

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

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2026

Chairman A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:00pm, and John Toutouchi led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were A.J. Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel, John Toutouchi, and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary, Jaime Story, joined late.

Motion was made by Mr. Engel to go to Executive Session for contract review at 7:02pm.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

(back from executive session at 7:44pm)

Mr. Braslow swore in A.J. Story and John Toutouchi for the next three years.

Motion made by Mr. Engel to have all Board members remain in their respective positions for 2026.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Braslow introduced 2026-2027 resolutions (see attached) and Mr. Toutouchi made a motion to accept them all.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor except Mr. Story must abstain from Appointment of Board Secretary

Legal: Mr. Braslow discussed the following:

- Mr. Fogarty would like to establish a new resolution to make permanent appointment for Matt Jessup as the Bond Attorney. Mr. Braslow will make resolution.
- Counseled the Board on designating committees, in which they did not need.
- Advised that nothing else will need to get posted in the newspaper and will now to go directly to the website through the township IT department.
- The Secretary of State created a website by March 1, 2026, and contacted a few fire districts to create an account between Board website and the state website. District #1 did not receive the email yet. Mr. Braslow will continue with the same notice until hyperlink is confirmed.

Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2026 meeting.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the March 10, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record, noting the fire department received its first quarterly payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$70,000.00 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$62,015.82.

Second: Mr. Engel

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Mr. Fogarty met with bond attorney, Matt Jessup, with Mr. Story and they will likely be going through the Monmouth County Approving Authority to borrow \$700,000 to purchase the SCBAs that were approved during the February 2026 election.

Buildings: N/A

Insurance: N/A

Chief's Report: N/A

President's Report: President Matt Greco reported on the following:

- The Engineers found expired truck registrations and insurance cards. Mr. Story reminded Mr. Greco that Second Assistant Chief Erik Schneider maintains those and has updated cards.
- Two new applicants will need membership meetings this week or next week.

Old Business:

- Mr. Story read official election results:
 - A.J. Story – 363 votes; John Toutouchi – 337 votes
 - Yes to budget – 284 votes; No to budget – 136 votes
 - Yes to SCBAs – 318 votes; No to SCBAs – 102 votes
- Chief Santore will make final decision on size of SCBA cylinders. Each member will receive their own mask.
- Truck Committee Update – Mr. Story and Chief Santore created two teams to build two trucks:
 - Pumper: Phil Engel, Erik Schneider, Christian Frank, Wayne Prochnow, and Craig Haas
 - Rescue: Jon Dunberg, Mike Celano, Bobby Bereheiko, Ralph Reifer, and Chuck Yaeger
 - Pierce will be coming April 14th to meet at 5:45pm before Board meeting for Pumper committee; Harrisburg Expo on May 15th-16th is also a good place to see models.
 - Chief Santore was going to contact another manufacturer to see pricing differences.

New Business:

- Mr. Toutouchi reported that three new Verizon cable boxes were replaced at District.
- Mr. Fogarty asked Trustees to lock the men's bathroom door at Smithburg so party guests can not wonder into the bays where the equipment is kept.
- Monitor is dispatch office keeps fading out and will be replaced by Mr. Toutouchi.
- Central Jersey Training is having classes June 5th & 6th in Plainsboro from 8am-5pm. Members welcome to sign up.

Audience: N/A

There being no further business, Mr. Toutouchi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm.

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 5-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg

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**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

Adoption of Cash Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and,

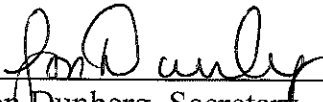
WHEREAS, Subchapter 3, Section 5:31-3.1(a) provides that the governing body shall, by resolution passed by not less than a majority of the full membership, adopt a cash management plan, which shall include the designation of a depository, the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund or a public depository or depositories.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

(1) This resolution shall act as a formal adoption by the Commissioners of a cash management plan, which shall allow for official depositories of the Commissioners to be The State Cash Management Fund and/or Ocean First Bank.

Certification

I, Jon Dunberg, Secretary of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 10, 2026.



Jon Dunberg, Secretary

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Toutouchi and it was seconded by Commissioner Fogarty.

RECORD OF VOTE

Members	STORY	TOUTOUCHI	FOGARTY	ENGEL	DUNBERG
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

**Authorizing Appointment of Attorney
for the 2026-2027 Year**

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for legal services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by the Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the year of 2026-2027; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of a contract relative to professional services and the notice of the award of contract shall be available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract shall be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

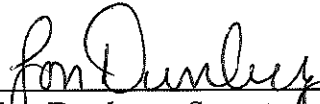
NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

(1) Richard M. Braslow, Esq., is hereby appointed to provide legal services to the Commissioners relative to any and all issues presented to the Commissioners pursuant to any of its obligations or responsibilities. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

Certification

I, Jon Dunberg, Secretary of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 10, 2026.



Jon Dunberg, Secretary

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RECORD OF VOTE

Members	STORY	TOUTOUCHI	FOGARTY	ENGEL	DUNBERG
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

**Authorizing Appointment of Auditor
for the 2026-2027 Year**

WHEREAS, there exists a continuing need for certain auditing services to be provided to the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, concerning various responsibilities undertaken by said Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of making an appointment to this position as referenced above for the 2026-2027 year; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 *et seq.*, provides that a governing body may award a contract without public advertising for competitive bidding where the nature of said contract is in the form of a professional service; and,

WHEREAS, the subject resolution providing for the awarding of this contract relative to professional services, and the notice of award of said contract shall be made available for public inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i), provides that a notice of the award of said contract be published in a newspaper, said advertisement stating the nature, duration and amount of the contract.

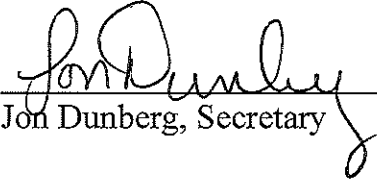
NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

(1) Gerard Stankiewicz is hereby appointed to provide auditing services to the Commissioners together with assistance in preparation of the 2027 budget and for establishment and maintenance of the necessary documentation consistent with the requirements and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs and with the New Jersey statutes. This appointment is made pursuant to the proposal as submitted and attached hereto.

(2) This resolution and the notice of award of contract shall be available for public inspection.

Certification

I, Jon Dunberg, Secretary of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 10, 2026.



Jon Dunberg, Secretary

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RECORD OF VOTE

Members	STORY	TOUTOUCHI	FOGARTY	ENGEL	DUNBERG
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

Authorizing Approval and Payment of Claims

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities, and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.1(e) provides that payment of claims by the fire district shall be by check on the fire district and signed by the governing body chairman, the chief financial officer and countersigned by such other officer or officials as designated by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.2 further provides that the Commissioners, at their reorganizational meeting, designate, by resolution, the individuals whose signatures shall appear on checks drawn upon the treasury of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 4, Section 5:31-4.1(f) provides that the Commissioners shall, by resolution passed by not less than the majority of the full membership, further designate the manner in which the time in which salaries, wages or other compensation for services shall be paid.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

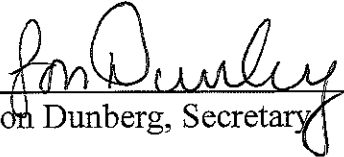
(1) The checks as issued by the Commissioners for payment of claims shall be signed by the President, Treasurer and countersigned by one other Commissioner in order that the Commissioners comply with the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board and as set forth herein.

(2) No more than one stamp facsimile shall be used on any particular check in place of a handwritten signature.

(3) The manner in which and the time in which compensation for services rendered by employees of the Commissioners shall be paid shall be in accordance with individual employment contracts. The Commissioners' salaries shall be paid as determined by the Commissioners.

Certification

I, Jon Dunberg, Secretary of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 10, 2026.



Jon Dunberg, Secretary

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Toutouchi and it was seconded by Commissioner Fogarty.

RECORD OF VOTE

Members	STORY	TOUTOUCHI	FOGARTY	ENGEL	DUNBERG
Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

Authorizing Reappointment of Board Secretary

WHEREAS, Jaime Story has previously been appointed as the Board Secretary pursuant to terms and conditions of employment as previously set forth in a resolution adopted by the Fire District; and


WHEREAS, the Board deems it appropriate and necessary to reappoint this individual.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

- (1) Jaime Story is hereby reappointed to the position of Board Secretary pursuant to the terms and conditions previously established.

Certification

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Yes		X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting	X				
Absent					

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

Authorizing Appointment of Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, the Fire District has various capital projects where the services of bond counsel are necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

(1) Matt Jessup is hereby appointed as bond counsel to provide the necessary legal services to the Fire District concerning the capital projects.

Certification

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Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

**Authorizing Regular Meeting Schedule
for the 2026-2027 Years**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey statutes require a public body to post and maintain posted on its website and to further file with the Municipal Clerk for the purpose of public inspections, a schedule of the regular meetings of such public body to be held during the calendar year; and,

WHEREAS, such schedule of regular meetings is required to contain the location of each meeting, to the extent that it is known, and the time and date of each meeting; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, Section 3-D, provides that where the annual notice or revisions thereof, in compliance with sections of the subject act, set forth the location, time and date of any meeting, no further action shall be required for such meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

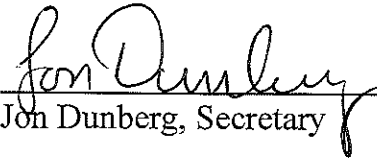
(1) All regular meetings of the Commissioners shall take place on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Freehold Fire District No. 1 Firehouse located at 330 Stillwells Corner Road, Freehold, NJ 07728.

(2) A summary of this resolution shall be posted on the official Fire District website.

(3) A summary of this resolution shall be posted and shall be maintained on the official bulletin board of the Township of Freehold, and shall also be kept on file by the Borough Clerk for purposes of public inspection.

Certification

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Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, have awarded the following contracts for professional services pursuant to New Jersey statutory law:

AWARDED TO: Richard M. Braslow, Esq.

SERVICES: Legal

DURATION: As per contract

COST: As per contract

AWARDED TO: Gerard Stankiewicz

SERVICES: Auditing

DURATION: As per contract

COST: As per contract

The contracts and the resolutions awarding same are on file with the Commissioners' attorney and may be inspected by contacting Richard M. Braslow, Esq., 516 Fielders Lane, Toms River, New Jersey 08755 (732) 604-7517 during normal business hours.

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

**Designation of Official Newspapers for
Publications for the 2026-2027 Year**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, may, by statutory law, publish various items; and

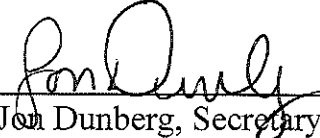
WHEREAS, the Commissioners are desirous of designating various newspapers as official newspapers in which the Commissioners may publish its various items during the 2026-2027 year.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

(1) The official newspapers in which the Commissioners may publish all notices or other items during the 2026-2027 year pursuant to New Jersey statutes shall be the Asbury Park Press, The News Transcript, and/or the Newark Star Ledger, unless said New Jersey statutory law otherwise mandates that a newspaper other than those as referenced herein be used for said publications.

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Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, shall hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., at the Freehold Fire District No. 1 Firehouse located at 330 Stillwells Corner Road, Freehold, NJ 07728.

The Commissioners of Fire District No. 1
Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEHOLD, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

Resolution

Designating Surety Bonding for Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has adopted rules and regulations which apply to municipal entities, and the fire district is a municipal entity as defined in the rules and regulations as promulgated by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, Subchapter 6, Section 5:31-6.1 provides that the fire district shall, by resolution, designate employees and officials required to furnish surety bonds and determine minimum bonds for each such employee and official; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, deem it necessary to provide bonding for the Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, as follows:

- (1) All Commissioners shall be bonded in the amount of approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Certification

I, Jon Dunberg, Secretary of the Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Freehold, County of Monmouth, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 10, 2026.



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RECORD OF VOTE

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Yes	X	X	X	X	X
No					
Not Voting					
Absent					