

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

The conference call meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at - <https://commfiredistrict1.globalmeet.com/FTFD1> 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
Middlebush	J. Ubry
Millstone Valley.....	C. Ziobro
Somerset.....	C. Gianotto

A motion to approve the minutes of the 8/23/2021 Regular meeting by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Wickman. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: Commissioner Wickman presented the treasurer’s report. Commissioner Janho made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Goldberg. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: No report

LOSAP: No report.

PURCHASING:. Closeout the purchasing anomaly in the agenda

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No report

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service
- Sta. 44 – Tender out of service
- Sta. 56 – All in service

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– tablets will be delivered tomorrow – security system to be upgraded this week

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: Multiple new members

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: Meeting to be scheduled soon, cost for the repeater mounting on the tower have been obtained.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Met this past Thursday, wrapped up some budget questions – new meeting 10/21/21 at station 26 at 7PM.

TRAINING: 10/2/21 Water safety class 8AM at station 56

HOSE TESTING-Complete – results will be sent soon. Need to still test appliances with a new company.

BUDGET/ELECTION- Final budget meeting 9/30/21

ENGINE 56-1 – Waiting for minor issues to be addressed.

SQUAD 28- In service working on some warranty issues

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: Resolution 21-20 for two new devices at Amwell and Mettlers and Amwell and Van Cleef.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: Revisiting

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: Chiefs have the lists and reminder sent out

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: 2/22

OLD BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS: No report

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

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

No other comments from the board – thank-you for all the work on the storm

Resolution 21021 Executive Session – employment regarding two ongoing investigations Motion

Commissioner Wickman, second Commissioner Hibbard. Board polled All in favor – Commissioner Goldberg abstained

No business after the executive session – recess for 5 mins 8:22-8:27. Commissioner Wickman, second Commissioner Janho.

Meeting reopened at 9:06

Motion to hire Cleary for personnel issues by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Hibbard All in favor.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:08 by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg. All in favor.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 9-27-2021

Type of Meeting: Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

Location: <https://commfiredistrict1.globalmeet.com/FTFD1> **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. 700 Mghz/UHF Radio (Rich) No updates at this time
2. Purchasing Anomaly (Jay) Attorney advised confusion and after legal review is comfortable that this is a single incident and procedures have been reinforced – stay professional in our purchasing.
3. 26 truck committee board rep (Jason) Kick off w/26 members regarding purchasing with a co-op. Tim will be the rep
4. Others?

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

Steve Warrelmann voiced his lack of trust – regarding legal reviews- should be handled by the commissioners. Commissioner Goldberg addressed the issue and Dominic is going over with the truck committee how to work through an out of state co-op and particularly how using this co-op saves money. This is to ensure that we are doing things properly.

Deputy Chief Bassi questioned what the commissioners want from 26 regarding the purchase. Commissioner Goldberg explained we need to be able to prove we are getting the best price by using the co-op. Commissioner Goldberg confirmed they can move forward with finalizing the specs.

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

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Agenda closed at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Janho, Clerk

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**VOTING RECORD
REGULAR MEETING September 27, 2021**

MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Agenda Public Commentary opened	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	M-Y	Y	Y	S-Y	S-Y
Agenda Meeting closed	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y	Y
Approve mins meeting 8/23/21	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Approve Treasurers Report	S-Y	Y	M -Y	Y	Y
Reso 21-20 Traffic Signals	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Public Commentary opened	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	M-Y	Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Recess meeting	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Reso 21-21 Exec Session	ABSTAIN	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Motion to hire Cleary for personnel investigations	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Meeting closed 9:08	Y	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE