

# **Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

June 10, 2025

The June 2025 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 at the Richland Fire House was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Andrew J. Levari III. Public notice of this meeting was sent to the Vineland Daily Journal and the Press of Atlantic City newspapers for publication as prescribed by law. All requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act have been achieved for this meeting in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

### Roll Call

Linda M. Burshtin	Present: <u>X</u>	Absent: _____
Randall J. Knapp, Jr.	Present: <u>X</u>	Absent: _____
Andrew (Duke) Levari Jr.	Present: <u>X</u>	Absent: _____
Andrew (A.J.) Levari III	Present: <u>X</u>	Absent: _____
Mary Ann Micheletti-Levari	Present: <u>X</u>	Absent: _____

Review of Prior Meeting's Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Lynn Burshtin and seconded by AJ Levari to approve the minutes as presented, and all members present voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lynn Burshtin reported the following for May:

Deposits:		
Checking account	\$	None
Operating savings account		None
Reserve savings account		None

Interest:		
Checking account	\$	11.47
Operating savings account		4.23
Reserve savings account		23.24

Ending Balance (including above deposits and interest):		
Checking account (register balance)	\$	259,638.71
Operating savings account		33,213.38
Reserve savings account		182,396.36

A motion was made by Duke Levari and seconded AJ Levari to approve the Treasurer's Report, and all members present voted in the affirmative.

Bills: The following bills were presented for payment:

Atlantic City Electric	\$	473.32
South Jersey Gas		54.78
Comcast - internet/phone		157.34
Comcast - cable		22.00
Impact Fleet/Mansfield Oil Co. - Truck fuel		284.15
T-Mobile - Inv. 982839172-23, Truck tables internet		52.60
Continental Fire & Safety- Inv. RS173, Sensit Gas detector		811.46
Defender- Inv. S1303, Repairs to truck 12-19		746.80
DeVal Safety-Inv. 3707417, 3717547, SCBA flowtests & compressor breathing test		662.50
Elmer Door Company- Inv. 10430052125, maintenance to truck bay overhead doors		617.75
Howell Rescue Systems- Inv.23307785, rescue gloves,		403.06
Press of Atlantic City- Inv. 815F3110-0008, legal ad, notice of special meeting		44.32
V.E. Ralph & Son- Inv. 483657, AED replacement pads		445.80
Airpower International Inc- Inv, 5288, repairs to 12-15 cascade		2,150.83

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Richland General Store - DEF for 12-19

18.99  
Total: \$ 6,945.70

A motion was made by Randy Knapp and seconded by Duke Levari to pay all bills. Roll Call: L. Burshtin - Yes, R. Knapp - Yes, Levari, Jr. - Yes, Levari III - Yes, Micheletti - Yes. Motion was approved.

Old Business: The chairman reported the spring cleaning was completed by the township.

The Sensit Gas Meter previously purchased has arrived. Members were trained on the new equipment and it was placed into service on 12-19.

Elmer Door completed the annual door servicing including the exterior man doors.

The AED Pads arrived to replace the nearing expiration pads in the EMS bags on the trucks.

Report of Capital Meeting: The Capital Money Meeting was conducted on Tuesday May 27, 2025 at the Richland Fire House from 6 PM to 9 PM. Results for the proposal to be authorized to spend an additional \$60,000.00 to purchase a firetruck to be paid from capital funds on deposit with the Fire District.

Yes - 8 votes at poll = 8 total votes

No - 0 votes at poll = 0 total votes

The proposed question was declared to be approved, with 100 percent approval by those voting. The Secretary has reported the results to the DCA.

New Business:

In order to obtain financing the board must go before the local finance board. The following resolution was proposed.

Resolution 2025-20: (Local Finance Board Application) - A motion was made by A.J. Levari and seconded by Randall Knapp to approve an application to the NJ Local Finance Board as follows: WHEREAS, Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 desires to make application to the Local Finance Board for its review and/or approval of a proposed bond financing authorizing Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 to finance a fire apparatus.

WHEREAS, Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 believes:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit or units;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit or units and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit or units;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Attorney, Bond Counsel and financial advisor, along with other representatives of Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Fire District in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Secretary of Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of the proposed application with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

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Our lawyer recommended we obtain a bond solicitor to represent us at the local finance board. The following resolution was offered.

Resolution 2025-21: (Bond Solicitor Resolution) - A motion was made by Randall Knapp and seconded by Duke Levari to approve the proposed agreement with McManimon Scotland & Baumann, LLC: WHEREAS, Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 desires to have them prepare documents and represent the board at Local Finance Board for its review and/or approval of a proposed bond financing authorizing Buena Vista Township Fire District No. 1 to finance a fire apparatus.

Roll Call: L. Burshtin - Yes, R. Knapp - Yes, Levari, Jr. - Yes, Levari III - Yes, Micheletti - Yes. Motion was approved.

12-11 is leaking coolant and needs to be repaired. The mechanic will fix it this upcoming week.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment by Duke Levari and seconded by Randall Knapp. All members present voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Randall J. Knapp, Jr.  
Secretary