

MINUTES

Buena Vista Fire District # 4

Board of Fire Commissioners

Date: January 14, 2025 **Time:** 7:00 PM

The monthly meeting of The Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township Fire District # 4 Milmay was called to order by Chairperson Joanne Shubert.

Roll Call:	Present	Absent
	Morgan Krokos	
	Dan Ruga	
	Joanne Shubert	
	Barry Kraus	
	Ronnie Baldiserra	
	Chief Ruga	

Reading of Prior Meeting's Minutes:

The minutes of the December 10th meeting were read.
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Ruga.
2nd Morgan Krokos
All in favor

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer presented a list of all bills payable for the past month that the bookkeeper prepared. A motion was made by Morgan Krokos, seconded by Joanne, to pay all bills.
All approved; a copy is attached.

Old Business:

Jim Elam has resigned due to an illness.

The state inspected the firehouse and there are a few things that need to be repaired. Dan will take care of it.

2025 Budget - The state approved our budget. A motion was made by Morgan seconded by Joanne to open the meeting for the public hearing. After some discussion a motion

was made by Morgan to close the public hearing, seconded by Joanne. A motion to adopt the budget was made by Ronnie, seconded by Dan, All approved.

Searching for new commissioners. Morgan suggested asking Rich Keeper from Alpine village.

Hot water heater - Joanne reported that Dennis Gaughen offered to repair the hot water heater. Dan will contact him.

New Business:

The Fire Commission election is scheduled at the Milmay firehouse on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 2-9 pm. Ronnie will call Cheryl Chiarello to ask if she and Lois Kotova will be election workers.

There being no further business, Morgan Krokos made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

2nd Joanne Shubert

All approved

Respectfully Submitted,
Ronnie Baldiserra

Minutes

Buena Vista Township Fire District #4

Board of Fire Commissioners

1/13/2026

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township Fire District #4 was called to order by Chairman Dan Ruga.

Roll Call: Dan Ruga Michael Yacovelli Robert Kraus Morgan Krokos Dan Heise Chief Ruga

Reading of the prior meeting minutes:

The minutes from the January meeting were read. Mike Yacovelli made the motion to accept 2nd by Morgan Krokos. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer presented a list of bills payable for the past month. A motion was made by Robert Kraus to accept 2nd by Morgan Krokos to pay the bills. Motion passes.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Resolution for the 2026 temporary budget was presented to the Commissioners. Barry Kraus introduced, Morgan Krokos approved and Dan Ruga Seconds. Resolution passed.

Resolution for the 2026 budget was presented to the Commissioners. Barry Kraus introduced, Morgan Krokos approved and Dan Ruga Seconds. Resolution passed.

Public Session:

Chief Ruga had a question of the SAM account and wanted to make sure it was renewed. Assistant Chief Mike Black spoke about the fire company and their current membership. Assistant Chief Black spoke about how after the recent officers meeting that the officers are concerned about the future of the fire company and being able to retain members. The fire commissioners spoke about supporting the fire company and helping any way possible to help with finding and retention of members. The public session was closed.

There being no further business Robert Kraus makes the motion to close the meeting 2nd by Mike Yacovelli. Motion passes and the meeting was closed at 8:15.

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BUENA VISTA, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC**

Resolution

Adoption of Temporary Budget for 2026

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Buena Vista, County of Atlantic, by resolution, to adopt a temporary budget to make appropriations and to provide for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year, January 1, 2026, and the adoption of the budget by the legal voters of the fire district, which election is scheduled for February 21, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 4 in the Township of Buena Vista, County of Atlantic, as follows:

(1) A temporary budget is hereby adopted to be effective from the beginning of the fiscal year as noted above and to be in full force and effect until the adoption of the annual fire district budget as referenced above; the total of the appropriations of the temporary budget to reflect not in excess of 14% of the total of the appropriations made for all purposes in the budget for the preceding fiscal year exclusive of appropriations for interest and debt redemption charges and capital improvements

2026 FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Buena Vista Township FD No. 4

FISCAL YEAR: January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget for Buena Vista Township FD No. 4 (the 'Fire District') for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 has been presented before the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District at its open public meeting of December 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the budget as introduced is in compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget as introduced reflects Total Revenues of \$160,853.00 which includes an amount to be raised by taxation of \$151,227.23 and Total Appropriations of \$160,853.00; and

WHEREAS, the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget shall be the amount to be certified to the assessor of the municipality to be assessed against the taxable property in the district, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-79. Such amount shall be equal to the amount of the total appropriations set forth in the budget minus the total amount surplus and miscellaneous revenues set forth in the budget; and

WHEREAS, in calculating the amount to be raised by taxation, the Fire District has taken into account the assessed valuation of taxable property in the Fire District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District, at an open public meeting held on December 9, 2025 that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are of sufficient amount to meet all proposed expenditures/expenses and all covenants, terms and provisions as stipulated in the Fire District's outstanding debt obligations, capital lease arrangements, service contracts, and other pledged agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Fire District will consider the Annual Budget for adoption on December 9, 2025.

milmayfdcommissioner@gmail.com
(Secretary's Signature)

12/9/2025
(Date)

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Ruga	X			
Daniel Heise	X			
Robert Kraus	X			
Morgan Krokos	X			
Michael Yacovelli	X			

Milmay Volunteer Fire Company

Vouchers prepared for Payment on February 9, 2026:

[illegible]

Minutes

Buena Vista Township Fire District #4

Board of Fire Commissioners

2/10/2026

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township District #4 was called to order by Chairman Dan Ruga.

Roll Call: Dan Ruga Michael Yacovelli Robert Kraus Morgan Krokos Dan Heise Chief Ruga

Reading of the prior meeting minutes:

The minutes from the January meeting were read, Morgan Krokos makes the motion to accept 2nd by Mike Yacovelli. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer presented a list of bills payable for the past month. Robert Kraus makes the motion to accept the report 2nd by Dan Ruga. Motion passes.

Old Business:

The surveyors came out and surveyed again and put the markers in the right spot for the property. The drawings for the new addition will be coming soon. After the drawing are available they will be presented to the Township and Pinelands Commission for approval. Northeast Precast is going to donate the walls for the new addition. They will be concrete on the outside and inside and have insulation in the middle.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the upcoming election and who was up for election. There were no petitions handed in by the deadline so it was decided to write in the names of the candidates on election day. There are two seats up for reelection. One three year and one one year seat. A discussion on creating the ballot for voting was held. Mike Yacovelli will create the ballot.

Public Session:

Chief Ruga gave a report of the most recent fire the fire company responded to in Marice River Township. Milmay Fire Company made a good attack on the fire and were on location for about 6 hours. The public session was closed.

There being no further business Robert Kraus makes the motion to close the meeting 2nd by Mike Yacovelli. Motion passes and the meeting was closed at 8:10.

Millmay Volunteer Fire Company
Vouchers prepared for Payment on February 9, 2026:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
---------------	--------------	--------------------

[illegible]

Millway Volunteer Fire Company
Vouchers prepared for Payment on March 10, 2026:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
---------------	--------------	--------------------

\$377.61	SJ Gas	February Gas ck# 3763
\$215.32	Atlantic City Electric	February Electric ck# 3764
\$160.17	Verizon	February Internet ck# 3765
\$300.00	Barry Kraus	Returned check for cleaners ck# 3766
\$73.38	Dan Ruga	Bay Lights Repair ck# 3768
\$508.88	Jersey Contractors	Truck Maintenance ck# 3769
\$181.81	Darley	Fire Equipment ck# 3770
\$38.00	Quickbooks	Auto Pay Online
\$1,855.17	Total	

Minutes

Buena Vista Township Fire District #4

Board of Fire Commissioners

4/14/2026

A motion was made by Robert Kraus to name Morgan Krokos Chairman Mike Yacovelli 2nd the motion. Motion passes

A motion was made by Robert Kraus to have Richard Braslow represent the Fire District for legal proceedings Mike Yacovelli 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

A motion is made by Mike Yacovelli to fire a request with the Superior Court of New Jersey to hold a special election in June. Morgan Krokos 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township District #4 was called to order by Chairman Morgan Krokos.

Roll Call: Morgan Krokos Robert Kraus Mike Yacovelli Chief Jake Ruga

The minuets from the February meeting were read. Mike Yacovelli makes the motion to accept the minuets. Morgan Krokos 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

A list of bills to be paid was presented by the bookkeeper. Robert Kraus makes the motion to accept the report and pay the bills. Mike Yacovelli 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Session:

The public session was opened and there were no comments from the public. The public session was closed.

There being no further business Mike Yacovelli makes the motion to close the meeting. Robert Kraus 2nd the motion. Motion passes and the meeting was closed at 19:37

Millway Volunteer Fire Company
Vouchers prepared for Payment on April 14, 2026:

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>
---------------	--------------

DESCRIPTION

[illegible]

Minutes

Buena Vista Township Fire District #4

Board of Fire Commissioners

5/12/2026

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township #4 was called to order by Chairman Morgan Krokos.

Roll Call: Morgan Krokos Robert Kraus Mike Yacovelli Chief Jake Ruga

The minutes from the March meeting were read. Mike Yacovelli makes the motion to accept the minutes. Morgan Krokos 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

A list of bills to be paid was presented by the bookkeeper. Robert Kraus makes the motion to accept the report and pay the bills. Mike Yacovelli 2nd the motion. Motion passes.

Old Business:

It was reported that the contractor may not be as far along with the addition project as previously reported. It was discussed to have Dan Heise contact the contractor and see where we currently are with the addition and what needs to be done to move forward.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Session

The public session was opened. Captain Bachinsky asked if the commission has considered grants for the new truck. It was discussed to look into a grant writer once the Commission is ready to move forward. There being no further comments from the public the session was closed.

There being no further business Mike Yacovelli makes the motion to close the meeting. Robert Kraus 2nd the motion. Motion passes and the meeting was closed at 20:00.

Millway Volunteer Fire Company
Vouchers prepared for Payment on May 12, 2026:

DESCRIPTION[illegible]

Minutes

Buena Vista Township Fire District #4

Board of Fire Commissioners

6/9/2026

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Buena Vista Township Fire District #4 was called to order by Chairman Morgan Krokos.

Roll Call: Morgan Krokos Michael Yacovelli Robert Kraus Chief Ruga

Reading of the prior meeting minutes:

The minutes from the May meeting were read. Morgan Krokos makes the motion to accept 2nd by Mike Yacovelli. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

There was not a prepared report due to the treasurer being ill. A report will follow shortly.

Old Business:

There were no issues to discuss.

New Business:

Assistant Chief Mike Black wrote an email stating that the window for certain grants are closing soon and in order to apply he needs the SAM.gov and our Unique Entity ID to move forward. There was a discussion on who has this information and what the log in information may be. Dan Ruga advised he will provide Chief Black with the SAM.gov information and will help with figuring out the other information needed to move forward.

Public Session:

Dave Bachinsky asked if there was a budget for a new truck. There has been money set aside yearly for several years for a truck, however how much exactly was not known. The Treasurer will be asked to contact the accountant and have the financial information for the next meeting.

There being no further business Robert Kraus makes the motion to close the meeting 2nd by Morgan Krokos, Motion passes at 20:15.

1540

They

[illegible]