

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

Regular Meeting

November 25, 2025

Chairman AJ Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:02pm, and Chief Haas led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were A.J. Story, John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel, and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary, Jaime Story, joined the meeting. Board Attorney, Richard Braslow, joined the meeting via teleconference.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2025.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the November 25, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$120,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$106,035.60.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

- Commissioner Fogarty updated the Board on the Scott Packs, and the Board will put 5% down towards the purchase from Monmouth County Improvement or a bank. Attorney Braslow counseled that a resolution is needed for February 2026 ballot 60 days prior to election.
- Total amount collected for the Task Force 1 training needs to be reported by Chief Santore so the bill can be paid.

Legal: Board Attorney, Mr. Braslow, discussed two proposed bills that have some movement:

- S2577: This bill would provide fire districts with more financial flexibility to finance capital projects by allowing them to issue bond anticipation notes for up to 10 years. This would allow them to finance most projects without using more expensive financing options after three years.
- S4417: This bill would allow fire districts to extend the duration of lease-purchase agreements to up to 20 years, while keeping other existing requirements the same.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg reported on the following:

- Renewal policies came in for 2026 in the amount of \$168,165.00 to be paid January 1.

Buildings: Commissioner Engel reported the following:

- Front glass doors \$1360 to repair; \$6800 to replace one door; both sets of glass doors is \$12975

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to get the front door repaired for \$1360 and leave side door alone.

Second: Mr. Story

5-0 all in favor

Meeting paused to take a phone call from Chief Santore to get report on Extrication training.

Once resumed, the details of training are as follows:

- Class was \$8000 conducted by Task Force 1.
- Six members from 16-1 attended class.
- Chief Santore sending invoice to have Commissioners pay the bill.
- Need to discuss the logistics and payment of training next year.

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

- Four probies moved from Fire 1 to Fire 2.
- Gave a wish list for necessary supplies to department – 2 radios, traffic cones, high-rise packs, adapters, and gauges.
- Need to also purchase four sets of full gear; Mr. Fogarty advised to order these in 2025.

President's Report: Mr. Keane reported he received a resignation from Nick Petersen.

Old Business:

- Mr. Story found the ice machine manual, as it needs cleaned.
- Christmas lights on District are 90% done; needs a few more additions. Simply Clean Power & Washing would like to donate garland and lights for the trucks for Operation: Santa.

New Business:

- Mr. Story needs the percentages for LOSAP reporting from Chief Haas.
- Three electronic signs were approved three years ago during election, and one was installed. Can install the others at Georgia and Siloam Road or repurpose money. Need a capital meeting in December to determine if it can be added to ballot next year.

Audience: None

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.

Second: Mr. Toutounchi

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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