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

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2026

A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute. 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. Engel moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026, regular meeting.
Seconded by Mr. Toutounchi.
Roll call vote: 5–0. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the October 13, 2026, Treasurer's Report into the record.

Mr. Fogarty moved to transfer $40,000 from the OceanFirst money market account to the OceanFirst checking account and to pay bills totaling $36,902.21.
Seconded by Mr. Engel.
Roll call vote: 5–0. The motion carried.

Mr. Fogarty will pay for the self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units as they arrive, using previously approved funds.

Legal: No business.

Buildings: No business.

Insurance: No business.

Chief's Report: Chief Frank Santore reported on the following:
- Chief Santore reported that no regulators remained and additional regulators would be purchased from the SCBA vendor.
- Chief Santore reported on next year's FDIC Convention. Mr. Story recommended the Connecticut Fire Expo for next year.

President's Report: President Matt Greco reported on the following:
- President Greco reported that the department had received and accepted a member's resignation letter.
- President Greco reported that the Ladies Auxiliary was closing its books.
- In response to an inquiry about training reimbursement, Mr. Fogarty will reimburse training costs as invoices are received.
- The bylaws for Fire District No. 1 were requested. Information about district operations is available online.

Unfinished Business:
- Mr. Story reported that Freehold Township had begun repairs to the parking lot.
- Mr. Toutounchi reported that the Opticon system was operating at intersections but did not turn the traffic signal green when the pedestrian crossing signal was activated. A quote was pending for three new devices: two on state highways and one on a local road.

New Business:

- A decision on Christmas lights for the district building will be made at a later date.
- Ownership of the Smithburg generator will be decided at the next meeting.
- It was reported that the transmission in Chief Santore's truck needed to be disassembled to identify the part requiring repair.
- Mr. Dunberg will contact First Assistant Chief Craig Haas to arrange for his chief's car motor to be serviced.

Audience:

- The fire company president requested involvement in the fire protection agreement process in December. Mr. Fogarty will provide the agreement to the fire company earlier than usual.

Budget Discussion: The commissioners identified priority purchases for the current year and purchases that could be deferred to a future budget. No formal decisions have been made. They also discussed purchasing two new chiefs' vehicles because of the age of the current vehicles and recurring mechanical problems. Mr. Fogarty will work with Attorney Braslow on next steps.

Mr. Story moved to enter executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
Seconded by Mr. Dunberg.
Roll call vote: 5–0. The motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:11 p.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Story moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Engel.
Roll call vote: 5–0. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg
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