

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

Regular Meeting

November 26, 2024

Vice-Chairman Andrew Story 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 Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting. Commissioner Toutouchi joined the meeting via teleconference.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the regular and executive minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the November 26, 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 \$34,826.12.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty introduced the 2025 budget and proceeded to read the budget resolution into the record, which should be adopted on December 26, 2024.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the 2025 District Budget Resolution.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty further noted that the budget has increased \$134,448 over last year's budget, and a good portion of that is the LOSAP increase over the next ten years, which is going for voter approval on February's ballot.

Fire Company: President Kevin Keane had nothing to report, nor did Chief Haas.

Buildings: Commissioner Engel reported progress. Commissioner Story reported that the quote was approved for the outside sign. Board approved the matter, so Mr. Story will proceed with the Township paperwork. Mr. Toutouchi inquired about a discount for purchasing three signs.

Old Business: Commissioner Toutouchi updated the Board on the Township taking over the IT Services as of January 1st. Pete Hall will continue to manage the website and emails.

Commissioner Dunberg reported that he will be submitting the grant to FEMA next week.

Commissioner Dunberg updated the Board on the insurance claim for 16-1-76. Insurance will cover the claim, and he will forward the quote and VFIS' letter to proceed with repairs.

New Business: Board agreed to cancel the December 10th meeting. Board also discussed that the December 24th meeting will be changed to December 26th. Commissioner Fogarty will have Mr. Braslow put the notice in the paper as well as the December 10th cancellation.

Audience: (none)

There being no further business, Mr. Engel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary

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