

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1 was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Commissioner John C. Kenny called the meeting to order.

Maria Bucsanszky – All the requirements of the “Open Public Meeting Act” have been complied with by advertising in the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger. Copies of the meeting notice have been sent to the Municipal Clerk’s Office and posted on the bulletin boards of the fire house and the post offices of Woodbridge and Sewaren.

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

A moment of silence for our departed members and please keep in your prayers our retired Firefighter and Past Chief Mario Simeone and also my very strong supporter of the fire service, Pat Trombetta.

PRESENT: Commissioner John C. Kenny, Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr., Commissioner Patrick Kenny, Commissioner Jay Barcellona, Commissioner Jeffrey Moran
ALSO PRESENT: Maria Bucsanszky, District Clerk
Christopher Howell, Attorney
Nicole Grzeskowiak, Labor Counsel (via phone)
Chief Robert Minkler, Jr

Commissioner J.C.K.: I need a motion to suspend the minutes of the June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting until the next Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to suspend the minutes of the June 3, 2026 Regular Meeting until the next Regular Meeting which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K: Alright, we have a Resolution 2026.8-1.

Commissioner P.K.: Do you want me to read it all?

Commissioner J.C.K.: Yes.

Commissioner P.K.: Whereas the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Woodbridge, are at all times desire of maintaining a high level of Fire Percussion and Fire Prevention within Fire District No. 1 of the Township. Whereas the Fire Department personnel has increased in size over the years to keep the pace with growing demands of the district and now therefore Be It Resolved by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Woodbridge, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A 14-7, 40A 14-81 and 40A 14-81.1 the Board had approved the hiring of six paid positions for the Fire Department from the Certified Civil Service desk of eligibility

employed through New Jersey Civil Service Commissioner. Be It Further Resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Woodbridge has approved the hiring of the following: 1) John F. Golden; 2) Christopher Sica; 3) Azad Jhaj 4) Jonathan Barreto; 5) Richard Maciorowski; 6) Allison Allmer with the official start date of August 17th, 2026.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to approve Resolution 2026.8-1 which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously by a roll call. Commissioner John C. Kenny – Yes; Commissioner Patrick Kenny – Yes; Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. – Yes; Commissioner Jay Barcellona – Yes; Commissioner Jeffrey Moran – Yes.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Alright, congratulations, so we're going to go into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. made a motion to return to the Special Meeting at 7:45 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Patrick Kenny and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Chris, do you want to give a summary of the Executive Session.

Christopher Howell, Attorney: Yes, tonight's Executive Session involved the following items. We heard from Labor Counsel on the ongoing contract negotiations with the Union. We also discussed a settlement that we made with the Union. We looked at the 1051 Route 9 lease that was proposed to us and we also reviewed the settlement of the Settembrino Architect litigations. We heard from our Chief on trucks, LDH Task Force, and our phone truck Mutual Aid response. We discussed extensively several personnel matters involving Fire Prevention, psych and stress evaluations for our new hires, and swearing in of our new firefighters next month. We also reviewed the Battalion list for upcoming Battalion positions. We reviewed some personnel that are currently on light duty. We reviewed the back lot project that is ongoing and then we had extensive discussions about upcoming new Health Benefits and the new premiums for the upcoming year and then we discussed the 109 Green Street project and reviewed some of the recent proposals made by USA Architects and that would conclude our Executive Session for tonight.

Commissioner J.C.K.: Resolution 2026.8-2.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to approve Resolution 2026.8-2 which was seconded by Commissioner Robert Minkler, Sr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner J.C.K.: That is going to be for the authorization once the Administration and Representatives of the Board are in agreement and then we have Resolution 2026.8-3.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to approve Resolution 2026.8-3 which was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Moran and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Patrick Kenny made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:50 P.M. which was seconded by Commissioner Jeffrey Moran and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Bucsanszky
District Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge are at all times desirous of maintaining a high level of fire suppression and fire prevention within Fire District No. 1 of the Township;

WHEREAS, the Fire Department personnel have increased in size over the years to keep pace with growing demands of the District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-7; 40A:14-81 and 40A:14-81.1 the Board has approved the hiring of six (6) paid positions for the Fire Department from the certified Civil Service list of eligible employees through the New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge has approved the hiring of:

- (1) John F. Golden
 - (2) Christopher R. Sica
 - (3) Azad S. Jhaj
 - (4) Jonathan A. Barreto
 - (5) Richard P. Maciorowski
 - (6) Allison M. Allmer
- with an official start date of August 17, 2026.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT #1

JOHN C. KENNY

ADOPTED: August 10, 2026

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District #1, Township of Woodbridge at their special meeting held on August 10, 2026.

MARIA BUCSANSZKY – Clerk

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge are at all times desirous of maintaining a high level of fire suppression and fire prevention within the Fire District No. 1 of the Township; and

WHEREAS the fire department is in need of additional space within the district for the storage of its fire apparatus, vehicles and equipment as well as personnel training in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 and 40A:14-80.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RELOVED by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 and 40A:14-80 hereby approves the leasing of 1051 US Highway No. 9, Woodbridge, NJ consisting of approximately 12,000 sq. ft. in its current “as is” condition for a period of one year starting on September 1, 2026 and ending. August 31, 2026~~6~~

ADOPTED: August 10, 2026

JOHN KENNY – President

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MARIA BUCSANSZKY – Clerk

RESOLUTION

2026-8-3

WHEREAS, the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge are desirous at all times of maintaining a high level of firefighting ability and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners believe it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Fire District #1 and the Fire District as a whole to amicably resolve ongoing legal matters involving certain contractual agreements within the department in an expeditious manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Woodbridge authorize on this date Commissioner John Kenny to entered into and execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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JOHN KENNY President

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MARIA BUCSANSZKY – Clerk