

**Commissioners of Fire District No.1
Franklin Township, Somerset County, New Jersey
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. at Middlebush Vol 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.

Commissioners Hibbard, Janho and Wickman were present. Shimalla and Goldberg absent

The Fire Departments were represented by:

Elizabeth Avenue	A. Scott
Middlebush	C. Reier
Millstone Valley.....	K. Jerzewski
Somerset.....	C. Gianotto

A motion to approve the minutes of the 9/26/22 meeting and budget meetings 8/18/22, 8/31/22 and 9/1/22 was made by Commissioner Wickman, second by Commissioner Hibbard, All present in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT:

1. Commissioner Wickman presented the treasurer’s report. Commissioner Hibbard made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and for the bills to be paid, second by Commissioner Janho. All present in favor. Commissioner Wickman reminded the chiefs to have their final call numbers in the end of November.

**CORRESPONDENCE –
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORTS- No

INSURANCE:

LOSAP: No report

PURCHASING:

Motion by Commissioner Hibbard for Resolution 22-31 to reject the high bid of \$5,050.00 from Govdeals, Board polled all present Yes.

DISTRICT LINE OFFICERS' MEETING: Deputy Chief Reier 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, they are having a front end problem
- o 28: Air 28 cascade issue
- o 44: 44-2 turbo has been fixed
- o 56: 562 Generator OOS, light on and off in Rescue 56

IT and GIS and RED ALERT– Commissioner Wickman to check on Progressive Intelligence Technologies and send information to Pat.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION/INTERNET PRESENCE:

1. Working on tuition reimbursement

RADIO REPAIRS & COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Hibbard reported that the 700 mghz is up and running – he would like for it to be tested. All agree there should be one code plug.

FIRE PREVENTION BOARD: Fire safety trailer probably going away – needs extensive repairs.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE: No meeting

TRAINING:

1. Strategy and Tactics class 11/7 and 11/14 – location to be announced
2. Dist live burn Nov 12th – Sta 26
3. Sta 56 live burn Nov 26th
4. 12/4 district live burn at SCESTA – Sta 28
5. Swift water class possible cancellation

HOSE TESTING-44-2 needs to be pump tested

BUDGET/ELECTION- Capital vote 11/9/22 at the district office. Another budget meeting to be set up before introduction on 11/28/22.

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

SQUAD 28- Still 1 issue

ENGINE 8 – Beginning of December South Dakota preview

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DEVICES: Pierce and Davidson – on Pierce from Elizabeth Ave to Cedar Grove not 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.

New fit test date to be scheduled.

ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE / ANNUAL INSPECTION: Dinner 2/25/23 Palace Have awards in by mid January

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTARY PERIOD:

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

1. Christine Van Deursen Chief –thanked everyone for coming to their open house.
2. Chief Scott – asked about the recruitment policy update – Commissioner Wickman -it will be ready to be approved next month- how far retroactive to be determined.

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

Motion to recess the meeting by Commissioner Hibbard second by Commissioner Janho – all present in favor
Reso 22-30 Executive Session – Board polled all present in favor.

Meeting recessed at 8:30PM

Commissioner Janho, Clerk

MINUTES, DATED 10/24/22

Type of Meeting: Agenda Special Work Session Discussion

Location: Middlebush Fire House **Time:** 7:15

Fire Commissioners Attending:

A 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) – No change wants system tested
2. Tuition Reimbursement (Jay) – progress hopinf to finalize by end of the year
3. Chiefs account audit (Rich) – being set up, waiting to hear back from Gregg and Dominic.
4. Boats (Rich) – Resolution 22-31 to decline the boat sale
5. Fans (Rich) – more info needed to go out to sale
6. Others?

Motion by Commissioner Janho second Commissioner Hibbard 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 Hibbard all in favor.

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

Agenda closed at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Janho, Clerk

**Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
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New Jersey
VOTING RECORD
REGULAR MEETING October 24, 2022**

MOTION	GOLDBERG	HIBBARD	JANHO	SHIMALLA	WICKMAN
Agenda Public Commentary opened	A	S-Y	M-Y	A	Y
Agenda Public commentary closed	A	S-Y	Y	A	M-Y
Agenda Meeting closed	A	S-Y	Y	A	M-Y
Approve mins meeting – 9/26/22, 8/18/22, 8/31/22, 9/1/22	A	S-Y	Y	A	M-Y
Approve Treasurers Rep	A	M-Y	S-Y	A	Y
Reso 22-31 Boats bid reject	A	M-Y	Y	A	Y
Public Commentary opened	A	Y	S-Y	A	M-Y
Public commentary closed	A	M-Y	S-Y	A	Y
Meeting recessed 8:30 Reso 22-30 Exec Session	A	Y	Y	A	Y
Meeting closed 9:01	A	Y	Y	A	M-Y

A=ABSENT FOR VOTE

M=MADE THE MOTION

S=SECONDED THE MOTION

Y=AYE VOTE

N=NO VOTE