

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF November 22, 2021**

The conference call meeting was called to order at 8:01 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 and Shimalla were present. Commissioner Wickman was absent.

The Fire Departments were represented by:

- Elizabeth Avenue
- MiddlebushC. Reier
- Millstone Valley.....
- Somerset.....C. Gianotto

A motion to approve the minutes of the 10/25/2021 Regular meeting and the special meeting 11/15/21 was made by Commissioner Shimalla second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor. Commissioner Wickman absent

TREASURERS REPORT: Commissioner Shimalla 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. Commissioner Wickman absent.

CORRESPONDENCE – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: Workers comp company is now Hartford

LOSAP: No report

PURCHASING:. Motion by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Hibbard to publish our intent to purchase a ladder truck from the HGAC co-op with a ten day comment period – ending on 12/9/21.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No meeting

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Engine 8 has a problem with the fuel line

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service
- Sta. 44 – All in service – generator down on 44-2
- Sta. 56 – All in service

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– progress

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: no report

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report by Rich on the 700 line. Bob Cuddy received the verbal go ahead from Middlesex County – portables are being worked on now almost done at Somerset County then they will go the Middlesex County and then will be ready for programming with the 700 line included as well.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: met last Thursday discussed setting up for next year.

TRAINING: Live burn at station 44 11/30/21. 5th fit test set up for Dec 7th at Station 56 at 7PM. The district is at live training tonight

HOSE TESTING-Complete – hose has been ordered. We will be getting new bids for next year some new companies have formed.

BUDGET/ELECTION-

1. Vote on the Capital budget 11/15/21 39 voters – 32 yes and 7 no – capital passed.
2. Commissioner Shimalla introduced the proposed 2022 budget.
3. Resolution 21-24 approve the budget – Motion by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Hibbard – board polled RH-Y, JG-Y, TJ-Y, PS-Y Commissioner Wickman absent.

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

SQUAD 28- No report

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: To be approved by County on 11/9/21 – Amwell and Mettlers and Amwell and Van Cleef.

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: No report

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: 13 members due

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: 2/22

OLD BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS: New workers comp company – The Hartford

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

Chief Gianotto thanked the commissioners for the Shop Rite cards

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Janho-All in favor. Commissioner Wickman absent.

Commissioner Janho with agreement from all – thanked all for their hard work.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:22 by Commissioner Janho, second by Commissioner Hibbard. All in favor. Commissioner Wickman absent.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 11-22-2021

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. Ladder 26 (Tim) – to make motion at meeting
3. Introduction and approval of 2022 proposed budget (Pat) during reg meeting
4. Others?

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

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

Agenda closed at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Janho, Clerk

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VOTING RECORD

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MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Agenda Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y	A
Agenda Public commentary closed	M-Y	S-Y	Y	Y	A
Agenda Meeting closed	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y	A
Approve mins meeting 10/25/21, Special meeting 11/15/21	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y	A
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	M-Y	S -Y	Y	A
Motion to send intent to purchase L26	Y	S-Y	M-Y	Y	A
Reso 21-24 2022 Budget approved board polled	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Reso 21-23 Commissioner Salaries	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y	A
Public commentary closed	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y	A
Meeting closed 8:22	Y	S-Y	M-Y	Y	A

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE