

## Franklin Township Fire District No. 1

### Special Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022

The meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 265th 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 6:30PM.

**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 D. Stephens, present; Secretary P. Enea III, present; Vice President, E. Kolibas, present; Assistant Secretary, H. Laine, present.

C. Patkochis opened the meeting with a brief explanation of how the Budget has been developed in years past with the ability to raise the budget by 2% each year without having to obtain voter approval. The state of the economy and the obvious hardships facing local homeowners was also discussed and taken into careful consideration when developing the proposed budget. With this in mind, several line items were marginally increased due to cost increases to meet the needs of the District, but will stay under the cap. The proposed Budget for 2023 would total \$562,000.00, with \$438,000.00 to be raised by taxes.. This will result in the Franklin Township homeowner's fire tax rate increasing from \$.079 to \$.08 per \$100 of assessed value. This budget will be forwarded to the Auditor to be formalized and will be presented to the Board at the meeting November 8, 2022 to be voted on and then submitted to the State for approval. Once State approval is received it can be voted on, hopefully at the December 13, 2022 meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,



Charles Patkochis, President

  
Elise Ennis

