

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

The conference call meeting was called to order at 8:02 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 2/28/2022 Regular meeting was made by Commissioner Wickman 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 Hibbard. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE –  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS:** No report

**INSURANCE:** No report

**LOSAP:** Closed and submitted

**PURCHASING:.** No report

**DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING:** met tonight SOG and Officers meeting combined

**TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:** Car 44 and Car 28-2 headlight issues

- Sta. 26 – All in service
- Sta. 28 – All in service
- Sta. 44 – All in service –
- Sta. 56 – All in service

Old Squad 28 being readied for sale

**IT and GIS and RED ALERT–** Progress

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE:** Commissioner Janho will have a report next month

**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- lengthy discussion on cellar pump issues across the town – Sta 44 wants to continue.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** Combined with the line officer meeting

**TRAINING:**

District drills through the end of year

**HOSE TESTING-**No report

**BUDGET/ELECTION-** no monies received yet

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

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

**ENGINE 8** – Commissioner Hibbard made a motion for a change order up to \$1,200.00 to install the wiring for the antenna during build – second Commissioner Janho – All in favor

**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 10-4PM  
Breakfast included

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report

**NEW BUSINESS:** No report

**PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:**

Commissioner Hibbard 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 Hibbard, second by Commissioner Wickman-All in favor.

Motion to recess the meeting at 8:28 by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Shimalla to go into exec session after 5 min recess. All in favor. Resolution 22-16 Exec session read by Commissioner Shimalla – board polled all in favor – HR matter – no business to be conducted after.

Meeting reopened at 9:11

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

Meeting closed at 9:12PM.

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

**MINUTES, DATED 3-28-22**

**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. Purchasing Transition – to be handled at the Exec session.
3. OPMA cheat session – nrxt month
4. Exec session 22-16
5. In person meetings – Next meeting in person at Somerset
6. Others?

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

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

Agenda closed at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Janho, Clerk