

12/26/17

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF
FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING
A BOND REFERENDUM FOR THE PURCHASE ONE NEW CUSTOM
BUILT TRIPLE COMBINATION CLASS A PUMPER/ TANKER FIRE
ENGINE**

WHEREAS; N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85 authorizes Boards of Fire Commissioners to purchase fire engines, apparatus and other appliances used for the extinguishment of fires with the money to be raised by bonds or notes issued by the fire district; and

WHEREAS; N.J.S.A. 40A:14-85 provides that a resolution authorizing the acquisition of equipment and the issuance of bonds or notes shall be ineffective and inoperative unless and until it shall have been submitted to and approved by the legal voters of the fire district at the annual election of fire commissioners and budget referendum; and

WHEREAS; The replacement of older outdated firefighting apparatus and equipment is necessary, proper and in the public interest in that it insures the safety of volunteer firefighters while maintaining maximum firefighting/fire suppression capabilities; and

WHEREAS; The Board has been advised by the Chief and line officers of the Freehold Township Independent Fire Company that the purchase of one new custom built Combination Pumper/Tanker fire engine is required to replace older apparatus that has reached the end of its useful service life; and

WHEREAS; The total estimated cost of one new custom built Pumper/Tanker fire engine will not exceed **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000.00)**; and

WHEREAS; It is the considered opinion of the Board that the proposed purchase of the above described fire engine is necessary, proper and in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 Freehold Township that the purchase of the above described fire apparatus is authorized with the costs thereof to be paid by the issuance of bonds or notes of the District or execution of a lease/purchase agreement in an amount not to exceed **ONE MILLION THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000.00)**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be inoperative until it has been submitted to and approved by the legal voters of the Fire District at the annual election and budget referendum scheduled to held on February 17, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at said referendum the voters shall be asked to vote upon the following question:

SHALL THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO.1 FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP BE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE ONE NEW CUSTOM BUILT COMBINATION PUMPER/TANKER FIRE ENGINE AND TO EITHER ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OR ENTER INTO A LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,300,000.00) TO PAY THE PURCHASE PRICE THEREOF?

YES

NO

BALLOT EXPLANATION

A **YES** vote will authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to purchase one (1) new custom built Combination Pumper/Tanker Fire Engine and to issue bonds or notes of the District or enter into a lease/purchase agreement to pay the purchase price, whichever is most cost effective.

A **NO** vote will prohibit the Board from purchasing the apparatus and issuing bonds or notes or entering into a Lease/Purchase Agreement.

Moved by: S. Joshi Seconded by: A. Story

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5 Nays: — Absent: — Abstain: —

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Freehold Township Fire District No.1 on the 26th day of December 2017.

 _____, Clerk