

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

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2025

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

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the revised minutes from the September 9, 2025 regular meeting as well as the minutes from the September 9, 2025 executive meeting and the September 23, 2025 regular minutes.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the October 14, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$50,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$41,015.32.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty advised the Board that he submitted the numbers to Board Auditor-Gerard Stankiewicz for the 2026 budget. Mr. Stankiewicz will also look into the Scott Packs 4-year plan. Commissioner Dunberg advised that the grant was declined, but he will speak with the grant writer for more options. Board discussed strategies. Commissioner Fogarty wants to submit the budget to DCA by the first or second week of November.

Buildings: Commissioner Engel reported that the ceiling repair is good. The Board discussed that the toilet in the men's room broke and the exterior door at the District is not closing properly. Commissioner Engel will take care of both matters.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg reported progress.

Chief's Report: Chief Craig Haas reported the following:

- Hose test done;
- Purchased chains for chainsaw;
- Radios reprogrammed next week;

- Batteries need to be purchased;
- Good turnout at the voluntary staffing for the storm.

President's Report: (no one present to represent)

Old Business:

- **East Coast Lighting Update:** Commissioner Toutouchi reported that we are waiting for the last four trucks to get the cameras installed. The covered pieces for the interior cameras are still on order. There will be no audio. He also noted that he receives alerts on his e-mail regarding speeds in excess of 80mph, and stated that no one should be going over 80mph, and traffic laws and speed limits should be followed at all times. Moving forward, if anyone drives in excess of 80mph, Commissioner Toutouchi stated that the Board will follow the employee handbook. First offense, he will talk to the driver and advise the Board. Second offense will be a written warning. Third offense will be disciplinary action based on the employee handbook.

New Business:

- Commissioner Story suggested not pulling a Class A firefighter's gear when on medical, as was done in the past. No one objected, as long as it is communicated immediately to that firefighter.
- Commissioner Toutouchi confirmed, for the record, that if anyone is out on medical, they are allowed in the building, but no fire operation. Administrative leave and Workman's Comp with the District are not allowed in the building.
- Food stock on Saturday.

Audience: (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to go into executive for personnel reasons at 6:30pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 7:30pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Toutouchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary

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