Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:35 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Commissioner John C. Kenny – All the requirements of the "Open Public Meeting Act" have been complied with by advertising in the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger and posted at the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren, at the firehouse and on the website. We will proceed.

Commissioner John C. Kenny led a pledge to the flag.

A moment of silence was observed for our departed members and for those serving overseas.

PRESENT:

Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Robert Minkler,

Sr., Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Todd

Howell, Commissioner Jeffrey Moran

ALSO PRESENT:

Christopher Howell, Attorney

Maria Bucsanszky, Clerk Chief Charles Kenny

Commissioner J.C.K.: Good evening. On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioner we thank everyone for coming out tonight in this bad weather. This is a very special moment tonight. We're going to have our first Deputy Chief in the department and we have the honor of bringing our Captains to rank of Battalion Chiefs and our Lieutenants up to the rank of Captains and we also have two new members coming into the Rank and File so this is a very special night. Almost half of the department is being promoted or new members coming in. So with that I would like everyone to stand to do the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay for tonight we're going to get started. Our first presenter will be bringing up our new Deputy Chief. I do want to, before I get into the swearing in, I just want to say so everyone understands these men have gone into extensive training. They have gone to the state, they have taken the test, they have spent many hours working and studying to be able to come to this new plateau in their career and it's a very great honor for them to do this so I think you should give a round of applause for them.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay, we're going to get started with our new Deputy Chief, John Golden.

## Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Giving the oath will be his brother retired former Union Chaplain, Robert Golden. I'd just like everyone to know this family has been in this department for many generations. As I said Bobby was a member and their father Musty was a member so this is a great honor that's happening here tonight.

Robert Golden: I John Golden.

John Golden: I John Golden.

Robert Golden: Do solemnly swear.

John Golden: Do solemnly swear.

Robert Golden: That I will faithfully.

John Golden: That I will faithfully.

Robert Golden: And conscientiously.

John Golden: And conscientiously.

Robert Golden: Discharge the duties of Deputy Fire Chief.

John Golden: Discharge the duties of Deputy Fire Chief.

Robert Golden: Of Fire District No. 1.

John Golden: Of Fire District No. 1.

Robert Golden: Township of Woodbridge.

John Golden: Township of Woodbridge.

Robert Golden: New Jersey.

John Golden: New Jersey.

Robert Golden: According to the best of my ability.

John Golden: According to the best of my ability.

Robert Golden: And render full service to the district and to the fire department.

John Golden: And render full service to the district and to the fire department.

Robert Golden: And will at all times be subordinate to others.

John Golden: And will at all times be subordinate to others.

Robert Golden: And to the direction of my superiors.

John Golden: And to the direction of my superiors.

Robert Golden: In conformity with the rules.

John Golden: In conformity with the rules.

Robert Golden: I further solemnly swear.

John Golden: I further solemnly swear.

Robert Golden: That I will support the Constitution.

John Golden: That I will support the Constitution.

Robert Golden: Of the United States.

John Golden: Of the United States.

Robert Golden: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

John Golden: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Robert Golden: And that I will bear true faith.

John Golden: And that I will bear true faith.

Robert Golden: And alliance.

John Golden: And alliance.

Robert Golden: To the same and to the governments.

John Golden: To the same and to the governments.

Robert Golden: Established.

John Golden: Established.

Robert Golden: In the United States and in this state.

John Golden: In the United States and in this state.

Robert Golden: So help me God.

John Golden: So help me God.

Robert Golden: Congratulations

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Okay next coming up we're going to have Battalion Chief Robert Paul and we will have Councilwoman Nancy Drumm administer the oath.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: I Robert Paul.

Robert Paul: I Robert Paul.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: Do solemnly swear.

Robert Paul: Do solemnly swear.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: That I will faithfully.

Robert Paul: That I will faithfully.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And conscientiously discharge the duties of Battalion Chief of Fire District No. 1.

Robert Paul: And conscientiously discharge the duties of Battalion Chief of Fire District No 1.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Robert Paul: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: According to the best of my ability.

Robert Paul: According to the best of my ability.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And render full service.

Robert Paul: And render full service.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: To the district.

Robert Paul: To the district.

Councilwoman Drumm: And to the fire department.

Robert Paul: And to the fire department.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And will at all times.

Robert Paul: And will at all times.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: Be subordinate to orders.

Robert Paul: Be subordinate to orders.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And to the direction of my superiors.

Robert Paul: And to the direction of my superiors.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: In conformity with the rules.

Robert Paul: In conformity with the rules.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: I further solemnly swear.

Robert Paul: I further solemnly swear.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Robert Paul: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Robert Paul: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And that I will bear true faith.

Robert Paul: And that I will bear true faith.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And alliance to the same.

Robert Paul: And alliance to the same.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And to the governments.

Robert Paul: And to the governments.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: Established in the United States.

Robert Paul: Established in the United States.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: And in this state.

Robert Paul: And in this state.

Councilwoman Nancy Drumm: So help me God.

Robert Paul: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations Bob.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we're going to have Battalion Chief Michael Balog come up and administering the oath will be Commissioner Todd Howell who also is a personal friend of the family.

Audience claps.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Before I start I would just like to say that I stood up here fourteen years ago in this very spot and swear Michael in when he became a firefighter. It's a great honor and I'm pleased to do tonight's honors in his promotion. Without further ado we'll go right to the oath.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I Michael Balog.

Michael Balog: I Michael Balog.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Do solemnly swear.

Michael Balog: Do solemnly swear.

Commissioner Todd Howell: That I will faithfully.

Michael Balog: That I will faithfully.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And conscientiously discharge.

Michael Balog: And conscientiously discharge.

Commissioner Todd Howell: The duties of Battalion Chief.

Michael Balog: The duties of Battalion Chief.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Of Fire District No. 1, Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Michael Balog: Of Fire District No. 1, Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Commissioner Todd Howell: According to the best of my ability.

Michael Balog: According to the best of my ability.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And render full service to the district.

Michael Balog: And render full service to the district.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And the fire department.

Michael Balog: And the fire department.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And will at all times.

Michael Balog: And will at all times.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Be subordinate to the orders and directions.

Michael Balog: Be subordinate to the orders and directions.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Of my superiors and in conformity with the rules.

Michael Balog: Of my superiors and in conformity with the rules.

Commissioner Todd Howell: I further solemnly swear.

Michael Balog: I further solemnly swear.

Commissioner Todd Howell: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Michael Balog: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Michael Balog: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And that I will bear true faith and alliance.

Michael Balog: And that I will bear true faith and alliance.

Commissioner Todd Howell: To the same.

Michael Balog: To the same.

Commissioner Todd Howell: And to the governments established.

Michael Balog: And to the governments established.

Commissioner Todd Howell: In the United States and in this state.

Michael Balog: In the United States and in this state.

Commissioner Todd Howell: So help me God.

Michael Balog: So help me God.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Congratulations.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The next thing to note will be Battalion Chief Robert Minkler, Jr. Administering the oath will be Superior Court Judge Robert Mega who is actually uncle to Robert.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: I Robert Minkler, Jr.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: I Robert Minkler, Jr.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Do solemnly swear.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Do solemnly swear.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: That I will faithfully.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: That I will faithfully.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And conscientiously.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And conscientiously.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Discharge the duties.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Discharge the duties.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Of Battalion Chief of Fire District No. 1.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Of Battalion Chief of Fire District No. 1.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: According to the best of my ability.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: According to the best of my ability.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And render full service.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And render full service.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: To the district.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: To the district.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And to the fire department.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And to the fire department.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And will at all times.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And will at all times.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Be subordinate.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Be subordinate.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: To the orders.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: To the orders.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And directions.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And directions.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Of my superiors.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Of my superiors.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And in conformity.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And in conformity.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: With the rules.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: With the rules.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: I further solemnly swear.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: I further solemnly swear.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: That I will support.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: That I will support.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: The Constitution of the United States.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: The Constitution of the United States.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And that I will bear true faith and alliance.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And that I will bear true faith and alliance.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: To the same.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: To the same.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And to the governments.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And to the governments.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Established in the United States.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Established in the United States.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And in this state.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: And in this state.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: So help me God.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Very nice. Congratulations Bob.

Robert Minkler, Jr.: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: The next coming up will be Provisional Battalion Chief Mark

Minkler.

Audience claps.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Repeat after me, I Mark Minkler.

Mark Minkler: I Mark Minkler.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Do solemnly swear.

Mark Minkler: Do solemnly swear.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: That I will faithfully.

Mark Minkler: That I will faithfully.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And conscientiously.

Mark Minkler: And conscientiously.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Discharge the duties.

Mark Minkler: Discharge the duties.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Of Provisional Battalion Chief.

Mark Minkler: Of Provisional Battalion Chief.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Of Fire District No. 1.

Mark Minkler: Of Fire District No. 1.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Mark Minkler: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: According to the best of my ability.

Mark Minkler: According to the best of my ability.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And render full service to the district.

Mark Minkler: And render full service to the district.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And to the fire department.

Mark Minkler: And to the fire department.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And will at all times.

Mark Minkler: And will at all times.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Be subordinate.

Mark Minkler: Be subordinate.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: To the orders.

Mark Minkler: To the orders.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And directions.

Mark Minkler: And directions.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: Of my superiors.

Mark Minkler: Of my superiors.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And in conformity with the rules.

Mark Minkler: And in conformity with the rules.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: I further solemnly swear.

Mark Minkler: I further solemnly swear.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: That I will support.

Mark Minkler: That I will support.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: The Constitution of the United States.

Mark Minkler: The Constitution of the United States.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Mark Minkler: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And that I will bear true faith and alliance to the same.

Mark Minkler: And that I will bear true faith and alliance to the same.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And to the governments established in the United States.

Mark Minkler: And to the governments established in the United States.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: And in this state.

Mark Minkler: And in this state.

Superior Court Judge Robert Mega: So help me God.

Mark Minkler: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Very nice.

Mark Minkler: Thank you.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations Mark.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we're going to give the oath to Captain Keith Repace and administering the oath will be his son, Mark Repace.

Audience claps.

Mark Repace: I Keith Repace.

Keith Repace: I Keith Repace.

Mark Repace: Do solemnly swear.

Keith Repace: Do solemnly swear.

Mark Repace: That I will faithfully and conscientiously.

Keith Repace: That I will faithfully and conscientiously.

Mark Repace: Discharge the duties of Fire Captain.

Keith Repace: Discharge the duties of Fire Captain.

Mark Repace: Of Fire District No. 1.

Keith Repace: Of Fire District No. 1.

Mark Repace: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Keith Repace: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Mark Repace: According to the best of my ability.

Keith Repace: According to the best of my ability.

Mark Repace: And render full service to the fire district.

Keith Repace: And render full service to the fire district.

Mark Repace: And to the fire department.

Keith Repace: And to the fire department.

Mark Repace: And will at all times.

Keith Repace: And will at all times.

Mark Repace: Be subordinate to the orders.

Keith Repace: Be subordinate to the orders.

Mark Repace: And directions of my superiors.

Keith Repace: And directions of my superiors.

Mark Repace: And in conformity with the rules.

Keith Repace: And in conformity with the rules.

Mark Repace: I further solemnly swear.

Keith Repace: I further solemnly swear.

Mark Repace: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Keith Repace: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Mark Repace: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Keith Repace: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Mark Repace: And I will bear true faith.

Keith Repace: And I will bear true faith.

Mark Repace: And alliance to the same.

Keith Repace: And alliance to the same.

Mark Repace: And to the governments established.

Keith Repace: And to the governments established.

Mark Repace: In the United States and in this state.

Keith Repace: In the United States and in this state.

Mark Repace: So help me God.

Keith Repace: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations Keith.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we're going to have Captain Joseph Kogut to come up. To administer the oath will be Commissioner Robert Minkler.

Audience claps.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: I Joseph Kogut.

Joseph Kogut: I Joseph Kogut.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: Do solemnly swear.

Joseph Kogut: Do solemnly swear.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: That I will faithfully.

Joseph Kogut: That I will faithfully.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And conscientiously.

Joseph Kogut: And conscientiously.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: Discharge the duties of Fire Captain of Fire District No. 1.

Joseph Kogut: Discharge the duties of Fire Captain of Fire District No. 1.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: Township of Woodbridge.

Joseph Kogut: Township of Woodbridge.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: New Jersey.

Joseph Kogut: New Jersey.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: According to the best of my ability.

Joseph Kogut: According to the best of my ability.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And render full service.

Joseph Kogut: And render full service.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: To the district.

Joseph Kogut: To the district.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And to the fire department.

Joseph Kogut: And to the fire department.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And will at all times.

Joseph Kogut: And will at all times.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: Be subordinate to the orders.

Joseph Kogut: Be subordinate to the orders.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And directions of my superiors.

Joseph Kogut: And directions of my superiors.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: In conformity with the rules.

Joseph Kogut: In conformity with the rules.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: I further solemnly swear.

Joseph Kogut: I further solemnly swear.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: That I will support the Constitution of the United

States.

Joseph Kogut: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Joseph Kogut: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And I will bear true faith.

Joseph Kogut: And I will bear true faith.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And alliance to.

Joseph Kogut: And alliance to.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: The same.

Joseph Kogut: The same.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And to the governments established.

Joseph Kogut: And to the governments established.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: In the United States.

Joseph Kogut: In the United States.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: And in this state.

Joseph Kogut: And in this state.

Commissioner Robert Minkler: So help me God.

Joseph Kogut: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Congratulations Joe.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we're going to have Captain Steven Weber come up and administering the oath will be Councilman Brian Small.

Councilman Brian Small: I Steven Weber.

Steven Weber: I Steven Weber.

Councilman Brian Small: Do solemnly swear.

Steven Weber: Do solemnly swear.

Councilman Brian Small: That I will faithfully.

Steven Weber: That I will faithfully.

Councilman Brian Small: And conscientiously.

Steven Weber: And conscientiously.

Councilman Brian Small: Discharge the duties.

Steven Weber: Discharge the duties.

Councilman Brian Small: Of Fire Captain.

Steven Weber: Of Fire Captain.

Councilman Brian Small: Of Fire District No. 1.

Steven Weber: Of Fire District No. 1.

Councilman Brian Small: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Steven Weber: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Councilman Brian Small: According to the best of my ability.

Steven Weber: According to the best of my ability.

Councilman Brian Small: And render full service to the fire district.

Steven Weber: And render full service to the fire district.

Councilman Brian Small: And to the fire department.

Steven Weber: And to the fire department.

Councilman Brian Small: And will at all times be subordinate.

Steven Weber: And will at all times be subordinate.

Councilman Brian Small: To orders.

Steven Weber: To orders.

Councilman Brian Small: And directions of my superiors.

Steven Weber: And directions of my superiors.

Councilman Brian Small: And in conformity with the rules.

Steven Weber: And in conformity with the rules.

Councilman Brian Small: I further solemnly swear.

Steven Weber: I further solemnly swear.

Councilman Brian Small: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Steven Weber: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Councilman Brian Small: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Steven Weber: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Councilman Brian Small: And I will bear true faith and alliance.

Steven Weber: And I will bear true faith and alliance.

Councilman Brian Small: To the same and to the governments.

Steven Weber: To the same and to the governments.

Councilman Brian Small: Established in the United States.

Steven Weber: Established in the United States.

Councilman Brian Small: And in this state.

Steven Weber: And in this state.

Councilman Brian Small: So help me God.

Steven Weber: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner Todd Howell: Congratulations sir.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Now we'll have Captain David Hines come up. Administering the oath will be his father, Thomas Hines, Firefighter of the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Company.

Audience claps.

Thomas Hines: I David Hines.

David Hines: I David Hines.

Thomas Hines: Do solemnly swear.

David Hines: Do solemnly swear.

Thomas Hines: That I will faithfully.

David Hines: That I will faithfully.

Thomas Hines: And conscientiously.

David Hines: And conscientiously.

Thomas Hines: Discharge the duties of Fire Captain.

David Hines: Discharge the duties of Fire Captain.

Thomas Hines: Of Fire District No. 1.

David Hines: Of Fire District No. 1.

Thomas Hines: Township of Woodbridge.

David Hines: Township of Woodbridge.

Thomas Hines: New Jersey.

David Hines: New Jersey

Thomas Hines: According to the best of my ability.

David Hines: According to the best of my ability.

Thomas Hines: And render full service to the district.

David Hines: And render full service to the district.

Thomas Hines: And to the fire department.

David Hines: And to the fire department.

Thomas Hines: And will at all times be subordinate.

David Hines: And will at all times be subordinate.

Thomas Hines: To the orders and directions.

David Hines: To the orders and directions.

Thomas Hines: Of my superiors.

David Hines: Of my superiors.

Thomas Hines: And in conformity with the rules.

David Hines: And in conformity with the rules.

Thomas Hines: I further solemnly swear.

David Hines: I further solemnly swear.

Thomas Hines: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

David Hines: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Thomas Hines: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

David Hines: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Thomas Hines: And I will bear true faith.

David Hines: And I will bear true faith.

Thomas Hines: And alliance to the same.

David Hines: And alliance to the same.

Thomas Hines: And to the governments established.

David Hines: And to the governments established.

Thomas Hines: In the United States.

David Hines: In the United States.

Thomas Hines: And in this state.

David Hines: And in this state.

Thomas Hines: So help me God.

David Hines: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we'll have Captain Chad Carrick come up and administering the oath will be Commissioner Jeff Moran.

Audience claps.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: I Chad Carrick.

Chad Carrick: I Chad Carrick.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: Do solemnly swear that I will faithfully.

Chad Carrick: Do solemnly swear that I will faithfully.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And conscientiously discharge the duties of Fire Captain.

Chad Carrick: And conscientiously discharge the duties of Fire Captain.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: Of Fire District No. 1.

Chad Carrick: Of Fire District No. 1.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Chad Carrick: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: According to the best of my ability.

Chad Carrick: According to the best of my ability.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And render full service.

Chad Carrick: And render full service.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: To the district and to the fire department.

Chad Carrick: To the district and to the fire department.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And will at all times.

Chad Carrick: And will at all times.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: Be subordinate to the orders.

Chad Carrick: Be subordinate to the orders.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And directions of my superiors.

Chad Carrick: And directions of my superiors.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: In conformity with the rules.

Chad Carrick: In conformity with the rules.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: I further solemnly swear.

Chad Carrick: I further solemnly swear.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Chad Carrick: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Chad Carrick: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And that I will bear true faith.

Chad Carrick: And that I will bear true faith.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And alliance to the same.

Chad Carrick: And alliance to the same.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And to the governments established in the United States.

Chad Carrick: And to the governments established in the United States.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: And in this state.

Chad Carrick: And in this state.

Commissioner Jeff Moran: So help me God.

Chad Carrick: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations Chad.

Chad Carrick: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we're going to be starting with our new Firefighter Cory Snyder and giving the oath will be Commissioner Patrick Kenny. Just so you know holding the bible is his Grandfather, Vince Snyder, who is a Retired Captain from this department.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: I Cory Snyder.

Cory Snyder: I Cory Snyder.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Do solemnly swear.

Cory Snyder: Do solemnly swear.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: That I will faithfully.

Cory Snyder: That I will faithfully.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And conscientiously.

Cory Snyder: And conscientiously.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Discharge the duties.

Cory Snyder: Discharge the duties.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Of Firefighter.

Cory Snyder: Of Firefighter.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Of Fire District No. 1.

Cory Snyder: Of Fire District No. 1.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Township of Woodbridge.

Cory Snyder: Township of Woodbridge.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: New Jersey.

Cory Snyder: New Jersey.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: According to the best of my ability.

Cory Snyder: According to the best of my ability.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And render full service to.

Cory Snyder: And render full service to.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: The district and the fire department.

Cory Snyder: The district and the fire department.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And will at all times.

Cory Snyder: And will at all times.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Be subordinate to the orders.

Cory Snyder: Be subordinate to the orders.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And directions of my superiors.

Cory Snyder: And directions of my superiors.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And in conformity with the rules.

Cory Snyder: And in conformity with the rules.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: I further solemnly swear.

Cory Snyder: I further solemnly swear.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: That I will support the Constitution.

Cory Snyder: That I will support the Constitution.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: Of the United States.

Cory Snyder: Of the United States.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Cory Snyder: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And I will bear true faith.

Cory Snyder: And I will bear true faith.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And alliance.

Cory Snyder: And alliance.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: To the same.

Cory Snyder: To the same.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And to the governments established.

Cory Snyder: And to the governments established.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: In the United States.

Cory Snyder: In the United States.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: And in this state.

Cory Snyder: And in this state.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny: So help me God.

Cory Snyder: So help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations.

Cory Snyder: Thank you.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Next we're going to have our new Firefighter Robert Hilliard III. Administering the oath is retired Fire Captain Robert Hilliard.

Robert Hilliard: I Robert Hilliard III.

Robert Hilliard III: I Robert Hilliard III.

Robert Hilliard: Do solemnly swear.

Robert Hilliard III: Do solemnly swear.

Robert Hilliard: That I will faithfully and conscientiously.

Robert Hilliard III: That I will faithfully and conscientiously.

Robert Hilliard: Discharge the duties of Firefighter of Fire District No. 1.

Robert Hilliard III: Discharge the duties of Firefighter of Fire District No. 1.

Robert Hilliard: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Robert Hilliard III: Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Robert Hilliard: According to the best of my ability.

Robert Hilliard III: According to the best of my ability.

Robert Hilliard: And render full service to the district and to the fire department.

Robert Hilliard III: And render full service to the district and to the fire department.

Robert Hilliard: And will at all times be subordinate to the orders.

Robert Hilliard III: And will at all times be subordinate to the orders.

Robert Hilliard: And directions of my superiors.

Robert Hilliard III: And directions of my superiors.

Robert Hilliard: And in conformity with the rules.

Robert Hilliard III: And in conformity with the rules.

Robert Hilliard: I further solemnly swear.

Robert Hilliard III: I further solemnly swear.

Robert Hilliard: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Robert Hilliard III: That I will support the Constitution of the United States.

Robert Hilliard: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Robert Hilliard III: And the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Robert Hilliard: And I will bear true faith and alliance.

Robert Hilliard III: And I will bear true faith and alliance.

Robert Hilliard: To the same and to the governments established in the United States.

Robert Hilliard III: To the same and to the government established in the United States.

Robert Hilliard: And in this state so help me God.

Robert Hilliard III: And in this state so help me God.

Audience claps.

Commissioner T.H.: Congratulations Bob.

Robert Hilliard III: Thank you.

Chief Charles Kenny: So I just want to congratulate everybody tonight on their promotions on being hired. It was a long time ago when I was hired here and it's a family tradition so I'm glad to see the fathers and a grandfather were here to participate in the ceremony and seeing the person if you would and other officers that have been here for a while because the Woodbridge Fire Department has had a long rich tradition of family involvement here in Woodbridge Fire District No. 1. So there's one more part of the program that I would like to do and when the Civil Service announced and told us that we could promote or change titles for the Captains to Battalion Chiefs and the Lieutenants to Captains they told us that we could go back to the date that they were sworn in and so some of the people that are involved their date that they went back overlapped some of our retirees and so the Board talked amongst themselves and they decided that they would acknowledge within the fire district that those that retired as Lieutenant could be a Captain in their eyes and those that retired as a Captain would be a Battalion Chief and so what we're going to do here is, I don't know if all of them that are here but we have the list. I know that Billy Frelish isn't here and Mike Van Tassel is not here but we are going to give those that retired as Captains Battalion Chief badges and those that retired as Lieutenants Captain badges. Okay, Battalion Chief Len Minkler will you come up here. Is Richie Foerch here? Alright so we'll make sure that Richie gets it along with Billy and Mike. Battalion Chief Dan Vitello.

Audience claps.

Chief Charles Kenny: Bryan DeLisi, is Bryan DeLisi here? No, see it's another Battalion Chief that's a retiree. And then I have Bobby Minkler, Sr., Captain Bobby Minkler, Sr.

Audience claps.

Chief Charles Kenny: Battalion Chief Jeff Moran.

Audience claps.

Chief Charles Kenny: The last one I have here is Captain Robert Hilliard.

Audience claps.

Chief Charles Kenny: So we thank them and I thank the Board for making that extra step and recognizing them and I'll turn the program back over.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Just before we close the program we'd like to recognize a few people. We have two past Fire Commissioners. We have Jeff Snyder.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We have Ken Gardner.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Mike Hapstak

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: From the Office of the Council we have Gregg Ficarra.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Howie Bauer in the back.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Nancy Drumm.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Brian Small.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: I'd like to recognize Bob Yackel, President of the Edison Local.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Also all of our neighboring departments that took the time to come down tonight.

Audience claps.

Commissioner J.C.K.: We also would like to express congratulations to all of you and for those who weren't able to make it here tonight. If anyone has anything they would like to present?

Deputy Chief John Golden: Jack real quick. On behalf of all the officers that got sworn in and the two members that got sworn in tonight we all got together and we'd like to invite everybody back to the Elks. We have a small get together back there. It's not much but its sandwiches and coffee and cake and things like that. On behalf of everybody that's sitting up here we'd like to thank the Board for everybody that you've done. Chief Kenny we'd like to thank you for taking us to this direction, it's greatly appreciated, and again we'd like to have everybody go back to the Elks.

Audience claps.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Henry and carried unanimously at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Bucsanszky (

District Clerk