

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. at Elizabeth Ave Fire House by Commissioner Wickman, 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, especially Middlebush Member Tommy Williams. Commissioners Goldberg, Hibbard, Janho and Wickman were present. Shimalla absent

The Fire Departments were represented by:

Elizabeth Avenue A. Scott
MiddlebushC. Ryan
Millstone Valley..... JT Giorgianni
Somerset.....C. Gianotto

A motion to approve the minutes of the 7/25/22 and 8/22/22 meetings was made by Commissioner Goldberg, second by Commissioner Hibbard, All in favor – Commissioner Shimalla absent.

TREASURERS REPORT:

1. 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, Commissioner Shimalla absent.

CORRESPONDENCE –

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS- No

INSURANCE:

LOSAP: No report

PURCHASING:

1. Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Goldberg – to send the boats out for bid, 20 days, all present in favor.
2. Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Goldberg –to send large capacity fan not to exceed \$160,000 out to bid, 20 days. All present in favor.
3. Motion by Commissioner Hibbard, second by Commissioner Janho – to list Somerset’s boat on Govdeals. All present in favor.
4. Motion by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Janho to purchase two thermal imaging camera – not to exceed \$17,000. All present in favor.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: Deputy Chief Bassi read the minutes from the meeting held tonight. He will email them to Dawn.

TRUCK & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE: Commissioner Janho reported that he received emails from each company with their status.

- o 26: Utility OOS – needs to go to Agin signs
- o 28: Air 28 for Hydro issue
- o 44: 44-2 being put into service
- o 56: 562 Generator OOS, Car 56-2 repaired

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– No report

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE:

1. Working on tuition reimbursement

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: Meeting soon – working on a single code plug

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: Met

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: Looking at response. 10/18 open up for two pickups.

TRAINING:

Fit test at Sta 28 9/27/22 Water Rescue – Oct, Con Space Oct, Sensitivity training revisit-Jay to handle
HOSE TESTING-complete – looking to go in a new direction next year

BUDGET/ELECTION- unofficial exceeding 2% cap- progress – election 2/18/23

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

SQUAD 28- Still 1 issue

ENGINE 8 – chassis being worked on

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: all working

FIVE-YEAR PLAN: in progress

RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN: List sent to chiefs. Reminder letters being sent out 1 to 2 months in advance. Make your appointments as soon as you can.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: Inspection to be discussed during SOG meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution 22-28 not changed admin policy – just reformatted/formalized into resolution language – Motion by Commissioner Wickman second by Commissioner Goldberg – All present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Shimalla - website

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

1. Christine Van Deursen Chief – EMFAS invited all to their 75th Anniversary/open house on 10/8/22.
2. Stephen Warrelman asked about infinite command and stated it is not being used.

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

Motion to close the meeting by Commissioner Wickman second by Commissioner Goldberg – all present in favor

Meeting closed at 9:01PM

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 9/26/22

Type of Meeting: Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

Location: Somerset Fire House **Time:** 7:20

Fire Commissioners Attending:

X J. Goldberg X ___ R. Hibbard X T. Janho ___A_P. Shimalla X J. Wickman

Others Attending:

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1. 700 MHz/UHF Radio (Rich) – Waiting for single code plug
2. Administrative Only Policy – (Jay) – Formatted as a resolution. To be approved during meeting.22-28
3. Tuition Reimbursement (Jay) – progress 50 or 60 thousand in 2023 budget
4. Chiefs account audit (Rich) – being set up, waiting to hear back from Gregg and Dominic.
5. Clothing allowance update (Pat) – absent
6. Thermal imaging camera (Rich) – Millstone- submit to insurance for one – motion to purchase under purchasing.
7. Boats (Rich) – Motion under purchasing to go out to bid
8. Fans (Rich) – Motion not to exceed \$160,000 – to go out to bid
9. 56 Boat sale – Govdeals (Rich) – Motion to sell old boat on Govdeals – purchasing
10. Clarifications on receipts (Jay) – no change itemized receipts needed – no alcohol reimbursed
11. Remote meeting availability (Jay) – Jay to reach out to Dominic
12. Others?

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

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

Commissioner Janho – the generator is up and running at 26 – new motor fixed the problem – We can get the old motor rebuilt for 18,000 and have a spare – not approved.

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

Agenda closed at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Janho, Clerk

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
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VOTING RECORD**

REGULAR MEETING September 26, 2022

MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Agenda Public Commentary opened	Y	M-Y	Y	A	S- Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	Y	Y	S-Y	A	M-Y
Agenda Meeting closed	Y	S-Y	Y	A	M-Y
Approve mins meeting – 7/25/22 and 8/22/22	M-Y	S-Y	Y	A	Y
Approve Treasurers Rep	Y	S-Y	M-Y	A	Y
Motion Boats to bid	S-Y	M-Y	Y	A	Y
Motion fan to bid not to exceed 160,000	S-Y	M-Y	Y	A	Y
Motion Boat sale on Govdeals	Y	M-Y	S-Y	A	Y
Motion purchase two thermal cameras not to exceed 17,000	Y	Y	S-Y	A	M-Y
Reso 22-28 Admin policy	S-Y	Y	Y	A	M-Y
Public Commentary opened	Y	M-Y	Y	A	S-Y
Public commentary closed	Y	M-Y	S-Y	A	Y
Meeting closed 9:01	S-Y	Y	Y	A	M-Y

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE