

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

Regular Meeting

May 13, 2025

Chairman AJ Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm, and 1st Asst. Chief Frank Santore 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 was also present at the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2025 regular and executive meetings.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the May 13, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$310,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$303,436.94.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty mentioned that \$260,000 is for the VFIS LOSAP payment.

Legal: Commissioner Story read a Shared Services Agreement into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to accept the Shared Services Agreement between Freehold Township and Board of Commissioners – District 1, effective July 1, 2025, for the purposes of Freehold Township providing automotive services.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Buildings: Commissioner Engel reported that everything is good. A discussion was held about the plymovent coming off the wall. Chief Santore will let Commissioner Engel know if it is fixed.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg had nothing to report.

Chief's Report: 1st Asst. Chief Santore reported the following:

- Grip hoist came in from Continental Fire—waiting on them for training on the Multiforce bag and struts;
- Car is fixed; he thanked the Board for their attentiveness;
- Hose being repaired; 2nd Asst. Chief Schneider will look at quotes;
- May 19th truck maintenance;
- Engineer Olin leaving, and they are in the process of looking for a replacement engineer;
- Requested to build two props to practice cut drills. Commissioner Story suggested Adelphia;
- Requested training at District some time this year, working on dates.

1st Asst. Chief Santore reporting for Captain Celano:

- RedNMX did updates and still working through problems;
- Once laptops and data, will schedule OSHA audit.

1st Lt. Bobby Bereheiko reported that there are two sets of gear ready to order and possibly a third. Commissioner Story told him to hold off on the third gear.

Commissioner Toutouchi advised Chief Santore not to open any phishing emails links.

Old Business:

- **LOSAP:** Commissioner Story read the names of the firefighters who have made their required 50 points for the 2024 LOSAP Program: Bob Bereheiko, Mike Carter, Mike Celano, Jenson Chundamala, Jon Dunberg, Christian Frank, Craig Haas, Kevin Keane, Colin Mascola, Josh Olin, Andy Ollwerther, Param Parikh, Frank Santore, Erik Schneider, Andrew Story, Brian Sutera, John Toutouchi, Bob Urban, Don West.
- **SCBA:** Commissioner Dunberg reported that there are no grants from the government at this time; a discussion was held about a strategy for purchasing bottles and packs.
- **Physicals:** Commissioner Toutouchi reported that Neptune Hackensack Meridian is available for new-hire physicals. Access Health can be used for the yearly physicals. Board decided on staying with Access Health-North Brunswick for all. Physicals will start in August.
- **East Coast Lighting:** Commissioner Toutouchi is still waiting for the parts to come in.
- **Harrisburg:** Commissioner Story updated the Board on who is going.
- **Computer Update/IT:** Commissioner Toutouchi waiting on a few things before they start updating the computers.

New Business:

- **Engineer Salary Increase:** 2nd Asst. Chief Schneider reported that next month they will have an official engineer in the open spot. Mike Greco is a temporary at the moment. Commissioner Toutounchi said Josh Olin still didn't get paid. Board is in favor of giving the engineers an increase. Commissioner Fogarty waiting for information on vetted program from the DCA.
- **Police Department in District:** Commissioner Story reported that the police will not be using the bathrooms at the District.
- **Wildlands:** Chief Santore reported that it was a good training.

Audience: (none)

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into an executive session for personnel reasons at 6:45pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

5-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 6:51pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary
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