

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2021**

The conference call meeting was called to order at 8:04 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
MiddlebushJ. Ubry
Millstone Valley..... JT Giorgianni
Somerset.....C. Gianotto

The minutes of the 12/7/2020 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 Hibbard made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor. Reso 21-02 Accept the 2019 audit. Board polled all in favor. No recommendations.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank-you card from the Giorgianni family.

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 allow the chiefs to award up to an extra 10 discretionary points, because of COVID, second by Commissioner Shimalla. LOSAP figures due to District office by 1/22/21. The review period will start on 2/22/21 and the payment will be processed for 3/22/21.

PURCHASING:. No report.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No meeting.

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service Still have not received the new Utility.
- Sta. 44 – All in service
- Sta. 56 – All in service finalizing the radios

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Commissioner Shimalla would like to go with a cloud based GIS system. He will get numbers.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: No report

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: No report right now

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report –

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: They will be meeting 1/21/21. At station 26, 7PM.

TRAINING: Working on a drill for the giant demo fan -possible in July– maybe county will purchase

HOSE TESTING- no report

BUDGET/ELECTION-

1. According to an Executive Order – new election date is tentatively 4/20/21 – details to be sent when finalized.
2. Resolution 21-01 2021 budget adopted. Board polled – all in favor.

UTILITY TRUCKS – 28 – still not in – waiting on Island Tech.

ENGINE 56-1 – Delivery scheduled for Thursday January 28.

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: cancelled for 2021- maybe other options.

OLD BUSINESS: no report

NEW BUSINESS: no report

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

1. Chief Scott – thank-you to the commissioners for supporting the fire departments.
2. Steve Warrelmann- Check in Red Alert for Cloud based GIS – Commissioner Shimalla to check.
3. Deputy Chief Bassi asked if we can switch to cloud based – Commissioner Shimalla to check.

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

Stay Safe – welcome to 2021! Thank-you all.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:40 by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Wickman.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 1-11-2021

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. Accept audit and sign affidavit – No recommendations will sign at regular meeting.
2. Budget hearing and adoption – Commissioner reported the budget was introduced in Dec and will be adopted tonight- staying on normal schedule.
 - a. New date for election 4/20/21-tentatively.
 - b. Petitions now due 3/15/21 by 2PM. None received so far.
 - c. We approved a temp budget last month for \$300,000 – an additional temp budget to be approved in Feb – to carry us to 4/20/21. The state has told the municipalities to stay on the same payment schedule – no issues anticipated.
3. Dinner – Motion to hold the dinner for 2021 - board polled all - no Dinner for 2021 cancelled – maybe a picnic or informal gathering in the late summer depending on COVID. Palace deposit to be changed to 2023.
4. Vaccines – Motion in favor of all members receiving a vaccine – based on Deputy Chief Ryan’s report of vaccines being wasted from Eddie Bresnick – Board polled all in favor – Commissioner Goldberg abstained.
5. Others?

Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, 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.

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Agenda closed at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho, Clerk