

New Jersey Firemen's Home Full Board Meeting



February 14, 2026

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026
Location: New Jersey Firemen's Home
Called to Order: 9:00 AM

Roll Call:

Managers present 19, (Managers Dunn and Giglio excused); Superintendent John Veras; Legal Counsel Mr. Bell.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

- **January 10, 2026, Minutes** — approved

Communications:

Letter received from Marianne expressing gratitude for the fruit basket sent by the Board.

Chair's Report:

- Announcement: Beginning March 14, 2026, meetings will be offered via Zoom for public access. Link to be posted on website.

Officers' Reports:

Secretary:

- No report.

Treasurer:

- Toll expenditures need to be submitted, remaining due before next payroll. Increase will reflect in April checks.
- Budget remains stable

Superintendent:

- CNA School Program curriculum approved by Department of Health.
 - Inspection of lab/classroom areas pending.
- Secretaries' office renovation progressing (awaiting sprinkler modification).
- Two consecutive negative water tests.
- Successful snowstorm staffing (staff remained onsite).
- Donation of video golf game installed in Klondike Room.
- Golf outing tentatively scheduled for June 16, 2026 (awaiting final fee confirmation).
 - Emphasis on securing tee sponsorships.
- Sprinkler pipes froze in crawl space addressed, working with Division of Fire Safety.
- Two residents moved out.

Legal Counsel (Mr. Bell):

- Chiller Replacement RFQ in final review stage.
- Inquiry from Town regarding potential field use (no formal proposal yet).
- Assisted with resident removal matter.
- Continued bylaw revisions.

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds (Keyser):

- Commendation to facilities staff for rapid sprinkler repair.
- Snow removal handled efficiently.
- Flagpole maintenance to occur in spring (budget timing discussed).

Applications (Freeman):

- Census (as of 1/3/26): Total 68 residents (breakdown read into record). Two residents answered their final alarm since prior meeting.

Employees (Miller):

- Reviwed AG finds regard BPAS report discrepancy and recommending we move forward to the board for a vote to get a third-part forensic investigation.

Finance & Budget (Keyser):

- Reviewed 1/1-1/31 operating expenses; \$514,206.02 approved in committee.

Insurance (Strube):

- Health insurance stable; no additional updates.

Legislative (Miller):

- Senate Bill S2759 (Volunteer First Responder stipend tax exemption) released to full Senate.
- No bills on Governor's desk.

Bi-Laws (Joas):

- First four revised bylaws sections circulated and reviewed.
 - Motion to approve distributed revised bylaws.

Museum (Hull):

- Minor item displacement due to suspected tremor; corrected.

Public Relations (Wilson):

- Working on ideas for convention, committee meeting after the meeting to discuss options.

Ethics & Code of Conduct (Dunn):

- Nothing new to report.

Pension (Apgar):

- Nothing new to report.

Inventory (Wilson):

- Nothing new to report.

Golf (Signorello):

- Mr. Veras covered under his report.

Liaison to State Association (Hul):

- Awaiting State approval of joint financial study.
 - Study would evaluate expenditures between organizations.

Inspection (Keyser):

- Kitchen noted as clean, emergency exits cleared, minor corrected noted (see report).

Long-Term Planning (Mitch):

- Committee recommending advancement of Option 2A (remove one dorm; construct five-story addition).
 - Bid package preparation phase.
 - Discussion of potential building fund.

State Firemen's Association (Ordway):

- Report season, be sure reports are being submitted to state office.

Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Revised bylaws adopted via roll call vote.

Payment of Bills:

- \$514,206.02— Motion to approve; roll call approved.

Motions & Resolutions:

- None beyond items noted above.

Public Participation:

- Resident Sam H. commended staff for care during flu outbreak and snowstorm. And expressed appreciation for difficult board decisions made in residents' best interest.
- Superintendent Veras clarified policy regarding Power of Attorney conflicts. And expressed support for forensic investigation to resolve matter transparently.

Good & Welfare:

- Update on former Manager Gil Lugossy (injury; now in assisted living).
- Mercer County donation presentation: ~\$3,500.
- Condolences expressed for recent losses to Stube family.

Executive Session:

- None.

Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy DeVirgilio
Secretary