

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

Regular Meeting

October 28, 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 Attorney-Richard Braslow as well as Board Secretary-Rachel Davis joined the meeting via teleconference. Jaime Story also joined the meeting as the Board's upcoming Board Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2025 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the October 28, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$20,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$12,386.55.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty updated the Board on the Scott Packs and advised that it must be done as a question on the ballot at the February election. He is working on getting a quote for next year as well as working with the Board Attorney and Board Auditor for the election. Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow noted that it must be done via resolution sixty (60) days prior to confirm that we will have a capital question on the ballot, and it must be a 6pm-9pm, full-fledged vote.

Legal: Board Attorney-Richard Braslow advised the Board that there are a number of regulations proposed by DCA, which haven't come out yet. Beginning March 1st we have the ability to no longer publish in newspapers. Depending on the governor, DCA might change.

Mr. Braslow confirmed with the Board that Jaime Story will now be the Board Secretary pursuant to the same terms and conditions that have already been established. He also reminded Commissioner Story that any issues relating to Jaime, he must abstain from talking about or voting on.

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to have Jaime Story replace Rachel Davis as the Board Secretary.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 4-0 (Commissioner Story abstained)

Buildings: Commissioner Engel reported the following:

- He has someone coming out to look at the double glass doors and will get quotes on both doors.
- Compressor on Georgia Road was fixed and compressor at District was looked at for a total cost of \$600. A discussion was held about having an annual service contract for \$1,300/year for both. Board decided to get the oil changed every year. Commissioner Engel will bring it up at the next meeting.
- Commissioner Story will talk to the Township about the parking lot.
- Commissioner Toutouchi will look into putting cages over the thermostats.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg updated the Board on the VFIS meeting regarding the risk assessment survey. He will review the results with the Chief to meet VFIS' requirements. In January Commissioner Story will order the motor vehicle reports on all drivers. Commissioner Dunberg also said that VFIS recommended putting webbing on 78 and 79's taglines for safety reasons and recommended annual classroom training. Commissioner Toutouchi will look into a driver's training class.

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

- Radios and Nokboxes installed next week;
- Batteries ordered;
- Catwalk credit on items;
- One gear pants delayed; one needing repair.

President's Report: President Kevin Keane reported the following:

- Inquired about next check;
- Reduced membership by three members due to a proactive approach to reach out to members who had not shown up or made their numbers. Commissioner Toutouchi asked for a list of those who are no longer members for insurance and access purposes.

Old Business:

- Commissioner Toutouchi noted that physicals have been completed;
- Commissioner Toutouchi updated the Board on East Coast Lighting: additional camera and cap still on order; everything working fine, no other issues. For the record, Commissioner Toutouchi corrected his statement from the last meeting regarding drivers and their speed. Commissioner Toutouchi is not encouraging speeding. For clarification, all drivers must obey Title 39 laws, which applies to emergency vehicles.
- Commissioner Toutouchi advised that the harassment classes will be in January.
- Commissioner Fogarty addressed correspondence that he received from Ex-Chief Dan Petersen requesting his helmet. Commissioner Toutouchi read Mr. Petersen's correspondence into record. Board agreed to give him the helmet, since it is retired. Mr. Braslow will look into a hold harmless/release of the helmet.

New Business: (none)

Audience: Commissioner Story asked Firefighter Andy Ollwerther about the flag box, who said they are still working on it.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 6:35pm.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

5-0 all in favor

(Back from executive at 6:46pm)

Girl Scouts asked to use Georgia road firehouse for a delivery November 10th, access to whole building. No objections.

Commissioner Story thanked Board Secretary-Rachel Davis for her years of service to the Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Toutouchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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