

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

**Regular Meeting**

**July 29, 2025**

Vice Chairman John Toutouchi called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:00pm and led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were John Toutouchi, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel and Jonathan Dunberg. Board Secretary-Rachel Davis joined the meeting via teleconference.

**Motion was made by Mr. Dunberg to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2025 regular and executive meetings.**

Second: Mr. Engel

4-0 all in favor

**Buildings:** Commissioner Engel reported that the paint was peeling off of the top of the bay ceiling. He received a quote for \$16,000 to scrape the popcorn off and replace the entire ceiling. He is waiting for other estimates to repair or replace. Commissioner Fogarty suggested that the Board discuss these projects towards capital projects for next year.

**Insurance:** Commissioner Dunberg reported that Nottingham Insurance advised him that VFIS wants to do a walkthrough for safety of the buildings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Fogarty read the July 29, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$60,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,400.96.**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

**Old Business:** Commissioner Toutouchi reported that the sign is good. The administrators are Commissioners Story, Toutouchi and Dunberg.

Commissioner Toutouchi noted that the mandatory physicals are scheduled for September 16th at 5:30 and September 20th at 9am. Those are the only two days available. If someone is not available on either of those days, they will have to schedule a day to go to North Brunswick. Physicals must be done within the month, or they will have to go on medical.

Commissioner Fogarty discussed the engineer payment increase. A lengthy discussion was held, and it was agreed upon to pay them \$2,500 each for four engineers.

**Motion was made by Mr. Engel to allow \$10,000 annually to pay four (4) engineers, allotted at \$2,500 per engineer.**

Second: Mr. Fogarty

4-0 all in favor

Commissioner Fogarty brought up a question and asked the Board to think about it and discuss it at a later meeting: since the engineers are employed by the Fire District, should those positions be managed by the District?

Commissioner Toutouchi gave an IT update. Pete is no longer servicing, and a new website design is needed as soon as possible. Eric from Pinpoint Promotions quoted \$4,500 for the design and to get it up and running in a short amount of time. Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow said that since this is a time-sensitive situation and the statute requires that the District have a website up and running at all times, the Board can move forward with this quote.

**Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to pay \$4,500 to Pinpoint Promotions & Marketing to design the District's website and get it up and running, without the required three quotes, due to the time-sensitive circumstances.**

Second: Mr. Dunberg

4-0 all in favor

Commissioner Toutouchi, on behalf of Commissioner Story and 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Santore, received three quotes to do some upgrades to change the switchboard, camera system on the tv's, security monitors, CAD, switchboards, lights, speakers for a quote of \$6,900. The Board decided to table the discussion for another meeting.

Captain Mike Celano joined the meeting at 6:25pm, and Commissioner Toutouchi updated him on the two physical dates—September 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am, and there will be two sign up sheets. If someone cannot make those dates, they have a month to get their physical done. Commissioner Fogarty also mentioned that he would like a finalized budget by September.

Commissioner Toutouchi indicated that the camera system in the vehicles will be set up with a cloud-based service once the parts come in, and he will coordinate with the officers to schedule to have their trucks done.

**Fire Company:** Captain Mike Celano reported on behalf of the Fire Company, as follows:

- Moving forward with extrication;
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> is pump & ladder testing; 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> is hose testing;
- Halfway through the apparatus pm's;
- 78 is out, all the other trucks are back;
- Cascade contract was re-signed and services will be resumed;

- Budget items put on the card: 2 Little Giants;
- Started going through the budget, wants to change things-add percentages;
- Will take 86 out to Pennsylvania to get broken lights fixed;
- RedNMX still working on integration issues; he downloaded all certificates and will upload to RedNMX;
- Bags for slings for grip hoist, high-rise kits;
- August 17-22<sup>nd</sup> gear order; gear cleaning first week of August;
- Wants to purchase 3 Igloo coolers.

**Audience:** A 4-H Junior requested to have a car wash fundraiser at the firehouse, and proceeds from said car wash will help fund future experiences for 4-H members. The Board approved a car wash for September 27<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 5pm.

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

Second: Mr. Engel

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary  
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