

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

Regular Meeting

July 28, 2026

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

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2026 meeting.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the July 28, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$75,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$70,432.87.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Buildings: Mr. Engel reported on the following:

- Fire alarm is fixed and the signed document went to Plymovent; they will start in August or September.
- Getting a quote to repair fencing damage from storm around dumpster at District.
- Generator at Smithburg has an active alarm that won't turn off – will be addressed in the next few days.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg said progress.

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

- June had 34 runs; YTD is 595 calls, one work detail, one drill, extras and duty crew at 23.
- Members not compliant with physicals had their gear pulled and will be returned upon completion.
- Jared Evanego was appointed at company drill as a Second Lieutenant, pending department full vote.
- New turnout gear and wildland/tech rescue gear was delivered and is being used.
- A line officer had a family member pass away and department would like to take vehicles to viewing. No objections from commissioners. The department has full coverage while they members are attending viewing. There will also be a cover assignment for PBA Clambake as well.
- Vehicle registrations are being renewed.
- Rescue Weekend on November 7th-8th – costs will be handled by department's training budget. Jon Dunberg asked for insurance rider from company listing all three groups involved. Attorney Braslow should review contract for event.
- 79 should be back from repairs in a week or two and will go to Georgia Road and ladder testing is coming up for 90's tower ladder.

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

- Three members have resigned from the fire company.
- One old member is returning to the fire company, as well as the prior member's brother.

Old Business:

- Driver abstracts will be handled by Freehold Township. Commissioner A.J. Story will bring it up a next work detail and have forms to be signed to run background checks.
- Mr. Fogarty presented contract for printing services to review from Atlantic Tomorrow's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to accept contract at \$228.98/month based on agreement, pending satisfactory answers to additional questions.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 4-0 in favor

- 16-1-88 was serviced and is roadworthy. Will need new sparkplugs (to be changed at Ford) and shifter needs looked at as well for future wear and tear.
- Commissioners A.J. Story and Phil Engel attended meeting with Pierce and received plans for new pumper.
- Commissioner Jon Dunberg tabled discussion on a Chief's vehicle for now.
- EMT training reimbursement policy will be finalized in August.
- Commissioners will meet with 16-2 Commissioners to discuss future processes and policies.

New Business:

- Past member Dan Petersen requested to keep his expiring gear that was given to him from Globe company in 2016. Commissioner Fogarty will send Attorney Braslow the details to create an agreement.
- The Budget was reviewed for first half of year spending going into rest of 2026.

Audience:

- Member asked if DPW can fix pot holes in parking lot; Commissioner Story will take to Township.

Legal:

- Legislation changing lease purchasing term and notes has passed – waiting for governor to sign.

Resolution to go into Executive Session at 7:58pm to discuss personnel made by Mr. Fogarty.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:27pm)

Additional Business:

Commissioner Story and President Greco discussed incentives for adding more drivers—stipends for each truck levels. Drivers would have to pass yearly qualifications, have CEVO class, and payments will be in December. To be discussed at a future date.

There being no further business, Mr. Engel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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