

New Jersey Firemen's Home Full Board Meeting



January 10, 2026

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026
Location: New Jersey Firemen's Home
Called to Order: 9:00 AM

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Prior Minutes:

- **December 13th, 2025 Minutes** — approved (Manager Ordway abstained)

Communications:

- New program welcoming developmentally disabled adults to visit the museum. Thank-you notes from participants were available for review.

Chair's Report:

- Karen filled in for Mary Ann, who is recovering from medical issues
- HIPAA clarification was addressed; administration confirmed photo releases are obtained and monitored
- Questions regarding resident confidentiality and POA communications were clarified

Officers' Reports:

Secretary:

- Request made for committee reports to be submitted prior to meetings

Treasurer:

- Mileage reimbursement rate increased effective January 1, 2026, Increase will reflect in April checks

Superintendent:

- State Department of Health visited regarding water management
 - Approval granted to reduce testing points
 - Self-testing permitted to reduce costs
 - Three consecutive negative tests required to renegotiate requirements
- Reminder to submit travel letters for 1099 processing

Legal Counsel (Mr. Bell):

- Rules of decorum drafted for meetings
- Meetings planned with Ombudsman and Township community gardens

Committee Reports:

Buildings & Grounds (Keyser):

- Holiday decorations removed
- Awning recognition contact pending
- Updates requested on chiller replacement estimate

Applications (Freeman):

- Census (as of 12/31/25): Total 66 residents (breakdown read into record). Two residents answered their final alarm since prior meeting.

Employees (Miller):

- No report at this time

Finance & Budget (Keyser):

- Reviewed 12/1-12/31 operating expenses; \$378,882.40 approved in committee.

Insurance (Strube):

- No report at this time

Legislative (Miller):

- 76 bills are being tracked related to the Firemen's Home.(Full report in attachments)

Bi-Laws (Joas):

- Bylaws distributed for 30-day review
 - Policies and procedures under committee review
 - Ethics and decorum policies forwarded for inclusion

Museum (Hull):

- Clarification on proposed bronze statue purchase

Public Relations (Wilson):

- Working on ideas for convention.

Ethics & Code of Conduct (Dunn):

- The committee met regarding BPAS actuary discrepancies and referred to employees committee for follow up.
- Rules of decorum reviewed and approved to be implemented.

Pension (Apgar):

- Nothing new to report.

Inventory (Wilson):

- Nothing new to report.

Golf (Signorello):

- Will be speaking about it within the month with John Veras to set a date and location.

Liaison to State Association (Miller):

- Need to create a policy for committee to have added to Bi-Laws.

Inspection (Freeman):

- Unable to complete inspection prior to meeting will be completed.

Long-Term Planning (Mitch):

- Looking for funding resources

State Firemen's Association (Ordway):

- No report.

Unfinished Business:

- Follow-up on Lacey Elks recognition ongoing. (Washer)
- Discussion regarding potential room renovations referred back to administration to review.(Ordway)

New Business:

- A motion was introduced to conduct a joint analysis with the Relief Association to evaluate optimal use of insurance funds. Unanimous "yes" vote to move forward.(Hull/Ordway)

Payment of Bills:

- \$378,082.04— Motion to approve; roll call approved.

Motions & Resolutions:

- None beyond items noted above.

Public Participation:

- Mr. Lynch, Vernon Township Firemen's Relief Association, spoke in support of collaboration and offered ladder truck assistance for flag replacement.

Good & Welfare:

- Manager Freeman announced donation he was advised on for residents to have super bowl party.
- Manager Wilson expressed thanks to everyone on well wishes while he recovered.
- Manager Hull congratulated Manager Signorello on newly appointed mayor.

Executive Session:

- None.

Adjournment:

- Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy DeVirgilio
Secretary