

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 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 and we remember all those affected on this anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Commissioners Goldberg, Hibbard, Janho, Shimalla and Wickman were present.

The Fire Departments were represented by:

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

The minutes of the 11/23/2020 Regular meeting - Motion to approve by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Wickman – All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: Commissioner Wickman 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 in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank-you cards for the ShopRite cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

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

LOSAP: No report

PURCHASING:. Commissioner Goldberg reported

1. Fire Prevention materials for Station 28 – Vendor doesn’t have a NJ Business Registration and doesn’t want to get one.
2. Station 26 wants to encumber funds for a class for next year.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No meeting.

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: 56-1 repairs are ongoing

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

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– No report – question about an error message being received by Station 26 – Dawn will look into it.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: No report

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: No report right now

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report – meeting is this coming Thursday

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Chief Gianotto reported that they will be meeting in January.

TRAINING: No report

HOSE TESTING- went fine- almost nothing failed

BUDGET/ELECTION-

1. Resolution 20-29 Annual Compensation Board Polled – All in favor. No change from last year.
2. Resolution 20-30 Resolution appointing Commissioner Goldberg as PACO – Board Polled – All in favor.
3. Resolution 20-31 Adopt temp budget Board Polled – All in favor.
4. Resolution 20-32 Polling locations – defer to Deputy Chief Ryan due to COVID. Will also check with Dominic. Discussion on whether voting should be in one place or the 4 firehouses as usual.
5. Budget introduction – Resolution 20-33. Board polled all in favor.

UTILITY TRUCKS – all in – 28 – light installation – lettering is done.

ENGINE 56-1 – Paint issues are reconciled – should take delivery soon.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: 2 issues – waiting for repairs

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: no update

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: On hold – members can go if they want.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: Working on awards

OLD BUSINESS: no report

NEW BUSINESS: no report

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

1. Chief Giorgianni asked how safe is it to have the public come to the individual firehouses to vote – should be in one place – less exposure. Discussion ensued on how to do the election.
2. Deputy Chief Bassi asked if all firefighters are expected to wear an n-95 mask at all times – answer is yes.

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

Thank-you to all for a good year under the circumstances – Have a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas!

Motion to close the meeting at 8:49 by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Wickman.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 12-7-2020

Type of Meeting: Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

Location: CONFERENCE CALL 1-646-307-1479 PASSCODE 950181 **Time:** 7:15

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. Budget Intro – tonight
2. Polling locations – 4 or 1 location – defer to Chris Ryan
3. 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 Hibbard, second by Commissioner Janho, all in favor.

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

Agenda closed at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho, Clerk

**New Jersey
VOTING RECORD
REGULAR MEETING December 7, 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	M-Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Close Agenda Session	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Approve mins meeting 12/7/20 Reg	Y	Y	M-Y	Y	S-Y
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y
Resolution 20-29 Compensation	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 20-30 PACO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 20-31 Temp Bud	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Resolution 20-32 Poll places	Y	Abstain	Y	Abstain	Y
Resolution 20-33 Budget Approval	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Meeting closed 8:49	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE