

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 28, 2021**

The conference call meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the 1-646-307-1479, pass 950181 by Chairman Shimalla, 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..... R. Hunt
Somerset.....C. Gianotto

The minutes of the 5/24/2021 Regular meeting- Motion to approve by Commissioner Shimalla, second by Commissioner Janho – Commissioner Hibbard in favor, Commissioners Goldberg and Wickman abstained.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE – Shennard family funeral announcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: No report

LOSAP: No report.

PURCHASING: Commissioner Goldberg made a motion to go out to bid for 21 days for new equipment, second by Commissioner Wickman – All in favor. He also reported a purchasing anomaly that Dominic is handling.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No report

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: All in service

- Sta. 26 – Ladder out for repairs.
- Sta. 28 – All in service
- Sta. 44 – All in service
- Sta. 56 – All in service

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Commissioner Shimalla – problem with the tablets and County’s update to Qed – will be updated as soon as available.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: Clothing reimbursement to return to \$6.00 per call starting July 1, 2021. Motion by Commissioner Shimalla, seconded by Commissioner Wickman All in favor – to be kept on the agenda. Commissioner Janho is also looking into other incentives with Gregg and Dominic

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:

1. 700 Mghz – waiting for extension
2. FCC simulcast UHF channels still on lockdown except for current license holders– will notify when available

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Met June 24th at Elizabeth Avenue working on the SOG's. Next meeting 7/15/21 at Station 26 at 7PM.

TRAINING: 7/10-11/21 Fire Officer's Academy at the high school.

HOSE TESTING- Dates were sent out – Commissioner Hibbard will coordinate.

BUDGET/ELECTION-

1. 2021 half payment was received.
2. 2022 proposed budgets due on August 1.
3. Need lines for engine 8
4. 1st budget meeting 8/15 – please bring large items forward at this meeting, ex: large fan.

ENGINE 56-1 –

1. In service some minor warranty issues.
2. 56-1 requested to be brought to Wildwood, Sept. 17-18.
3. Proof of Insurance coverage needed.

SQUAD 28-

1. Went out for inspection – still on schedule – expected in a few weeks.
2. Also requested to be brought to Wildwood. Proof of Insurance coverage needed.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: all in service. Looking at two new ones on Amwell Rd

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: no update

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: Going back to physicals being required starting in August. Discussion ensued whether the Doctors offices can handle – will be easier with fit tests being done in house.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: 2/26/22 dinner reserved. Possibly a casual district event in early fall- picnic or other.

OLD BUSINESS: no report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Talk to all fire companies about having in person meetings.
2. June 29 – fit testing at Station 44
3. July 28 – fit testing at Station 28.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

Chief Scott offered Elizabeth Avenue for the July meeting in person.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Wickman-All in favor

Commissioner Shimalla read Resolution 21-18 Executive Session, second by Commissioner Janho – All in favor. 8:45 5 minute break start Executive Session at 8:50.

Meeting resumed after Executive Session at 9:20.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:22 by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 6-28-2021

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 _A_ T. Janho _X_ P. Shimalla X_ J. Wickman

Others Attending:

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1. Ad-hoc per diem support (Jay) -OK to do
2. T-Band (Rich) Members of the radio committee met last week – T-band currently available only for current license holders – 700 mgh extension request in progress.
3. District Awards Dinner(Jay) 2/26/22 at the Palace. Jim and Rich to investigate a picnic in the fall 2021.
4. ICV Replacement – health concerns (Tim) Absent no report
5. Purchasing Anomaly (Jay) Dominic is handling – the vendor is being paid. Procedure to be reinforced.
6. 2021 New Equipment – out to bid (Jay) Specifications came in from the chiefs last Friday – to go out this week.
7. COVID policy changes (Pat)
 - a. July 1st back to \$6.00 clothing allowance. Action to work with Gregg and Dominic for guidance to possibly adjust the amount.
 - b. COVID testing – we have tests in the office- Checking with Dominic if we should still be paying \$50.00 per diem to members for testing.
8. Request from 56 to take 56-1 to Wildwood (Pat) to be approved in reg meeting
9. Others?

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

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

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

Agenda closed at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Shimalla, Chairman

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
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VOTING RECORD
REGULAR MEETING June 28, 2021**

MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Agenda Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	A	M-Y	S-Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	Y	Y	A	S-Y	M-Y
Agenda Meeting closed 8:24	Y	S-Y	A	Y	M-Y
Approve mins meeting 5/24/21	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	M -Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Motion for 2021 New Equip spec to go out to bid	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Motion for clothing allowance to return to \$6.00	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Public commentary closed	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Reso 21-18 Exec Session	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion to suspend meeting	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y	Y
Motion to reopen meeting	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Meeting closed 9:22	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