

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

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.....	C. Ziobro
Somerset.....	C. Gianotto

The minutes of the 1/11/2021 Regular meeting - Motion to approve by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho – 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. Reso 21-04 transfer of funds. Board polled all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Motion to accept the 2021 calendar made by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho – All in favor.

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: Commissioner Wickman made a motion to post the LOSAP for a 30 day review period – members can petition the board within the next 30 days in writing, second by Commissioner Janho – All in favor

PURCHASING:. No report.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No meeting.

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service Requesting \$5,500 for the Utility mounting. Motion by Commissioner Wickman for up to \$6,000 if funds are available – second by Commissioner Janho – All in favor
- Sta. 44 – All in service
- Sta. 56 – All in service New 56-1 will be in service soon. Fire Prevention to use old 56-1 and engine 8 to be sold. Still investigating leasing.

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Commissioner Shimalla working on the tablets

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: No report

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Discussion on frequencies on the T band which has become available again in regards to simulcasting.
2. Working to move the 700 band ahead.
3. \$3,000 for North Brunswick channels to be added to Station 56, \$3,000 for Middlesex Borough channels to be added to 56 and 26 radios – Motion by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg – All in favor

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report –

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: They will be meeting 2/25/21. At station 26, 7PM. 2 SOG's

TRAINING:

HOSE TESTING- no report

BUDGET/ELECTION- 4/20/21 2-9PM locations to be determined. Petitions for Commissioner due by 3/12/21 at 4PM.

UTILITY TRUCKS – 28 – waiting on Island Tech.

ENGINE 56-1 – Delivery scheduled for 2 more weeks

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: all in service

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: no update

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: On hold – members can go if they want. Station 26 hiring fit testing at \$30.00 each for at least 12 members.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: cancelled for 2021- maybe other options.

OLD BUSINESS: no report

NEW BUSINESS: no report

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

Commissioner Wickman made a motion to open the meeting to the public, Commissioner Hibbard, second. All in favor. Motion to close public period by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho-All in favor.

Motion to recess the meeting at 8:48 for Executive session Resolution 21-05 by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor

Meeting resumed at 9:15 – No business conducted. Motion to close meeting by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor. 9:18

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 2-22-2021

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. Snow plowing – Commissioner Janho reported the dissatisfaction of the companies doing the snow plowing from the fire departments. Discussion ensued
 - a. Commissioner Janho to reach out to the companies.
 - b. An RFP will be published.
 - i. Group contract?
 - ii. Invoice per inch?
 - iii. Plows on utility trucks – not recommended
2. T Bands have now been reopened for simulcasting approximately \$800 to file and \$8 – 20,000 to get up and running. Bob Cuddy has 2 quotes. Discussion ensued.
3. Election is Tuesday,4/20/21 2-9PM in person and absentee, Commissioner petitions due 3/12/21 at 4PM. Commissioner Goldberg to check mailbox at office.
4. 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 Janho, all in favor.

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

Agenda closed at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho, Clerk