:

Firefighter Salaries, Health, Pension, Payroll Taxes, Overtime
Maintenance and Repair
Turnout Gear
Firefighting Equipment

If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote), the amount to be raised by taxation will include this amount.

A "no" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase limits otherwise set forth by the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said referendum be, and the same is scheduled for February 21, 2026, between the hours of 2:00 and 10:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the manner provided by statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District 4 of the Township of Jackson for 2026 is hereby authorized to be published in the *Asbury Park Press* issue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the budget will be held at the Jackson Mills Firehouse, February 21, 2026 2-10pm at which time and place objections to said budget may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution, shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within 3 days after adoption with the recorded vote included thereon.

Certification

I, Raymond Tremmer III, Clerk of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a regular meeting held on January 22, 2026.

Raymond Tremmer III

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Tremmer III and it was seconded by Commissioner Jamison.

RECORD OF VOTE

Members	Torres Jr.	Goldman	Jamison	Tremmer III	Couceiro
Yes		X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent	X				

5:17 PM
01/22/26
Accrual Basis

Board of Fire Commissioners
Cash Balance Report
As of January 31, 2026

	Jan 31, 26	
	Debit	Credit
1009 · Provident Bank Operating	17,408.05	
1011 · Provident Bank Payroll	40,808.76	
1012 · Provident Bank Fire Bureau	65,423.92	
TOTAL	<u>123,640.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>

5:16 PM

01/22/26

Accrual Basis

Board of Fire Commissioners Treasurer Report As of January 31, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Split	Amount
1009 - Provident Bank Operating					
Check	01/02/2026	EFT	JCP&L	6510 Utilities	-1,357.38
Check	01/04/2026	EFT	AT&T Mobility	6510 Utilities	-368.46
Check	01/07/2026	EFT	Verizon	6510 Utilities	-99.00
Check	01/15/2026	EFT	JCP&L	6510 Utilities	-423.47
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7195	Acrisure NJ Partners Insurance Services	2000 *Accoun...	-8,183.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7196	BHMG-Corporate Care	2000 *Accoun...	-1,965.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7197	County of Monmouth	2000 *Accoun...	-50.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7198	Federal Express	2000 *Accoun...	-41.05
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7199	First Responder Joint Insurance Fund	2000 *Accoun...	-64,744.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7200	Freehold Cartage, Inc.	2000 *Accoun...	-305.99
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7201	Gannett NJ Newspapers	2000 *Accoun...	-293.89
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7202	HFA	2000 *Accoun...	-2,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7203	Lytix, Inc.	2000 *Accoun...	-509.60
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7204	NetLink Web Services, LLC	2000 *Accoun...	-1,025.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7205	NJ Advanced Media	2000 *Accoun...	-168.64
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7206	Police and Firemen's Retirement Fund	2000 *Accoun...	-35.70
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7207	RWJBarnabas Health, Mobile Health	2000 *Accoun...	-2,950.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7208	Skillender s Service Center Inc.	2000 *Accoun...	-3,361.69
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7209	Susan L Oksen-Pereira	2000 *Accoun...	-450.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7210	Witmer Public Safety Group	2000 *Accoun...	-1,780.98
Bill Pmt -Check	01/22/2026	7211	Richard Braslow ESQ	2000 *Accoun...	-1,500.00
Total 1009 - Provident Bank Operating					-91,612.85
TOTAL					-91,612.85

Board of Fire Commissioners Career Department Report
January 22, 2026

Building & Truck Report

Station 1

- Backup Generator was inspected fluids at normal levels. Fuel- Full

Station 2

- Generator was inspected and operational.

Unit 5421- Sutphen

- Unit is back in service from repairs. Blaze Equipment made notification that some of the items were covered under warranty.

Unit 5401- 2015 Pierce

- Vehicle went to S&S today 1/22/26 for rear brakes sticking and a transmission fluid leak.
- Vehicle will go back to S&S Fleet services to finish initial exhaust system issues repairs, and a few addition punch list items.

Unit 5437

- Will be serviced at Skillenders auto.

Unit 5404 2011 Chevy Tahoe-

- Vehicle was serviced. Front Defrosters / Heat repaired at Skillender auto for repair.

Unit 5427- 1997 Ford F-250

- Weak Batteries were replaced by Skillender's Auto. Initial fuel leak was not repaired 100% currently awaiting a part. Should be back in service prior to the storm.

Training:

- 12/19/2025 3 Carrer FF's and 6 Vol. FF's will be Attended Eckert Fire Tactics live-fire training In PA.
- 01/08/2026- In house- Handline Deployment training
- 01/14/2026-In house- Forward and reverse lay establishing water supply training
- 1/19/2026- Tour B Preformed annual BBP/RTK Hazmat training
- CEVO- Training Attended- FF Mastrodomenico, FF Sanchez, FF Alba, FF Matias

Board of Fire Commissioners Career Department Report
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Walkthroughs and Building familiarization were conducted at:

- 12/30/25 West Commodore Warehouse
- 12/30/25 Kolendorski Rd Warehouse
- 1/13/2026- Chai Life New Building on County Line Rd
- 1/20/2026-2 Kathleen Drive – Bella Terra

Notification:

- Capital Budget voting was a success and passed.
- Wireless Communication installed the new radio consoles in the offices / bay seems to working out well. Looking to add some additional speakers in remote locations.
- Bay Flooring Options? Epoxy or “Tuff Tiles”? Meeting t
- Suburban Caps out of Old Bridge NJ - Contacted for Bed cap and cargo system.

Community Events:

- TBD- Community- Medetedconk Annual Meet and Greet and Budget Update
- TBD- Community- South Knolls Annual Meet and Greet and Budget Update
- See attached flyer.

Attachments to report:

- Fire Recovery claim collection update: No significant update.

Call Volume Year to date:

Fire Calls- 83
EMS Calls- 18
Total- 62

Submitted,
Deputy Chief Richard Leonard

Notes:
Resolution to use Dr. Rafanello as Professional service:
Civil Service pre-employment psychological screenings

Unit 5414- Prices between \$2,000-\$4,000
Unit 5408- Prices between New \$188k-\$210k

FF Mastrodomenico – Passed EMT

Bureau of Fire Prevention District #4

Jackson Township

465 A North County Line Rd.

Jackson NJ, 08527

Office 732-928-7848

Fax 732-928-8220

Fire Official – Stanley O'Brien Jr.

January 22, 2026

Monthly Bureau Report

Fire Prevention Bureau Monthly Report

Inspections

- Inspections are being completed as normal. The Division end-of-year report is completed and is due January 31.
- Chai Lifeline 90 North County Line Road (45,000 Total Square Foot Building) is now open and operating.

Site Plans Received and Finalized

- No new plans

Permits / Events

- None

Fire Investigations

- **12/25** – Kitchen Fire 26 Birmingham Drive, Coverage provided for M. Grossman.
- **12/9** – Vehicle Fire 195 East MM 23
- **12/10** – Vehicle Fire at 528 Cirrea Road. Vehicle fire in the junk yard. (Lithium Ion Battery was the cause of the fire)

Assistance Provided

- None

Fire Prevention Details

- Smoke / Co Detectors are available for residents that meet the requirements.

Call Outs / Complaints & Projects

- 1/21 Broken sprinkler pipe at 109 North County Road Pescada Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley O'Brien Jr.
Fire Official