

Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET/WORK MEETING AUGUST 26, 2021

The conference call meeting (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on <https://commfiredistrict1.globalmeet.com/FTFD1> by Commissioner Wickman, followed by the salute to the flag and 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.

Attendance: Hibbard, Janho, Wickman, Goldberg, Shimalla.

New Business:

Commissioner Goldberg- expressed on the record his apology for being particularly short tempered in the past couple meetings.

Commissioner Wickman went over and adjusted the budgets to reflect what the departments asked for.

SCBA bottle – accruals - discussed. Chiefs to send their inventory and spreadsheets of expiration dates. Noted that Station 26 and 28 have some cylinders that will expire sooner. Tentatively upped to \$100,000.

Motion to open meeting to public: 1--Shimalla, 2-Goldberg, all in favor.

Items brought by the chiefs:

- a. Housing increase
- b. Upgrade replacement of washers and dryers – for clean cab initiative – bigger and faster
- c. Budget for new member gear needs to be raised
- d. Large fans for warehouses – 1 large vs 2 semi large
- e. 2 new pick up trucks for chiefs – clean cab initiative
- f. Discussion on the Fire Prevention vehicle

Motion to close public session: 1- Goldberg, 2-Janho, all in favor.

Positive comments by all commissioners. Ladder accrual confirmed at \$1,550,000.00

Motion to close meeting: 1-Shimalla, 2- Wickman, all in favor. 8:53