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

Regular Meeting

September 22, 2026

A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:58 p.m. and certified the meeting. Mr. Dunberg led the flag salute, followed by a moment of silence for the loss of a family member. Roll call was taken. Commissioners present were Michael Fogarty, John Toutounchi, Jonathan Dunberg, Phil Engel, and A.J. Story. Board Secretary Jaime Story was present.

Mr. Fogarty moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026 regular meeting.
Second: Mr. Engel
Roll call vote: 4-1, motion carried (Mr. Story abstained).

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the September 22, 2026 Treasurer's Report into the record.

Mr. Fogarty moved to transfer $55,000 from the OceanFirst Money Market account to the OceanFirst checking account and to pay the bills in the amount of $46,665.72.
Second: Mr. Engel
Roll call vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Legal: No business.

Buildings: Mr. Engel reported on the following:
- The door at 87, the lights in the Chief's office, and the fence around the dumpster was repaired.

Insurance: Mr. Dunberg reported the following:
- The Chief's vehicle will be repaired following a minor accident.

Chief's Report: Captain Michael Celano reported on the following:
- Captain Celano submitted receipts to Mr. Fogarty for the vouchers.
- AEDs and gear were deferred to the budget discussion.
- Packs are on order. The 16-1 logo will be added to match the trucks.

President's Report: President Matt Greco reported on the following:
- No new members for September.
- Mr. Fogarty will provide the fire protection check to Adam Krigel.
- The fan above 87 at district will be checked, with additional fans to be considered as a future project.
- Additional chairs are needed for the table in the bay.

Unfinished Business:
- SCBAs are expected to be completed within three months.
- Freehold Township will review the parking lot issues.
- Georgia Road usage is going well.
- The Fire Company approved Rescue Weekend for November 7-8. Mr. Dunberg advised that the training company must add all three entities to the insurance paperwork.

New Business: No business.

Audience:

- Opticon is experiencing technical issues with the lights and requires repair.
- The slow drainage in the district bays has been addressed for now.

Budget Discussion: Mr. Fogarty reported a projected Q4 overage of approximately $39,000 in the 2026 budget due to increased fuel and utility costs. The Board will repurpose available funds to cover the overage. Mr. Fogarty also reviewed the proposed 2027 budget, including a small increase for higher fuel and utility costs. Commissioners identified year-end and 2027 purchasing needs and will follow up at the next meeting. Budget questions will be added to the next election ballot.

There being no further business, Mr. Toutounchi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.
Second: Mr. Story
Roll call vote: 5-0, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg
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