

January 8, 2026

The Chairman announced that as required by The Open Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided which notice specified time and place of meeting. The notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Fire House, Post Office, Library, the Court House, mailed to the Daily Record, and placed on file at the Township Clerk's Office and on the public notice website for the Montville BOFC District1

Call to Order

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District # 1, Montville Township, held at the Firehouse 86 River Road, Montville, N.J. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Lewis, who presided. Chairman Lewis pointed out the Fire Exits.

Those present were Commissioners Carl Lewis, Robert Cook, Michael Caggiano and Don Crownover; Chief Carol DaCosta and Denise Phostole, District Clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting for December were read and accepted as read. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried.

At 7:10 PM the meeting was paused to adopt the introduced budget that was amended at the December meeting. The commissioners passed a resolution to adopt. The regularly scheduled meeting was resumed at 7:20 PM.

Public Comment

None

Financial Report

Commissioner Caggiano gave the financial report and presented the bills for payment; the vouchers were reviewed by the commissioners and paid as follows on a motion made by Commissioner Crownover, seconded by Commissioner Cook, and carried:

<u>Disbursements January 2026</u>	
Administration	\$ 1,600.22
Benefits - Life Insurance	\$ 998.20
M&R Buildings and Grounds	\$ 2,032.55
Insurance (Commercial Package)	\$ 3,895.09
Training	\$ 250.00
Utilities	\$ 1,201.00
UFGA	\$ 2,550.37
Total Disbursements:	\$ 12,527.43

Commissioner Caggiano reported the interest for January had not been posted yet for three accounts. He was unable to reconcile the report for Fire Prevention – additional detail was needed. There was a transfer from the ION Savings to checking in the amount of \$25,000.00 and an additional \$80,000.00 from savings to checking. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Commissioner Cook and seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried.

Chief's Report

Chief reported that there were eighteen fire calls for the month of December, bringing the year- to-date fire calls to 235, and the total year-to- date activities to 417. There are two members who have passed FF1 and Hazmat. The chief is waiting for their certificates to be mailed in. There is a potential new member – waiting for their physical. There is a change in leadership for 2026: Taner Uygen is replacing Jim Downey as LT2. Blood Bourne Pathogens will be held on January 26th in Pine Brook. The department attended the Polar Bear plunge at the Lake Valhalla Club. Two of the Gumby suits have holes in them. They will order two new suits. Two members were sized for new gear. Boonton is collecting old expired gear and the department will clean out what they have and donate to Boonton. Motion to accept the Chief's report was made by Commissioner Cook; seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried.

Fire Official's Report

None.

Correspondence

- Received and sent multiple emails to the accountant in regards to the 2026 budget and the amendment required by the state to the introduced budget.
- Sent resolution to increase LOSAP base to Counselor Bucco for review.
- Received invoices from Batteries Plus (past due); ALM; Verizon; Gen Serv (past due); Fire and Safety; Morris County Training Academy; E Dispatch.
- Emails from ICC; DCA; First Due and Go Daddy
- Request for use of station 2 by Boonton Fire not used.
- Sent notice to amend introduced budget, adopt budget and open public meeting act to the newspaper.
- Received quotes from the chief for items not received but should be on 2025 budget. NJ Fire Equipment \$4303.00 and 4,094.00

Old Business

Commissioners reviewed the Project Status report.

New Business

Commissioners approved the request of the Boy Scouts to use station two. Commissioner Cook to replace outdated Carbon Monoxide detectors where needed. Commissioners passed an emergency resolution to replace the hot water heater at station three.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Crownover and carried. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lewis at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Phostole
District 1 Clerk Montville Township BOFC District One