

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

Regular Meeting

June 23, 2026

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

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2026 meeting.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the June 23, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$100,000.00 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$92,463.58.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Legal: N/A

Buildings: Mr. Engel reported on the following:

- Bay windows got cleaned
- Truck 90's outlet is fixed and one added outside by bbq corner
- AC not working properly in commissioners' and officers' offices and members' room will be serviced
- New magnetic Plymovent adapters will need installed, along with entire new system for trucks

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to add Plymovent adapters and new system totaling \$12,416.42.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Insurance: N/A

Chief's Report: Chief Frank Santore asked Mr. Story to report on the following:

- July 4th the department will be taking a truck to Long Branch, July 5th department supporting Freehold Boro for local fireworks and also at Freehold Township Day on July 11th

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

- One new member will be joining in July if application is returned on time
- Fire protection agreement is up for June and due for commissioner review and renewal
- Local resident asked about fire protection services for residence fireworks display

Old Business:

- Holding on AED purchase until commissioners hear back about grant
- Lease purchase and notes proposed legislation heard in Assembly and Senate and released; should become law in next several months

New Business:

- Mr. Story read resolution authorizing purchase of SCBAs, not exceeding \$700,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to accept SCBA resolution.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

- Driver abstracts were not approved by the state, but Freehold Township can assist with them instead; Mr. Story confirmed no charge for service and will handle process
- Mr. Fogarty reported copier contract is up for renewal and no maintenance has been done in five years; machines have been neglected. District gets charged for color and black and white copies; will be looking at new vendors
- Upcoming extrication training for November will be reviewed by commissioners and department will pay for 16-1 members only out of training budget. Mr. Dunberg will work with Chief Santore on insurance rider

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to reimburse active firefighters who hold Firefighter I certification for out-of-pocket expenses incurred for approved firematic and EMT training courses. Reimbursement is contingent upon (A) prior approval of the training by both the Department Chief and the Board of Fire Commissioners before enrollment in the course, and (B) successful completion of the course.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Audience: N/A

There being no further business, Mr. Toutouchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg
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