

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1  
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey  
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 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.....  
Somerset.....C. Gianotto

The minutes of the 3/22/2021 Regular meeting - Motion to approve by Commissioner Goldberg, 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 Shimalla. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Thank-you letter from EMFAS for 2020 support.:

**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 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

**IT and GIS and RED ALERT**– Commissioner Shimalla – committee met, narrowed down to three companies hoping to finish by June/July.

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

**RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Radio committee to get together to discuss T-band. Approved up to \$2,000 to acquire frequencies.
2. 700 mghz continuing

**FIRE PREVENTION BOARD:** No meeting J. Hauss father passed away – Condolences to the family. Fire Prevention was asked to take the equipment they want from the old 56-1 and engine 8. Old 56-1 going to Agin to be lettered.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** No meeting

**TRAINING:** May 1<sup>st</sup> Middlebush has a live burn scheduled. Some firehouses have scheduled their in house fit testing.

**HOSE TESTING-** no report

**BUDGET/ELECTION-** Update on election – final results from county tomorrow.

**ENGINE 56-1** – In service

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES:** all in service. Looking at two more new ones.

**FIVE-YEAR PLAN:** no update

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

**ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION:** Received award paperwork from some departments

**OLD BUSINESS:** no report

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Wickman made a motion for up to \$600.00 for COVID test kits – second by Commissioner Shimalla. Deputy Chief Chris Ryan offered to oversee the testing – if needed. All in favor

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:**

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

Deputy Chief Chris Ryan reported that the rapid test kits cost \$511.

Motion to close public period by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Wickman-All in favor

No executive session.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:30 Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Hibbard. All in favor

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

**MINUTES, DATED 4-26-2021**

**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 \_ \_\_T. Janho \_X\_\_P. Shimalla X\_J. Wickman

**Others Attending:**

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1. Pierce pre-built (Tim) To be looked into – next meeting
2. District T-shirt (Jason) Pat and Jay to work on a new t-shirt.
3. T-band (Rich) Quote from Federal Engineering \$25,000 – radio committee to meet and discuss direction- investigate quote received in February and decide direction. Jim made a motion to approve u to \$2,000 for T-band frequency acquisition, second by Jay. All in favor Tim absent.
4. Executive session (Jay) make sure process is moving forward – no exec session tonight
5. Others?

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

Chris Ryan – COVID update – exposure at Middlebush no spread – be diligent about wearing masks and following CDC guidelines – which are changing frequently. Purchasing 20 quick COVID tests to self test – half the price. He will oversee if needed.

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

May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Re-org meeting at 7PM.

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

Agenda closed at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Wickman, Chairman

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1**  
**Franklin Township • Somerset County**  
**New Jersey**  
**VOTING RECORD**  
**REGULAR MEETING April 26, 2021**

<b>MOTION</b>	<b>GOLDBERG</b>	<b>HIBBARD</b>	<b>JANHO</b>	<b>SHIMALLA</b>	<b>WICKMAN</b>
Motion up to \$2,000 for T-band frequency acquisition	S-Y	Y	A	Y	M-Y
Open Agenda Session to public	Y	S-Y	A	Y	M-Y
Close Agenda Session to public	Y	S-Y	A	Y	M-Y
Close Agenda Session	Y	S-Y	A	Y	M-Y
Approve mins meeting 3/22/21 Reg	M-Y	Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	M -Y	Y	S-Y	Y
Motion up to \$600.00 for rapid COVID self tests.	Y	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	Y	M-Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Meeting closed 8:30	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y

**A=ABSENT FOR VOTE**

**M=MADE THE MOTION**

**S=SECONDED THE MOTION**

**Y=AYE VOTE**

**N=NO VOTE**