



# Cherry Hill Board of Fire Commissioners

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*At Large*  
William P. Kelly

*At Large*  
William T. McCargo

## **MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING** **January 17, 2023**

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open, Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting was posted on the Fire District and Township of Cherry Hill bulletin board designed for that purpose. Notice was published in the official newspapers on January 6, 2023.

**The meeting will also be accessible to the public on-line through Zoom by following the information on our website. Members of the public attending through Zoom will be able to give public comment utilizing the public comments section of the meeting.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Public meeting call to order at 19:00 hours.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

### **ROLL CALL**

DORAN	ABSENT
KELLY	PRESENT
LIPSETT	PRESENT
MCCARGO	PRESENT
MULHOLLAND	ABSENT

Also present: Fire Chief Callan, AFC Houlihan, AFC DeLucca, EMSBC Milsted, CFO Foley and PSA Fiorentini.

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

Fire Chief Callan welcomed the friends and families who attended the meeting to witness the Oath of Office Ceremony for Lieutenant Sean D. Carlin and Captain Stephen G. Kinky. Fire Chief Callan explained the process and dedication it takes to become a Fire Officer in the Cherry Hill Fire Department.

Fire Commissioner Lipsett administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Sean D. Carlin and to Captain Stephen G. Kinky.

After the Oath of Office Ceremony, the Board took a short recess at 19:06 hours and reconvened at 19:20 hours.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Commissioner McCargo seconded by Commissioner Lipsett to accept the Regular Meeting minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting, the Special Meeting minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting, the Special Meeting minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting and the Closed Special Meeting minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting*

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

DORAN	ABSENT
KELLY	YEA
LIPSETT	YEA
MCCARGO	YEA
MULHOLLAND	ABSENT

**CORRESPONDENCE**

On file

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Callan presented the Fire Chief's report. The full report is on file.

- Attended OFC/FCO monthly meeting.
- Attended Cherry Hill Township meetings.
- Attended BOFC Prep Meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

CFO Foley read the Treasurer's Report into the record; the opening balance in the cash accounts as of December 1 was \$14,213,725.74. December receipts totaled \$2,317,689.64. December disbursements totaled \$2,613,090.52 leaving a closing balance of \$13,918,324.86 as of December 31, 2022, which resulted in a net use of cash totaling \$295,400.88.

*Motion by Commissioner Lipsett and seconded by Commissioner McCargo to accept Treasurer's Report and the bill list totaling \$940,213.87 as read. Motion carried.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

DORAN	ABSENT
KELLY	YEA
LIPSETT	YEA
MCCARGO	YEA
MULHOLLAND	ABSENT

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Motion to open the Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2023 Budget.*

*Motion by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner McCargo to open the Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2023 Budget. Motion carried.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

DORAN	ABSENT
KELLY	YEA
LIPSETT	YEA
MCCARGO	YEA
MULHOLLAND	ABSENT

CFO Foley read the line item budget into the minutes after which the Board asked for public comment.

Richard Oberle, President of Fire Officers IAFF Local 3198 read the following statement on behalf of IAFF Local 3198 and IAFF Local 2663 into the minutes of the Public Hearing:

*"Commissioners,*

*The members of Cherry Hill Firefighters IAFF Local 2663 and Cherry Hill Fire Officers IAFF Local 3198 thank the Board of Fire Commissioners and Office of the Fire Chief for continuing the practice of increasing the minimum firefighters on half of our on-duty apparatus from three to four into the New Year. This initial action to rectify this safety issue has increased the safety of the residents we serve, and we're thrilled that you have recognized the difference this makes in the service provided to Cherry Hill.*

*This action to bring Squad 13, Ladder 1324, and Rescue Ladder 13 up to a minimum of four firefighters at all times came after months of discussions with the Board of Fire*

*Commissioners and the Office of the Fire Chief. We're proud of the relationship we've built with both bodies, and we're committed to strengthening that bond in 2023. However, bold action and planning from the department is needed to keep this momentum rolling. The department is facing a massive turnover of firefighters in 2023. While this presents us with the opportunity to train the next generation, there is no replacement for the centuries of experience that will be walking out the door in the form of retirements in the coming months and years.*

*These new firefighters will undoubtedly be trained and mentored by the very best our department has to offer. But training is only one part of providing excellence in public safety. These new firefighters need to be a part of a department that has a minimum of four full-time firefighters across the board. We look forward to working with the Board of Fire Commissioners and Office of the Fire Chief to ensure that we have the appropriate number of firefighters and EMTs on the street to keep Cherry Hill safe."*

After receiving no additional public comments, the Board entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.

*Motion by Commissioner McCargo and seconded by Commissioner Kelly to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

DORAN	ABSENT
KELLY	YEA
LIPSETT	YEA
MCCARGO	YEA
MULHOLLAND	ABSENT

The following resolutions were presented on Consent Agenda;

**READING OF RESOLUTIONS**

<b>RESOLUTION #23-01-17-01</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>
<b>RESOLUTION #23-01-17-02</b>	<b>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS RELATIVE TO THE 2022 BUDGET</b>
<b>RESOLUTION #23-01-17-03</b>	<b>RESOLUTION TO CANCEL UNEXPENDED BALANCES</b>

RESOLUTION #23-01-17-04	RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE CAPTAIN
RESOLUTION #23-01-17-05	RESOLUTION MEMORIZLIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE LIEUTENANT
RESOLUTION #23-01-17-06	RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN CHERRY HILL FIRE DISTRICT #13 AND THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN
RESOLUTION #23-01-17-07	RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF BID FOR FLYING CROSS NOMEX UNIFORMS OR EQUIVALENT

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

*Motion by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner McCargo to accept Resolutions #23-01-17-01 through #23-01-17-07 on Consent agenda as read. Motion carried.*

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

DORAN	ABSENT
KELLY	YEA
LIPSETT	YEA
MCCARGO	YEA
MULHOLLAND	ABSENT

**PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO CLOSE OF MEETING**

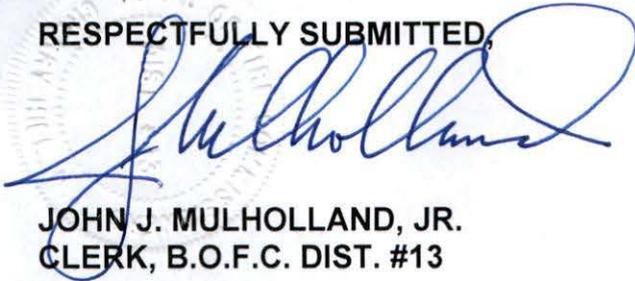
*THIS SECTION OF THE PUBLIC MEETING IS RESERVED FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO ACCEPT "COMMENTS" FROM THE PUBLIC. IF A COMMISSIONER WISHES TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THE COMMENTS, IT WILL BE DONE AFTER THE COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING IS CLOSED. PUBLIC COMMENTS SHALL BE DIRECTED THROUGH THE CHAIRPERSON.*

*There were no public comments received.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

*Motion by Commissioner Kelly and seconded by Commissioner McCargo to adjourn meeting at 19:38 hours. Motion carried.*

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John J. Mulholland, Jr.", is written over a faint circular official seal. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**JOHN J. MULHOLLAND, JR.  
CLERK, B.O.F.C. DIST. #13**