

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1**  
**Franklin Township Somerset County, New Jersey**  
**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2022**

The conference call meeting (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at <https://commfiredistrict1.globalmeet.com/FTFD1> by Chairman Shimalla. 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 Goldberg, Hibbard, Janho and Shimalla were present.

The Oath of Office was administered by Commissioner Shimalla to James Wickman  
The Board congratulated the newly elected Commissioner.

**Appointments:**

Chairman –Commissioner Wickman nominated Patrick Shimalla as Chairman for 2022, second by Commissioner Janho. Board polled, all Commissioners in favor.

Deputy Chairman – Commissioner Wickman nominated by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Janho, Commissioner Wickman accepted. Board polled Commissioner Hibbard abstained, Commissioner Janho – Y, Commissioner Goldberg – Y, Commissioner Shimalla – Y, Commissioner Wickman – Y.

Clerk-Commissioner Goldberg nominated Tim Janho as Clerk, second by Commissioner Wickman. Board polled - All Commissioners in favor.

Deputy Clerk-Commissioner Wickman nominated Rich Hibbard, second by Commissioner Shimalla. Board polled - All Commissioners in favor.

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

Purchasing-Commissioner Wickman nominated Jason Goldberg as Purchasing, second by Commissioner Shimalla, Board polled -all Commissioners in favor.

Vehicle Maintenance-Commissioner Wickman nominated Tim Janho as Vehicle Maintenance, second by Commissioner Goldberg. Board Polled -all Commissioners in favor.

**The Board was polled accepting the following 2022 resolutions:**

- 22-04 Legal Representation, Dominic DiYanni of Eric M. Bernstein and Associates.
- 22-06 Bank of America and PNC Back as the official depositories.
- 22-07 Home News Tribune and Courier News official newspapers.
- 22-08 Inter-Local Service agreement with the Borough of Millstone.
- 22-09 Respiratory Program Administrator.
- 22-10 EMS Coordinator.
- 22-11 Records Custodian

22-12 Approved State Contract Vendors.  
22-13 Appointing Contracting Agent.  
22-14 Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri and Jacobs as District Special Counsel.  
22-15 J. Kaladas Physician

**Tabled**

22-05 Hodulik & Morrison, P.A/PKF O'Conner Davis. Auditing Services

**Board Committee Assignments:**

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

**Election Location –**

With absentee ballots – consider moving the annual election to the district office – discussion ensued – no decision made

**Board Updates – Critical Information**

Goldberg to speak to Dominic

**Calendar – approval** – Wickman motion, second Janho – All in favor

**Public Commentary:** Commissioner Wickman – motion to open to the public, Commissioner Shimalla second, All in favor  
Commissioner Wickman made a motion to close the public section, second by Commissioner Shimalla. All in favor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wickman and seconded by Commissioner Shimalla the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Janho  
Clerk