

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1  
Franklin Township Somerset County  
New Jersey  
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL BUDGET  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the District No. 1 office by Chairman Wickman, followed by the reading of the Sunshine Law Statement.

Commissioners Hajdu-Nemeth, Szymborski, De Lisi, Wickman and Cullen were present.

The Chairman talked with Deputy Chief Steven Stashek regarding his e-mails regarding the Membership Application Packets to Mrs Mc Donnell. Deputy Chief Stashek said he will speak to Mrs. McDonnell.

Reviewed Station 28's proposed budget and made changes with the following members present Rob Scheer III, Steven Stashek and Robert Kostowskie

Russ Corleto submitted a letter regarding the Fire District UHF Radio upgrades for the 2010 budget. Please see the attached dated November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Reviewed Station 26's proposed budget and made changes with the following members present Joel Lipman and Dan Fredericks.

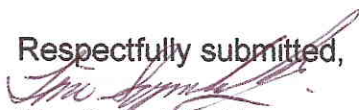
Commissioner Szymborski mentioned the Fire Commissioners 2010 stipend to try to bring it to a conclusion, that and other pending resolutions still waiting to be approved.

The Chairman requested and all board members agreed that we have two more special budget meetings at the District office. The new dates will be November 30, 2009 at 7:00pm and December 7, 2009 at 7:00pm. Commissioner Szymborski will ask Debi Nelson to have the meeting minutes published in the newspaper.

Commissioner Szymborski will send another e-mail reminder that the Chief's and President's signatures from Middlebush and Elizabeth Avenue are required for their Budget submission. All others have been received.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tim Szymborski  
Board Clerk

To: Commissioners of Fire District #1

From: Russell Corleto



Date: November 18, 2009

Subject: Radio Upgrades

The following is a list of radio upgrades that you may want to consider for the 2010 budget. I have listed them in what I feel is the order of importance to the District based on our needs. I have also included the approximate dollar figure that would need to be added to the budget in order to complete each item.

**1. UHF Pager Conversion**

Cost per pager is \$518.40 each. This includes the extended warranty and a spare battery for each unit. If an amount of 40 pagers per company is used as a benchmark we would need to purchase an additional 135 pagers to supplement the 25 purchased in the 2009 budget year. The total cost for the additional pagers would be \$69,984.00.

**2. UHF Simulcast of the District #1 Trunked Talk Group**

This will replicate the same thing we are currently doing on VHF, but because we own no UHF equipment we will have to purchase all of the necessary equipment. A budgetary figure of \$35,000.00 is recommended. This item is tied to item #1 above.

**3. District #1 UHF Repeater**

This would ensure the continuity of operations in the event of a catastrophic communications system failure. This would provide a UHF radio repeater that would be used similar to the way the old channel 8 was used. A budgetary figure of \$25,000.00 is recommended.

**4. Township Emergency Service Repeater Receive Antenna at the Eliz. Ave Tower Site**

The addition of this receive antenna will allow the District #1 fire units to have better access to the Township Emergency Service Repeater (former FTPD Channel #4) due to the closer proximity to a receive antenna. A budgetary figure of \$23,000.00 is recommended.

If anybody has any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.