

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

**Regular Meeting**

**November 12, 2024**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm, and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Santore led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present.

Chairman Toutouchi asked for a moment of silence for Veterans Day.

**Motion was made by Mr. Story to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2024 regular meeting.**

Second: Mr. Engel

5-0 all in favor

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the November 12, 2024 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$40,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,931.17.**

Second: Mr. Story

5-0 all in favor

**Motion was made by Mr. Story to accept the Resolution Establishing the Compensation for Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners.**

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Dunberg reported that the grant paperwork went to the grant writer for the SCBA's, and we should have something at the beginning of December. He also reported that it cost \$5,000 for the grant writer. Mr. Dunberg commended Chief Haas and Captain Celano for their assistance.

**Buildings:** Commissioner Engel reported that everything is good; Corban is here on a weekly basis. All apparatus has their updated registrations.

Mr. Toutouchi advised that RedMX will be up and running shortly. He sent an email with responsibilities.

Commissioner Story reported that they had a good budget meeting with the officers, and Commissioner Fogarty agreed. Mr. Fogarty submitted the budget to the Board Auditor, and he is waiting on VFIS regarding increasing LOSAP.

Commissioner Fogarty updated the Board on the \$500,000 bond that was borrowed three years ago. \$205,000 has been paid back over two years.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the Resolution Determining the Form and Other Details and Providing for the Determination of Other Terms of Not to Exceed \$295,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Fire District Bonds of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey and Providing for Their Sale to the Monmouth County Improvement Authority.**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Story updated the Board on the digital signs. He currently has two quotes, and Mr. Braslow will be getting them certified. The Board decided to concentrate on one sign at a time, starting with the District building.

**Chief's Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Santore reported the following:

- All 76 hoses stored at Georgia Road;
- All old SCBA bottles removed from the bay;
- Catwalk corner cleaned;
- Budget meeting had good information, back and forth discussion.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session at 6:32pm for personnel reasons.**

Second: Mr. Engel

5-0 all in favor

(back from executive 7:01pm)

**There being no further business, Mr. Engel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary  
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