

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. at the Middlebush Fire Department by Commissioner Hibbard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the Sunshine Law Statement. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice to the Home News Tribune and the Courier News and by filing a notice with the Clerk of Franklin Township and by posting a notice in the Municipal Building, DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ, all of which contain information concerning hours and places of these meetings. A moment of silence was held for our departed brother and sisters.

Commissioners Goldberg, Hibbard, Janho and Shimalla were present. Commissioner Wickman was absent

The Fire Departments were represented by:

Elizabeth AvenueA. Scott
MiddlebushJ. Ubry
Millstone Valley.....J.T. Giorgianni
Somerset.....C. Gianotto

The minutes of the regular meeting dated January 13, 2020 were presented, motion to approve by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Shimalla- All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: Commissioner Hibbard presented the treasurer’s report. Commissioner Janho made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Shimalla. All present in favor. Resolution 20-02 transfer funds – Board polled all present in favor. Commissioner made a motion to sell Station 44’s van to Community for \$6,000.00, second by Commissioner Shimalla – all present in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from 25 – see above.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: none

LOSAP: LOSAP comment period closed Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Goldberg – All present in favor

PURCHASING:. County asked the departments to submit bills for any lost or damaged equipment from last nights fire. Station 26 reported on recall of class B foam – do not remove from trucks. Commissioner Goldberg made a motion for up to \$15,000 from contingency to purchase new foam. All present in favor.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: The minutes were read by Lt Paff.

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Sta. 26 – Van 26 OOS
- Sta. 28 – All in service
- Sta. 44 – All in service
- Sta. 56 – All in service

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Commissioner Shimalla reported MiFi’s deployed

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: Progress

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: 700mgz being worked on. Bob Cuddy reported that the LMR is up and running.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: Poster contest.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Next meeting March 19 at Station 56 7:30 PM,

TRAINING: Sensitivity training on hold 3/3 BBP

HOSE TESTING- Failed hose ordered

BUDGET/ELECTION- Budget passed Tim Janho and Jason Re-elected

ENGINE 44-1- Very close to acceptance

UTILITY TRUCKS – Being painted

ENGINE 56-1 – progress

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: All in service

FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: Reminder letters were mailed out. Chiefs have the lists.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: 2/27/21 Palace

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution 20-03 to purchase 28's engine under HGAC option 2 75% down Motion by Commissioner Goldberg, Second by Commissioner Janho. Board polled all present in favor

NEW BUSINESS: Brackets need to be ordered for fire prevention Motion for up to \$800.00 by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Janho. All present in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

Commissioner Hibbard made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Commissioner Goldberg, second. All present in favor.

Motion to close the public session made by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Goldberg. All present in favor.

Thank-you from commissioner Janho for re-electing him.

Motion to close the meeting by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Janho – All in favor.

8:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 2-24-2020

Type of Meeting: Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

Location: Middlebush **Time:** 7:20

Fire Commissioners Attending:

X__J. Goldberg X__ R. Hibbard _X__T. Janho _X__P. Shimalla A_J. Wickman

Others Attending:

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1. GIS Project/Tablets (Pat/Jim)
2. 5 year plan and agreement, Status update (Jim/Tim)
3. Recruitment (Pat) Progress
4. Apparatus Maint RFP (Tim) – check w/Dominic
5. LOSAP review period – final Rich under LOSAP
6. Election results (Jim) Rich during election
7. Sensitivity training (runtime and Target Safety) (Jason) 44 finished – other depts on hold needs to be shorter but still legal and put on Target Solutions
8. Ladies Class A uniform (Jason) tabled to next month
9. Board Communication Liaison (Jason) Re-org
10. Recruitment Interviews (Jason) table
11. 5-7 coverage (Jason) table
12. Absentee Voting (Jason) table
13. Election season requests of office manager (Jason) Rich to contact Dominic
14. Foam (Jason) Art Scott – AFFF foam – carcinogen needs to be brought to Morristown DEP will take it all and dispose of it- Not hazardous material in pails
15. Van 44 (Tim) Community FD wants
16. 28 Engine Purchase 75% (Rich) Under purchasing
17. Franklin Township SBB baseball sign ad renewal – 150.00 under recruitment
18. Others?

Motion by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Janho, to open the session to the public, all present in favor.

Motion to close the public session made by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Janho, all in favor.

Motion to close the agenda session made by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Janho, all in favor.

Agenda closed at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho

Tim Janho, Clerk