

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF February 28, 2022**

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	C. Ryan
Millstone Valley.....	J.T. Giorgianni
Somerset.....	C. Gianotto

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1/10/2022 Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Shimalla second by Commissioner Hibbard. 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 Wickman. All in favor. A motion was made to accept Resolution 22-02 Budget transfers by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg – board polled – all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – A thank-you letter was received by EMFAS for the commissioners support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS: No report

INSURANCE: No report

LOSAP: Commissioner Wickman made a motion to close the LOSAP review period, second by Commissioner Hibbard – all in favor. Commissioner Hibbard reported that the SOG and District drug and alcohol policy are now in line with each other.

PURCHASING:

1. We will have a vendor next month for the foam disposal.
2. Commissioner Hibbard made a motion to purchase 3 APX radios, up to \$25,000.00 to test the 700 MGHZ line, second by Commissioner Goldberg. All in favor
3. Commissioner Hibbard made a motion for up to \$5,000.00 to purchase a nozzle and a fan for Engine 8. Two quotes were sent to Commissioner Goldberg. Second by Commissioner Goldberg – all in favor

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: met tonight

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service Old squad 28 to go out to sale- looking for \$185,000.00
- Sta. 44 – All in service –
- Sta. 56 – All in service

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Commissioner Shimalla reported on Target Solutions – a single platform for inventory, maintenance and scheduling – all in one spot. Motion to go with Target Solutions made by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Goldberg – all in favor.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE:

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Hibbard – 700 hardware has been ordered.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: Commissioner Hibbard reported that the township wants a policy on cellar pumps- going to chiefs for emergent situations.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Discussion on:

1. There were no commissioners at the standards meeting. They are held the third Thursday, 7PM at 44.
2. A clean copy of the current SOG's to be provided for the website – more discussions.

TRAINING:

1. 3/6/22 – class by Kurt Isaacson- at 26. 9-4
2. 3/26/22- quarterly live burn at the Somerville Tower

HOSE TESTING-No report

BUDGET/ELECTION-

1. The budget passed and Jim Wickman was re-elected.

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

SQUAD 28- Still some issues, 1-2 months.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: Waiting to be installed

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: Progressing – meeting being planned

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: List sent to chiefs

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: 6/4/22 Picnic at Forest Lodge 12-4PM

OLD BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS: No report

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

Chief Scott asked about the executive session

Three N95 test machines

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

Motion to recess the meeting at 8:46 by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Shimalla to go into exec session after 5 min recess. All in favor. Resolution 22-03 Exec session read by Commissioner Shimalla – board polled all in favor – HR matter – no business to be conducted after.

Meeting reopened at 9:34.

Motion to close by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho – all in favor

Meeting closed at 9:35PM.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 2-28-22

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) – Rich will make a motion for up to 25,000 for three APX 8000 radios
2. Red Line gear cleaning - Discussion ensued -Chris Ryan working on it
3. Gas cards/Fireworks – Amend the resolution and present at the next meeting – needs language referencing the gas cards and fireworks. Jay to handle
4. Sale of Squad 28 – list for sale – under truck maint - Tim
5. Update Drug and Alcohol policy – Jay to work on with Dawn
6. Election location – discuss during Re-org
7. Board updates – critical information – Jay to discuss during re-org
8. Calendar approval – Re-org
9. Budget transfers – Jim during treasurers report
10. Foam disposal – Jay reported – back in Feb 2020 we could dispose of it for free, motion was made for up to \$15,000 for new foam to replace the bad foam under contingency. The old foam is not able to be disposed of for free and we have already replaced the foam that we need. Under purchasing a motion to be made for up to \$6,000 to dispose of it.
11. Others?

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

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

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

Agenda closed at 7:59 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	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y	Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	S-Y	M-Y	Y	Y	Y
Agenda Meeting closed	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y	Y
Approve mins meeting 1/10/22	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y	Y
Approve Treasurers Report	Y	Y	M-Y	Y	S-Y
22-02 Budget transfers	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Close LOSAP review period	Y	S-Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Motion for up to \$25,000 for radios to test the 700 line	S-Y	M-Y	Y	Y	Y
Motion for up to \$5,000 for nozzle and fan E-8	S-Y	M-Y	Y	Y	Y
Go to Target Solution single platform	S-Y	Y	Y	Y	M-Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y
Public commentary closed	Y	Y	M-Y	S-Y	Y
Meeting recessed	Y	Y	Y	S-Y	M-Y
Resolution 22-03 Exec Session	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Meeting closed 9:35	Y	Y	S-Y	Y	M-Y

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE