

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

Regular Meeting

March 24, 2026

Chairman A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00pm, and Adam Krigel, Fire Department Vice President, led the flag salute. Mr. Braslow certified the meeting. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were A.J. Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel, John Toutouchi, and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary, Jaime Story, joined the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2026 meeting.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the March 24, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$80,000.00 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$69,472.50.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Legal: Mr. Braslow sent Mr. Story an email with registration instructions on how to connect the Commissioners website with the state website.

Buildings: Mr. Engel reported on the following:

- Plymovent giving another quote for two more exhaust vents in bays.
- DMG and Garden State have given quotes for boiler; waiting on third quote.
- Plymovent was fixed for the center bay and a few others (3-4 total).
- Our contract for generator service at Smithburg is still undecided; the Board would need to renew.
- Mr. Engel will look into getting a gas gage installed on controls for generator.
- Center drain needs fixed in District bays – Phil will look into it.
- Mr. Toutouchi mentioned that since Wawa was built, the power goes out at Smithburg once a week and shuts everything down, but doesn't reboot cameras. Wiring needs looked at and see if we have UPS power outlet.

Insurance: N/A

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

- 851-man hours, 82 fire calls for February; 189 for the year, 3 work details, 4 drills, 4 extras.
- Duty crew program moving forward – end of February 17 out of 20 calls, 352-man hours, 88 members.

- Truck committee was established by Chairman Story and Mr. Santore.
- Harrisburg convention is coming up – going on Friday or Saturday.
- Mr. Engel asked about updates hanging outside of the Chief’s office, and Mr. Santore said they are updated every month.
- Department was accidentally called out to a Long Branch call and it was deleted.
- 2nd Assistant Chief Erik Schneider update: that trucks are getting maintenance performed. It will be a few months that 80 will be out of service, so bringing down 95 from Smithburg.
- Captain Mike Celano update: Innotex is getting bought out, so working on current gear order and where the order is in line. Found another vendor with same specs and protection level. Mr. Fogarty asked who will be maintaining repairs if Innotex closes. Chairman Story will have 1st Lieutenant Robert Bereheiko reach out to rep. Also, Captain Celano will be using 86 to drop off all foam in south jersey that needs to be disposed.

President’s Report: President Matt Greco reported on the following:

- New applicants will be coming in before work detail on April 1st.

Old Business:

- Truck Committee Meeting, April 14th, 5:45pm
- Harrisburg – if anyone wants to attend May 15th or 16th, let us know.
- Mr. Fogarty will be attending the April Monmouth County Approving fund meeting on April 14th to ask for air pack funding.
- TV at Siloam Road will be repurposed at District for now.

New Business: N/A

Audience: N/A

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:22pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:20pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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