

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

Regular Meeting

September 23, 2025

Chairman AJ Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm and led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were AJ Story, John Toutouchi, Phil Engel and Jonathan Dunberg. Commissioner Michael Fogarty as well as Board Secretary-Rachel Davis joined the meeting via teleconference.

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2025 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the September 23, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$10,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$3,230.46.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Buildings: Commissioner Engel reported that the bay ceiling will be repaired next Friday.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg reported that the insurance is paid for the year.

Chief's Report: Captain Mike Celano reported the following:

- Requested approval for the five (5) sets of gear, quoted at \$27,345; Board confirmed;
- Requested Commissioner Fogarty to fill out application to order new Knox Box for 76;
- Building next to Tommy's won't be demolished for another 30-60 days, and they do not need to renew the insurance;
- Gear was pulled for all firefighters on admin leave;
- He will keep Commissioner Engel updated once he establishes the problem with the electrical outlets in back of the bays.

President's Report: President Keane reminded Commissioner Fogarty about the Fire Company check for next month.

Old Business:

- **Budget:** Commissioners Story and Fogarty will review the budget with the officers first, then discuss it with the Board and introduce by the end of October.
- **SCBA:** Commissioner Fogarty reported that he is waiting on the quote and will then make a decision with the Board.
- **East Coast Lighting Update:** Commissioner Toutouchi informed that installation should be by next week. Waiting on caps for interior facing cameras. It will record exterior-only, whenever the vehicle is on. He will send an updated message.
- **Physicals:** Commissioner Toutouchi will get results in two weeks. Captain Celano requested an update once results are in, so he can pull the respective gear.
- **Billings Lawsuit:** Commissioner Story reported that they served the papers at the wrong firehouse. He spoke to Special Counsel-Suzanne Murasco, who will handle it on her end.
- **Digital Signs:** President Keane asked about the digital signs. Commissioner Toutouchi explained that a discussion was held with a former Fire Company President, and it was agreed upon that the Fire Company would pay for one (\$30,000) sign. Commissioner Fogarty further explained that if the District owns the signs, there are regulations to the type of advertising. President Keane understood.

New Business: (none)

Audience: (none)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary
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