

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1  
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey  
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 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..... in a class  
Somerset.....C. Gianotto

The minutes of the 2/22/2021 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 Hibbard made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Wickman. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**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:** LOSAP being processed.

**PURCHASING:.** No report.

**DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING:**

**TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:**

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

**IT and GIS and RED ALERT–** Commissioner Shimalla – committee formed hoping to finish by June will be meeting soon.

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE:** No report

**RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Issues from Chief Scott –portable batteries dying. Jim Wickman made a motion to approve \$10,000 for district wide battery replacement. Emails sent to chiefs for a number. Second by Commissioner Goldberg. APX and XTS
2. Motion for \$3,000 for North Brunswick channels to be added to Station 56 needs to be updated to up to \$4000.00 Motion by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg – All in favor

**FIRE PREVENTION BOARD:** Met last week – spoke on trust fund and shared service agreements.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** They will be meeting 3/25/21. At station 26, 7PM.

**TRAINING:** No report

**HOSE TESTING-** no report

**BUDGET/ELECTION-** 4/20/21 2-9PM all 4 firehouses. Please support the budget.

1. Three people running for the two spots – Rich Hibbard, Billy King and Pat Shimalla
2. Protocols in place – 2 machines at each location to disinfect between voters
3. Extra pollworker at each location
4. Shields
5. Social distancing

**ENGINE 56-1** – In service

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES:** all in service

**FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** no update

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN:** On hold – members can go if they want. Commissioner Wickman made a motion to approve Quote 222661 from FF1 for in house fit testing Min of 12 members at each location. Second by Commissioner Goldberg – not to exceed \$3,000. All in favor.

**ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION:** Dawn to send award form letter.

**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.

Commissioner Hibbard – It has been a privilege and honor to service for the past 4 years

Commissioner Shimalla – Stay safe and come out and vote

Commissioner Goldberg – Very impressed with the chiefs and the volunteers.

Commissioner Wickman – Impressed as well and he never gets tired of hearing how we are. Stay safe. Please don't let your guard down as the numbers go down – follow the rules and be respectful of everyone.

Motion to recess the meeting at 8:41 Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor  
Commissioner Janho, Clerk

**MINUTES, DATED** 3-22-2021

**Type of Meeting:**    Agenda                      Special Work Session                      Discussion

**Location:** CONFERENCE CALL 1-646-307-1479 PASSCODE 950181    **Time:**    7:17

**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. Election is Tuesday,4/20/21 2-9PM in person and absentee, We have enough pollworkers, 2 machines – shields. Provisional ballots. 3 people running for commissioner r. Hibbard, B. King and P. Shimalla.
2. In house fit testing – Jim to bring up in reg meeting
3. Batteries – Make a motion up to \$10,000 for district wide
4. North Brunswick – motion needs to be upped to \$4,000 from the #,000 approved last month
5. May 4<sup>th</sup> Re-Org meeting
6. 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

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1  
Franklin Township • Somerset County  
New Jersey  
VOTING RECORD  
REGULAR MEETING March 22, 2021**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>GOLDBERG</b>	<b>HIBBARD</b>	<b>JANHO</b>	<b>SHIMALLA</b>	<b>WICKMAN</b>
Open Agenda Session to public	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Close Agenda Session to public	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Close Agenda Session	Y	Y	M-Y	Y	S-Y
Approve mins meeting 2/22/21 Reg	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	M -Y	Y	Y	S-Y
\$10,000 Batteries for portables district wide	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Motion upped to \$4,000 to add North Bruns to 56 radios	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
In house fit testing up to \$3,000	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Meeting closed 8:41	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**