

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

Regular Meeting

May 26, 2026

Chairman A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:59pm, and First Assistant Chief 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, Phil Engel, and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary, Jaime Story, joined the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the May 26, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$20,000.00 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$12,098.54.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Legal: Mr. Braslow reported on the following:

A bill for 20-year lease purchase timeframe and issuance of notes for 10 years will be up in legislation on Thursday May 28th. Mr. Braslow will keep the Board advised of outcome.

Buildings: Mr. Engel reported on the following:

- Fire truck accident with standby is being handled by the Morganville department.
- Garage front door by 90 will be serviced soon and end of June, the bay windows will be getting cleaned.
- Still working on Plymovent quotes for bays.

Insurance: N/A

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

- April 2026 had 72 runs with 378 to date, one work detail, one drill, extra 28 duty crews, 2 fires at Francis Mills and East Freehold
- The box alarms are in process to be changes by county.
- July 11th is Freehold Township Day, July 27th is the fair, August 8th is Colts Neck fire competition – need insurance riders.
- Assistance offered to county for summer concert schedule; will wait for East Freehold Chief to put plan together.

President's Report: N/A

Old Business:

- Sonitrol is still in progress.

- Put in for an AED grant. Will look at new devices for trucks and firehouses. Mr. Story will look into how the purchase works if we get grant.
- Using AFC Urgent Care of Freehold for physicals with no appointment needed.
- East Coast lighting has trucks up and running. Thank you to 2nd Assistant Chief Erik Schneider for helping.
- Mr. Story changed the SOG on vehicle usage; see attached details. The changed SOG will be adopted at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Department received a bill for \$600 for the Francis Mills fire. All tankers went to refill at a pond and had to use a privately owned generator to fill all tankers.
- Mr. Ollwerther alerted commissioners that the dumpster at district is too small. Will change to two pickups per week by FCI.

Audience: N/A

Motion to adopt a resolution to go into closed session for personnel discussion at 7:34pm

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:55pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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Freehold Township Fire District #1

Board of Fire Commissioners

A.J. Story
Chairman

Please see the listed changes to our District handbook.

John Toutouchi
Vice Chairman

1-16 Fire Chief and Assistant Chiefs vehicles rules and regulations.

Michael Fogarty
Treasurer

Phil Engel
Clerk

Being added:

Jon Dunberg
Secretary

16. If a Chief is unavailable (examples being vacation, suspension or LOA), and is unable to use the Chief's vehicle for 4 days or more, the vehicle is to be given to the next ranking officer to be used as a chief's vehicle.

17. District utility vehicles (examples being 16-1-86 and 16-1-88) will only be used, as a Chief's vehicle, by an officer, when a district chief car is out of service.