

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

**Regular Meeting**

**January 25, 2022**

Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:02pm, and Chief Craig Haas led the flag salute. Mr. Toutouchi requested a moment of silence for the three fallen firefighters in Baltimore and two fallen police officers in New York. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Andrew Story, Michael Fogarty and Stephen Lengyel. Also present was Board Secretary-Rachel Davis. Board Attorneys-Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow attended the meeting via teleconference. This meeting was live streamed.

Mr. Braslow confirmed with the Board that the budget was approved and the budget now had to be adopted.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to open the budget hearing.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Chairman Toutouchi opened the floor to the public for any questions or comments pertaining to the budget. There was no public response.

**Motion was made by Mr. Story to close the budget hearing.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to adopt the Resolution Adopting the 2022 Budget.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

This concluded the budget-hearing portion of this meeting. Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow then reviewed the election procedures.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2021 regular meeting, January 11, 2022 regular meeting as well as the revised minutes from the January 11, 2022 executive meeting.**

Second: Mr. Lengyel

Roll call vote: 3-0 (Mr. Story abstained.)

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the January 25, 2022 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$180,000 from Ocean First money market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$172,934.93.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty noted that this amount includes the bond payment for 90.

**Insurance:** Member had an accident with 80; no damage, so no need for insurance claim.

**Buildings:** Commissioner Lengyel had nothing to report.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Craig Haas read his report into record along with the Officer responsibilities and engineers.

Lieutenant Erik Schneider had nothing to report.

**Fire Company:** Vice President Mike Celano had nothing to report.

**Legal:** Mr. Braslow had nothing further to report.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Story confirmed that the flooring was completed.

**New Business:** Mr. Fogarty reported that the DCA meeting went well; Bond Attorney will have discussions with the Township about the bonds.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to accept the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$500,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Audience:** (none)

**Motion was made by Mr. Lengyel to adopt a resolution to go into closed session for a personnel matter at 7:23pm.**

Second: Mr. Story

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(back from executive 7:41pm)

The Board discussed the hall rental insurance coverage with the Fire Company. Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow made some recommendations. Commissioner Fogarty gave the Fire Company the annual insurance costs: District--\$7,031; Georgia Road--\$3,369; Smithburg--\$4,162. Mr. Braslow advised that the Board should not pay for hall rental insurance. Vice President Mike Celano will have their attorney-Charlie Parker reach out to Mr. Braslow.

**There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.**

Second: Mr. Lengyel

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman John Toutouchi  
/rd