

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING MARCH 10, 2026**

Chairman Michael Acampora called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our departed military personnel and emergency responders.

Chairman Acampora read the following legal disclosure:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting its interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place, and agenda, to the extent know thereof, posted as follows:

- Published in the Asbury Park Press on November 16, 2025
- Published in the Howell Times on November 29, 2025
- Filed written notice with the Township Clerk on November 13, 2025
- Posted written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building
- Posted on [www.njfiredistricts.org](http://www.njfiredistricts.org)

The above postings indicate that Formal Action May Be Taken.

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Acampora, Stalling, Bailey, Romano, and Murphy all in attendance.

It was noted that there were zero (-0-) members of the public in attendance

Chairman Acampora noted that the sole purpose of the tonight's meeting is to reorganize the business positions for the year 2025.

Chairman Acampora issued the Oath of Office to elected commissioner James Bailey. Chairman Acampora welcomed Commissioner Bailey to the Board.

Clerk Murphy reported that the 2026 Budget was passed and the certified results were provided to the State of NJ and the Township of Howell by Solicitor Haines-Sendzik.

The Board members discussed the five (5) business positions that need to be filled for 2026. Upon conclusion of the Board's discussion, it was decided that the Board seats will be filled as listed below:

Chairman – Michael L. Acampora  
Vice Chairman – Ricky Romano  
Treasurer – Richard H. Stalling  
Purchaser/Financial Secretary – James Bailey  
Clerk – Colin Murphy

Commissioner Stalling made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Murphy, to accept the commissioners and their new positions as stated above. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Commissioner Romano made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Murphy, that all previous appointments for the district's accountant, auditor, legal counsel, and official newspaper would remain the same as 2026, with those named appointments being enumerated below. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Commissioner Bailey made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Stalling, stipulating that all stipends, meeting expenses, and reimbursement for losses would be paid at the rates listed below for 2025, and specifying that the Reimbursement for Losses (commonly referred to as the "clothing allowance"), would not be capped at 100%; as long as the Board has sufficient funds to pay above the 100% figures, as previously established and provided for the Board. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

The officers and appointments for 2025 are as follows:

Chairman	Michael L. Acampora
Chairman's annual stipend	\$11,575.00
Vice Chairman	Ricky Romano
Vice Chairman's annual stipend	\$11,575.00
Clerk	Colin Murphy
Clerk's annual stipend	\$13,000.00
Assistant Clerk	James Bailey
Treasurer	Richard H. Stalling
Treasurer's annual stipend	\$11,575.00
Assistant Treasurer	Michael L. Acampora
Purchaser/Financial Secretary	James Bailey
Purchaser/Financial Secretary's annual stipend	\$11,575.00
Legal Newspaper	The Asbury Park Press
Financial Institution	Amboy Bank & Manasquan Bank
Financial Accountant	Koerner and Koerner
Auditor	Mohel Elliott Bauer & Gass CPAs PA
Attorney	Sendzik & Sendzik, Esq.

Absences from meetings will be reviewed and approved at the discretion of the Board members.

Line Officer stipends and other stipends for 2026 are as follows:

Chief	\$675.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	\$600.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	\$500.00
Captain	\$475.00
Lieutenant	\$475.00
Training	\$550.00
Safety	\$400.00
Chief Engineer	\$675.00
Assistant Engineer	\$475.00
Clothing allowance	\$5.00 per % point

**Public Comment: None**

This concluded the business of reorganization.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stalling, seconded by Commissioner Romano, and passed by the board.

The meeting closed at 19:45 hours.

Respectfully submitted:



Colin Murphy  
Clerk  
Howell Board of Fire Commissioners  
District 4