

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

Regular Meeting

February 24, 2026

Chairman A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:01pm, and Craig Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were A.J. Story, Michael Fogarty, John Toutouchi, and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary, Jaime Story, joined the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2026 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the February 24, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record and noted that the first payment received from township and deposited.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$40,000.00 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,885.26.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Buildings: N/A

Insurance: N/A

Legal: Mr. Braslow asked for website information so the public can access it. Memo was sent to the board to review.

Chief's Report: Chief Frank Santore reported on the following:

- January's activity included 67 fire calls, one work detail, 16 drills, and 12 extras.
- Harassment classes are completed, and total calls to date are 135.
- Members have started a duty crew program from Sunday to Thursday with at least four staff every night.
- Assistant Chief Craig Haas is working on getting radio frequencies synced with Jackson fire department.
- Department is waiting for file numbers for air packs to discuss bottle sizes; getting pricing on two sizes just in case.
- Surplus equipment still being inventoried and will update shortly.
- Second Assistant Chief Erik Schneider is having cars serviced by DPW, and truck maintenance is being completed.

- Mr. Toutouchi is waiting for parts for dash cams and others will be repaired.
- Right to Know and Bloodborne training coming up this week.
- First Assistant Chief Craig Haas said fire today went very well despite extreme cold and hydrants buried in snow, but Freehold PD shoveled out with a resident. The fire was knocked out relatively quickly with minimal damage.

President's Report: President Matt Greco reported that five new members joined, and we have four who completed physicals.

Old Business:

- Unofficial election results so far:
 - Commissioners: 311 votes to Mr. Story, 287 votes to Mr. Toutouchi
 - Budget: 250 Yes, 116 No
 - SCBAs: 276 Yes, 90 No
- Monroe standby – Eight guys signed off, so we have enough coverage.
- Physicals – all active firefighters, associates, and juniors are up to date. All associates under 18 years old will also continue to complete physicals.
- Reminder from Mr. Story to work on procedure log to be added to share drive.

New Business:

- Mr. Story reported that Chief Santore would like to put a truck committee together and get it started, consisting of two commissioners, two officers, and possibly others (more senior FFs). Mr. Story to reach out to Pierce contact to see if he is still fire department rep. Mr. Fogarty recommends focusing on two trucks due to three-year runway. Payments for two trucks will fall off over course of next few years.
- Mr. Toutouchi confirmed that as new members join, harassment courses are sent via email to complete within one month.
- Mr. Story reported that three new members coming to drill Thursday.

Audience:

- Adam Krigel, Vice President, requested that the fire department executive board receive a monthly report for Smithburg fob scan of the board office.

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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