

Franklin Township Fire District No. 1

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2021

The meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 27th meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, was called to order by President C. Patkochis at 6:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENT: “This meeting is convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by furnishing announcement thereof, to the *Hunterdon County Democrat*, and/or *The Express Times*, and/or the *Star Ledger*, and/or the *Courier News*, by posting notice in the Municipal Building and by filing a notice with the Municipal Clerk.”

ROLL CALL: President C. Patkochis, present; Treasurer G. Reichert, present; Secretary P. Enea III, present; Vice President, E. Kolibas, present; Assistant Secretary, H. Laine, present.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH: A Motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting was made by G. Reichert and seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 29, 2021: A Motion to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2021 Special meeting was made by E. Kolibas, seconded by G. Reichert. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: G. Reichert advised of a total income of \$ 444.00 and expenses totaling \$57,744.79 for the period of June 9, 2021 through July 813, 2021.

Motion to pay the bills for the period of June 9, 2021 through July 13, 2021 was made by P. Enea, seconded by H. Laine. Roll call vote, G. Reichert, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

RESOLUTION 2021-07 Awarding Insurance Contract to Nottingham for Accident and Sickness Policy. C. Patkochis read the Resolution to award the contract to Nottingham for the Accident and Sickness insurance policy. There being no discussion on the matter G. Reichert made a Motion to award the contract in the amount of \$ 4300.00 (same as previous year) to Nottingham, seconded by E. Kolibas. Roll call vote, G. Reichert, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

C. Patkochis inquired from H. Laine if he had an update on the Marijuana Use Policy that was introduced at the previous meeting. H. Laine advised that he had not been in contact with the Insurance Company. C. Patkochis will provide H. Laine with the direct contact information and H. Laine will make a phone call to find out if there are any insurance issues.

P. Enea advised on the status of truck service and repairs. The Engine and Rescue will go to Central Bucks Internationa (was R+H), the Brush truck can go to Ralph's. Engine 91 will go to Elizabeth for paint repair. Repairs to Tanker 2 were \$9293.02 and it is estimated that repairs to the Rescue will be in the \$5000 range. It is still unknown what caused the problem. C. Patkochis wonders if it residual from the tree falling on it in Flemington, we may never know. A short discussion with D. Desaulniers about the old Engine being used while trucks are being serviced and repaired revealed it is drivable but a part is needed (for brakes) and will be ordered so it can be used if needed.

C. Patkochis inquired on any progress since the Special Meeting regarding forming a Public Relations Committee to represent both the Fire District and QFC. G. Reichert and H. Laine will represent the Fire District. R. Geib advised the QFC will have representatives by the end of the week and he has started compiling financials for the townships and is looking into additional information on census, etc. C. Patkochis advised that we need to find out if we can re-introduce coverage contracts. Will check with attorney.

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT: C. Patkochis reported 3 Inspections, 4 Smoke Certifications and 1 Permit. The report advises of a fire investigation at 20 Laurelton Trail, a meeting with Garden State Growers about the food truck issue and pull station violations at Hampton Inn. Also discussed were some issues with the Knox box and location and Corporate name listed for the new Orange Theory in the Walmart Plaza. Those issues have been resolved.

QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT: D. Deaulniers reported 60 calls for the month of June. He updated the Commissioners on the status of the Holmatro Tools. At this time a part has been ordered and we should see delivery shortly. Regarding the Hampton Inn he advised that there is a large transient/homeless population being housed there by Social Service agencies for long periods of time and that appears to be adding to the number of issues and calls for service.

QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: R. Geib advised that he had not additional activities to advise on other than what was already discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss, a Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:51 PM by G. Reichert, seconded by P. Enea. All in favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Ennis

Charles Patkochis, President