

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF December 13, 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.....	J.T. Giorgianni
Somerset.....	C. Gianotto

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/22/2021 Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Janho second by Commissioner Hibbard. All in favor. Commissioner Wickman abstained

TREASURERS REPORT: Commissioner Wickman presented the treasurer’s report. Commissioner Wickman made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Goldberg. All in favor. Request from Station 26 to replace their extractor from contingency. Motion by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho for not to exceed \$10,000.00. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: No report

LOSAP: No report

PURCHASING:. No report

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: No meeting

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Everything being taken care of

- 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, looking at options- demos

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE: no report

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Commissioner Hibbard - Resolution 21-29 Approval to purchase equipment to make the 700 MHz line operational- not to exceed \$45,489.00. 2 state contracts being utilized \$12,540.00 -83902 and \$32,949.00 – 83909. Motion to accept by Commissioner Shimalla, second by Commissioner Wickman. Board polled – all in favor.
- b. Study for intermodulation study up to \$5,000.00 contingent on Commissioner Hibbard obtaining a second quote or sole source statement. Motion by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Wickman.

Bob Cuddy-

- a. the new portables are being programmed and Middlesex County ID's are being checked.
- b. Cradle point routers – zero cost to install – 1st Net phone capable approx. same price as the Verizon MiFi's. Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Janho to move to the 1st Net pucks. Board polled – All in favor.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: No report

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: No report- no meeting

TRAINING: Reminder to complete your required training

HOSE TESTING-No report

BUDGET/ELECTION- One commissioner spot up for election. Packets available to run – outside the commissioners office, on the website and will be emailed to the chiefs.

ENGINE 56-1 – Waiting for 1 issue to be addressed.

SQUAD 28- Fire and Safety coming to address some punch list items.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: Waiting to be installed

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: Progressing

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: List sent to chiefs

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: 2/26

OLD BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution:

21-25 PACO – Commissioner Goldberg – Motion by Commissioner Shimalla, second by Commissioner Wickman. Board polled – All in favor.

21-26 – Polling Locations – 4 Firehouses - Motion by Commissioner Shimalla, second by Commissioner Janho. Board polled – All in favor.

21-27 – Temp Budget - Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Wickman. Board polled – All in favor.

21-28 – Purchase of Pierce XT Ladder up to \$1,550,000.00 - Motion by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Shimalla. Board polled – All in favor.

21-30 – Change order for Spartan – not to exceed \$17,000.00 - Motion by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg. Board polled – All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

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

Final Comments - Merry Christmas!

Motion to close the meeting at 8:35 by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Janho. All in favor.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 12-13-2021

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) – Reso for equipment to be approved during reg meeting
2. Polling Locations (Pat) – 4 locations
3. Ladder 26 (Tim) – Resolution to approve at reg meeting
4. Washer for Station 26 (Jim)- motion during reg meeting from contingency
5. 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 Goldberg, second by Commissioner Wickman all in favor.

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

Agenda closed at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Janho, Clerk

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VOTING RECORD

REGULAR MEETING November 22, 2021

MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Agenda Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Agenda Meeting closed	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Approve mins meeting 11/22/21	Y	S-Y	M-Y	Y	ABSTAIN
Approve Treasurers Report	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Motion to purchase extractor for 26	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Reso 21-29 700 line equip	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Motion intermod study up to \$5,000	M-Y	Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Motion Firstnet pucks	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Reso 21-25 PACO –J. Goldberg	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Reso 21-26 Polling Locations	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Reso 21-27 Temp budget	Y	M-Y	Y	Y	S-Y
Reso 21-28 Purchase Pierce XT \$1,550,000.00	Y	Y	M-Y	Y	S-Y
Reso 21-30 Spartan change order	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y
Public commentary closed	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y	Y
Meeting closed 8:35	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y	Y

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE