

Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF MAY 4, 2021

The conference call meeting (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) was called to order at 7:23 p.m. on 1-646-307-1479, pass 950181 by Chairman Wickman. The meeting was called to order at 7:23p.m. at the Fire District Office by Commissioner Wickman followed by the reading of the Sunshine Law Statement. This meeting is convened in accordance with provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey. Let the official minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice to the Home News Tribune, The Courier News and by filling a notice with the Clerk of Franklin Township and by posting a notice in the Municipal Building, DeMott Lane, Somerset, New Jersey all of which contain information concerning hours and places of these meetings. The meeting is not being taped and there will be no smoking and all cell phone and pagers to be placed on vibrate at this public meeting.

Commissioners Wickman, Janho and Goldberg were present.

The Oath of Office was administered by Commissioner Wickman to Patrick Shimalla and Richard Hibbard. The Board congratulated the newly elected Commissioners.

Appointments:

Chairman – Commissioner Wickman nominated Patrick Shimalla as Chairman for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg. Board polled, all Commissioners in favor.

Deputy Chairman – Commissioner Hibbard and Janho nominated Jason Goldberg as Deputy Chairman for 2021, Commissioner Goldberg declined. Commissioner Janho nominated Commissioner Hibbard, seconded by Commissioner Shimalla. Commissioner Hibbard declined, Patrick Shimalla nominated Commissioner Wickman for deputy chair, second by Jason Goldberg. Commissioner Wickman accepted. Board polled All commissioners in favor.

Clerk- Commissioner Hibbard nominated Tim Janho as Clerk for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg. Board polled - All Commissioners in favor.

Deputy Clerk- Commissioner Wickman nominated Rich Hibbard as Clerk for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Shimalla. Board polled - All Commissioners in favor.

Treasurer- Commissioner Shimalla nominated James Wickman as Treasurer for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Hibbard. Board polled - all Commissioners in favor.

Purchasing- Commissioner Hibbard nominated Jason Goldberg as Purchasing for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Wickman. Board polled -all Commissioners in favor.

Vehicle Maintenance- Commissioner Shimalla nominated Tim Janho as Vehicle Maintenance for 2021, seconded by Commissioner Goldberg. Board Polled -all Commissioners in favor.

Rec/Ret - Commissioner Shimalla nominated Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg as Rec/Ret lead for 2021, Board polled - All Commissioners in favor.

The Board was polled accepting the following 2021 resolutions:

- 21-06 Legal Representation, Dominic DiYanni of Eric M. Bernstein and Associates.
- 21-07 Hodulik & Morrison, P.A/PKF O'Conner Davis. Auditing Services
- 21-08 Bank of America and PNC Back as the official depositories.
- 21-09 Home News Tribune and Courier News official newspapers.
- 21-10 Inter-Local Service agreement with the Borough of Millstone.
- 21-11 Respiratory Program Administrator.
- 21-12 EMS Coordinator.
- 21-13 Records Custodian- Shimalla-Y, Wickman-Y, Goldberg-N, Janho-Y, Hibbard-Y
- 21-14 Approved State Contract Vendors.
- 21-15 Appointing Contracting Agent.
- 21-16 Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs as District Special Counsel.
- 21-17 J. Kaladas Physician

Board Committee Assignments:

- Insurance/LOSAP/Supplemental.Fire Program- James Wickman
- Rec/Retention/Public Relations Wickman/Goldberg
- Training – R. Hibbard
- Radio Repair & Communications Hibbard
- IT - Pat Shimalla/Wickman
- Fire Prevention Board – R Hibbard, -Alternate Shimalla
- District Awards Committee/Inspection – Hibbard/Wickman
- District Standards -P. Shimalla/Wickman
- PACO - Goldberg
- Contracting Agent- Jason Goldberg/Janho
- PIO – Hibbard
- Communication Liaison – R. Hibbard

- Liaison for Station 26 Commissioner - Hibbard
- Liaison for Station 44 Commissioner Goldberg
- Liaison for Station 28 Commissioner - Janho
- Liaison for Station 56 Commissioner Wickman

Public Commentary: Chairman Wickman – motion to open to the public, Commissioner Janho second, All in favor

Chairman Wickman made a motion to close the public section, second by Commissioner Hibbard. All in favor.

Final comments

Commissioner Shimalla thank-you for your support.

Commissioner Hibbard, Goldberg and Janho – thanked Jim for his service

Commissioner Wickman – running for the office is the hardest part – thanked Rich, Pat and Billy. Win or lose a great sense of gratitude for people that step up and want to make a difference. We have great people on this board –he is confident moving forward we will do great things.

Upon motion by Chairman Wickman and seconded by Commissioner Janho the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho, Clerk