

RESOLUTION 2023-0030

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT # 2 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN RELATION TO A PUBLIC QUESTION FOR A CAPITAL APPROPRIATION TAKING PLACE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84 and 40A:14-85 impose requirements for fire districts in New Jersey seeking to make capital appropriations; and,

WHEREAS, staff at the Fire District # 2 (“the District”) in Bordentown Township, in the County of Burlington has advised that the District needs a replacement rescue fire engine; and,

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (“HGAC”) is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas as well as a recognized National Cooperative; and,

WHEREAS, an apparatus committee formed from staff at the District has identified a suitable replacement engine that can be purchased through the HGAC as a National Cooperative Contract, ensuring a competitive price financially benefitting the District; and,

WHEREAS, the apparatus committee of the District has researched costs relating to the purchase of the fire engine and has determined such costs consist of \$1,120,000.00 in relation to the engine itself and \$271,035.00 in relation to associated equipment for the engine; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85 requires approval by the legal voters within a fire district of any resolution by the same fire district’s board of commissioners for the purchase of fire engines, apparatus or other appliances for the extinguishment of fires; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Fire District # 2 in Bordentown Township, in the County of Burlington as follows:

Section 1. That the following question shall be placed on the ballot:

“Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number # 2 in Bordentown Township *be* authorized to: (a) acquire one (1) new rescue engine, together with the acquisition of all equipment necessary therefore or related thereto, such purchase not to exceed \$1,391,035 and (b) issue and sell bonds or, in the alternative, bond anticipation notes of the Fire District, or lease purchase financing for said purposes in an amount not to exceed the purchase price?”

Section 2. That the Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the proposal set forth in Section 1 hereof and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the Fire District, hereby determines to carry out the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Election at which the question proposed in Section 1 hereof is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2024, between the hours of 2:00 and 9:00 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on this question will be held at *Fire District #2, 262 Crosswicks Rd. Bordentown, NJ* on or before January 20, 2024 at which time and place objections to said budget may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice and advertisement requirements for a Special Election under N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85 shall be adhered to in relation to the Board's administration of this election.

Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Robert Bennett	✓			
James Cann	✓			
George Chidley	✓			
George Gareis				✓
Andrew Law	✓			

This Resolution is certified to be a true and correct copy adopted at a public meeting held on December 18, 2023.

Commissioner James Cann
Chairman of the Board
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No.2
Bordentown Township

Commissioner George A. Chidley
Secretary of the Board,
Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No.2
Bordentown Township