

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2020**

The conference call meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the 1-646-307-1479, pass 950181 by Commissioner Wickman, 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 brothers and sisters. Commissioners Goldberg, Hibbard, Janho, Shimalla and Wickman were present.

The Fire Departments were represented by:

Elizabeth Avenue	A. Scott
Middlebush	J. Ubry
Millstone Valley.....	J.T. Giorgianni
Somerset.....	C. Gianotto

The minutes of the Executive meetings: 3/23/20, 3/27/20, 4/3/20, Work meetings: 3/27/20, 4/3/20, 4/10/20, 4/17/20, 4/24/20, 5/1/20, 5/8/20, 5/15/20, 6/8/20 and the Regular meeting minutes: 5/18/20 were presented, motion to approve by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Goldberg- All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: Commissioner Wickman presented the treasurer’s report. Commissioner Wickman made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: If you are comfortable going, you may, You will not be seen if you have a fever of over 100.

LOSAP: no report

PURCHASING:. 2nd level of approval still needed. Reminder PPE purchases first go to Commissioner Shimalla and then to Commissioner Goldberg.

- Motion to purchase 2,000 n95 masks for approximately \$2,000.00 made by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Shimalla. All in favor
- Bid sheets are out to the chiefs for new equipment, due back 7/3/2020. To go out to bid – due back 7/22/2020.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No meeting.

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service
- Sta. 44 – All in service 44-2 tank repaired
- Sta. 56 – All in service

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Chief Scott is having MiFi problems – any and all issues – get the communication to Commissioner Shimalla.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: On hold – we will be getting our name out there.

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: 56 Radios – see Bob Cuddy for pricing and then go through Dawn and Commissioner Goldberg to purchase.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No meeting

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Discussed COVID-19 and pack issues at Middlebush.

TRAINING: some departments are holding outside drills with distancing.

HOSE TESTING- Commissioner Janho reported we currently can't book until September.

BUDGET/ELECTION- 2021 budget due August 1, 2020

UTILITY TRUCKS – Beyer Ford pushed back on the contingencies for 28 and U26 is waiting for their lights.

ENGINE 56-1 – progress

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: Need one at Randolph and Schoolhouse and Randolph and Weston Canal.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN:

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: All physicals are on hold at this time, however, Dr. Kaladas is open and accepting physicals if you are past due or due now. Not required, but you can go if you want.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Requests by police department outside the normal course of business – extensive discussion ensued. Motion made by Commissioner Goldberg “If police department reached out and our resources are requested to participate in civil unrest and or protest events or marches, it needs to be brought to the Board for a vote until we formalize a process/policy.” Second by Commissioner Wickman. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- On Saturday June 27 and Monday, June 29 we need members to work a COVID testing site at the Board of Ed parking lot. Time is 8-noon both days \$150.00 per diem. Please get the message out that the testing is free.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

Commissioner Wickman made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Commissioner Janho, second. All in favor.

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

Thank-you everyone, for your participation

Motion to close the meeting by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg – All in favor.

8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 6-22-2020

Type of Meeting: Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

Location: CONFERENCE CALL 1-646-307-1479 PASSCODE 950181 **Time:** 7:18

Fire Commissioners Attending:

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

Others Attending:

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1. GIS Project/Tablets (Pat/Jim) Pat to ask all companies if they are having any problems to reach out to him.
2. 5 year plan and agreement, Status update (Jim/Tim) on hold
3. Recruitment (Pat) on hold
4. Apparatus Maint RFP (Tim) – back from Dominic – with Tim.
5. Recruitment Interviews (Jason) on hold
6. Historical Resolution Review (Jason) on hold
7. Monitoring requests by police department – Jim reported that 28 sent their rules and documents – a plan is being formulated with Dominic’s help to draft a policy. Extensive discussion ensued – no blanket approval policy – to be handled under standards in the regular meeting.
8. Others?

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

Motion to close the agenda session made by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Hibbard, all in favor.

Motion to close the agenda session made by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Shimalla, all in favor.

Agenda closed at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho, Clerk

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
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VOTING RECORD
REGULAR MEETING June 22, 2020**

MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Open Agenda Session to public	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Close Agenda Session to public	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Close Agenda Session	Y	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y
Approve minutes Executive meetings: 3/23/20, 3/27/20, 4/3/20, Work meetings: 3/27/20, 4/3/20, 4/10/20, 4/17/20, 4/24/20, 5/1/20, 5/8/20, 5/15/20, 6/8/20 and the Regular meeting minutes: 5/18/20	S-Y	M-Y	Y for all attended	Y for all attended	Y for all attended
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Motion to purchase an additional 2000 N95 masks	M-Y	Y	Y	S-Y	Y
Motion regarding outside of normal business requests – see wording above	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Public commentary open	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Meeting closed 8:50	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y

**A=ABSENT FOR VOTE
M=MADE THE MOTION
S=SECONDED THE MOTION
Y=AYE VOTE
N=NO VOTE**