



Forest Grove Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

This meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District 4, Township of Franklin, Gloucester County NJ was called to order on February 24th, 2026 19:00 and attended by the members noted below. This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Courier Post newspaper, filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester and posted at the Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Company.

1. Members' Present

- X Andrew Bellone Jr. - Chairman
- X Samuel Scapellato - Vice Chairman
- X Mykola "Nick" Myronowskyj - Secretary
- X Joseph Scapellato - Treasurer
- X Thomas Bellone Sr. – Commissioner

Public Present & Others: None

Point of Order – Annual reorganization meeting.

Due to the Fire District Elections we are required to have reorganization, nominations and election of Officers.

The reorganization meeting of the Forest Grove Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District # 4 Township of Franklin was held on February 24th 2026.

Mykola Myronowskyj nominated Andrew Bellone Jr. for Chairman; the nomination was seconded by Joseph Scapellato. All Board members voted Aye.

Andrew Bellone Jr. nominated Samuel Scapellato for Vice-Chairman; the nomination was seconded by Joseph Scapellato. All Board members voted Aye.

Andrew Bellone Jr. nominated Mykola Myronowskyj for Secretary; the nomination was seconded by Thomas Bellone. All Board members voted Aye.

Andrew Bellone Jr. nominated Joseph Scapellato for Treasurer; the nomination was seconded by Thomas Bellone. All Board members voted Aye.

Andrew Bellone nominated Thomas Bellone as Commissioner, the nomination was seconded by Joseph Scapellato. All members voted Aye.



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Point of Order – Annual reorganization meeting continued

The following appointments were made:

The official depository - Newfield National Bank

The official newspaper – The Courier Post

Lawyer: Hoffman & Dimuzio & Richard Braslow Esq.

Auditor – Nightlinger Colavita & Volpa

Meeting dates for March 2026 through March 2027

Tuesday March 24, 2026

Tuesday April 28, 2026

Tuesday May 26, 2026

Tuesday June 23, 2026

Tuesday July 28, 2026

Tuesday August 25, 2026

Tuesday September 22, 2026

Tuesday October 27, 2026

Tuesday November 24, 2026

Tuesday December 22, 2026

Tuesday January 26, 2027

Tuesday February 2, 2027

Tuesday March 23, 2027

Meeting time is 7:00 PM at the Forest Grove Fire Company Meeting Hall

The February 21st 2026, Fire District election results were as follows:

Budget Public question - 87 voted YES and 22 voted NO

Samuel Scapellato and Thomas Bellone were both re-elected for another 3-year term as a District 4 Fire District Commissioner.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as read was made by Thomas Bellone and seconded by Joseph Scapellato. No changes to be made.



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3. Treasurers Report & Bills against the Commission

Joseph Scapellato reported the following:

Petty cash balance \$0.00. New petty cash withdraw was approved for \$300.00 for the next fiscal year.

A check was received from VFIS for the final tower ladder repairs, the \$7,211.73 check was deposited, and the invoice will be paid once it is received.

A motion to pay all bills and to accept the Treasurers report was made by Thomas Bellone and seconded by Andrew Bellone.

4. Old Business

The Board received LFN 2026-1, changes to legal notification. Additional details to be provided, but it seems that the Board will no longer need to publish public notices in a newspaper, but instead can be posted on the official website. There are particular rules that will need to be followed, Mr. Myronowskyj will investigate the rule and comply accordingly.

A member slipped and fell on the ice at the FD after an active call. He was working at the pump house refilling a truck with water. The member was given the paperwork needed to complete and Mr. Myronowskyj has made notifications to the insurance company. The last report is that the member is doing well.

The Tower ladder had addendums to the original insurance claim. Since the last meeting it was found that all claims were approved and we have received the insurance check as noted in the Treasurers report.

5. New Business

The unofficial election results are as follows:

Mail in voting

Samual Scapellato – 41

Thomas Bellone – 41

Budget – Yes – 34, No – 13

In person voting

Samual Scapellato – 34

Thomas Bellone – 34

Budget – Yes – 35, No – 1

Final vote counts will be presented at the March meeting.

Kelly Flail from HILB Insurance dropped off the new insurance binder.



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5. New Business continued

Mykola Myronowskyj is compiling the 2025 financial audit paperwork. The files will be delivered to the auditor in March.

LOSAP award, PO7333 in the amount of \$54,421.36. 28 members achieved the LOSAP award and will each receive \$1,943.62 into their account. The check will be mailed to VALIC at the beginning of March.

Public Comments – None

Chief of the Fire Department: Not Present

President of the Fire Department: Not Present

Others: Not Present

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andrew Bellone and seconded by Joseph Scapellato. The meeting was adjourned at 19:16 hours.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mykola "Nick" Myronowskyj
Secretary of the Board
Board of Fire Commissioners, District 4
Township of Franklin, Gloucester County NJ*



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Accrual Basis

Franklin Township Fire District No 4 Transactions This Month As of February 28, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Newfield Na Bk 0505				
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13934	Air Gas USA LLC	-1,254.53
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13935	Allen Wireless Solutions	-1,545.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13936	Bird Family Plumbing	-723.03
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13937	Blaze Emergency Equipment C...	-7,281.64
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13938	Bolster Hardware	-946.60
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13939	Comcast (Xfinity)	-24.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13940	Comcast 569	-224.56
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13941	Dennis Allonardo	-85.19
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13942	Diamond Tool	-18.87
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13943	DTA Solutions LLC	-175.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13944	Forest Grove Fire Co	-3,557.19
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13945	Gen-el Safety & Industrial Prod...	-298.10
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13946	Genna Electric	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13947	Glenn Insurance, Inc.	-3,122.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13948	Joseph S Scapellato	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13949	Mark A Cifaloglio	-950.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13950	MES Service Company LLC	-108.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13951	Mykola Myronowskyj	-118.68
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13952	Nexstop Energy Inc	-414.43
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13953	Safety & Survial Training LLC	-8,550.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13954	Verizon Wireless 197	-117.83
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13955	W.B. Mason Co. Inc.	-386.80
Bill Pmt -Check	02/24/2026	13956	Witmer Public Safety Group Inc	-235.74
Total Newfield Na Bk 0505				-30,687.19
Newfield Savings 9924				
Deposit	02/10/2026			7,211.73
Deposit	02/24/2026			111.97
Total Newfield Savings 9924				7,323.70
TOTAL				-23,363.49



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Accrual Basis

Franklin Township Fire District No 4 Balance Sheet As of February 28, 2026

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Newfield Na Bk 0505	-25,011.74
Newfield Savings 9924	871,416.29
Total Checking/Savings	846,404.55
Total Current Assets	846,404.55
TOTAL ASSETS	846,404.55
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Restricted Fund Future Cap	378,748.54
Total Other Current Liabilities	378,748.54
Total Current Liabilities	378,748.54
Long Term Liabilities	
Future Capital	12,000.00
Truck Loan	-95,223.90
Total Long Term Liabilities	-83,223.90
Total Liabilities	295,524.64
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	44,604.16
Retained Earnings	546,590.68
Net Income	-40,314.93
Total Equity	550,879.91
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	846,404.55