

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No. 1  
330 Stillwells Corner Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 8, 2024**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm, and Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story and Jonathan Dunberg. Commissioners Michael Fogarty and Phil Engel joined the meeting via teleconference. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present.

Chairman Toutouchi suspended the regular agenda meeting in order to review the Chief's budget and shared services for technology.

Commissioner Toutouchi advised the Board that Pete Hall, from District Compliance, is retiring as the Board's IT Specialist. The Township of Freehold currently manages 16 different municipalities. Mr. Toutouchi received a quote for \$14,460 per year, which needs to be approved for November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to transfer Pete's system to the town's system.

**Motion was made by Mr. Story to go to Freehold Township Shared Information Technology Services, with the quote of \$14,460.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

The Board reviewed the Chief's budget—capital expenditures, as follows:

- Chief's Car: Board agreed to hold off on a new Chief's car for next year.
- Scott Packs: Commissioner Fogarty suggested to hold off until next year's budget.
- Mobile Radios-Chief's Buggies: Chief Haas explained that it would be two radios. The Board discussed purchasing one radio before the new Chief's car next year. Commissioner Story asked Chief Haas to provide the Board with an estimate of what it would cost to move the radio from an existing vehicle to a new vehicle.
- Hose/High Rise Packs/Nozzles/Hardware: No one objected that this was a necessity.
- Grip Hoist: for extrication; Commissioner Fogarty said this would not be a capital purchase.
- TICS (smaller units): Commissioner Story wants to see the samples. Commissioner Fogarty asked if they can be purchased in smaller quantities, not all at once.

The Board will discuss all of these expenses at a future meeting and make a decision.

Brian Simons, territory manager for Getac (manufactures the product and provides support) and John Santo from MRA (Monmouth County-based re-seller, installation) were at the meeting to answer any questions about computers and tablets for the vehicles. They had presented pricing for new units and also inspected the District vehicles' current units. Commissioner Toutouchi requested repair/replace quotes only for the computers that aren't working.

Commissioner Fogarty approved the glove purchase requested by Lt. Celano.

**Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2024 regular and executive meetings.**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Toutouchi read the October 8, 2024 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$25,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$22,839.90.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty advised the Board that he will be attending the Monmouth County Improvement Authority meeting tomorrow for the funding to pay back the balance for the District improvement project.

**Buildings:** Mr. Engel reported that all the lights have been changed in the Commissioner's room, the hallway leading to the kitchen, the hallway and all sections in the main hallway leading to the Chief's office and dispatch office; front door lock has also been fixed.

Chief Haas inquired about the registrations on 79, 87 and Tahoe; Commissioner Engel said it's in progress, having a hard time obtaining them. Commissioner Story has a contact and will share the info.

Commissioner Engel will bring the Touch-a-Truck supplies to Chief Haas on Friday. Mr. Engel left meeting at 6:42pm.

**Old Business:** (none)

**New Business:** Commissioner Toutouchi reported:

- Touch truck 10/13;
- Food stock 10/19;
- Laura Donovan still having trunk or treat on 10/25.

**Audience:** (none)

**There being no further business, Mr. Story made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary  
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