

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

**Regular Meeting**

**June 24, 2025**

Vice Chairman John Toutouchi 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 John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis was also present at the meeting. Commissioner AJ Story and Board Attorneys-Richard and Neil Braslow joined the meeting via teleconference.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2025 regular and executive meetings.**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the June 24, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$70,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$65,383.70.**

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Legal:** Mr. Braslow had nothing to report.

**Buildings:** (nothing to report)

**Insurance:** Commissioner Dunberg reported progress.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Haas reported that Lt. Bereheiko sent a quote to approve an order for the three sets of gear. Commissioner Fogarty approved.

Captain Mike Celano updated the Board on RedMNx. He also noted that the kiosk in the front of the District has been having some issues, and he will have it sent back.

Captain Celano also reported that the police have still been using the bathroom at District. Commissioner Story will follow up with the police about using the bathrooms only at Georgia Road or Smithburg.

**President's Report:** President Keane inquired as to when the Fire Company will be getting their next payment. Commissioner Fogarty will send it by the end of the month, and he will revise the Treasurer's Report from tonight's meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Chief 360 meeting was cancelled;
- SCBA—still waiting to see about a grant;
- Billings Case Update—Commissioner Story inquired about Suzanne representing Josh Billings. Mr. Braslow will look into it;
- East Coast Lighting—will get back next week with update;
- Engineer Salary Increase—Commissioner Fogarty gave an update to his conversation with Board Auditor and Board Attorney, who had no problems with it. Mr. Braslow said a resolution needs to be done;
- Commissioner Toutouchi reported that IT is still working on computers, almost done. IT having issues for accessing computers, reached out to Pete to no avail. Board decided to go with one vendor only. No one objected.

**New Business:**

- A discussion was held about the reimbursement for those who attend the academy. Commissioners had no problem, as it comes out of the Fire Company training budget;
- Fire Police Appointment—Chief Haas reported that DCA requires a swearing in by the Township Clerk, but the Township will not do it. He will find out more and get back to the Board.
- Commissioner Story inquired about the SOG Updates—Chief Haas reported that he is still waiting on one more set; more class certifications are needed;
- Commissioner Story will reach out to Bill about having the ice machine cleaned;
- Commissioner Toutouchi reported that he will be obtaining a quote for the pre-alert on the CAD system, speakers in various rooms; live stream zoom camera in the conference room. 3 different projects, 3 different quotes.

Board discussed a change in meeting date due to the unavailability of three commissioners. Instead of a July 22nd meeting, the commissioners will meet on July 29th. No one objected.

**Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to change the July 22<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner meeting date to Tuesday, July 29, 2025, same location, 6pm.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the amended June 24, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record, which corrects the previous report (above) and which now reflects the Fire Company payment.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to amend the Treasurer's Report, above, to transfer \$135,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$127,269.58.**

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Audience:** Firefighter Andy Ollwerther advised the Board that we need a new dumpster.

Commissioner Story left the meeting at 6:35pm.

**Motion was made by Mr. Toutouchi to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 6:36pm.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

3-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 7:03pm)

**There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm.**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

3-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary  
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