

# Franklin Township Fire District No. 1

## Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

Meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 269th 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 D. Stephens, 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 December 13, 2022 meeting was made by E. Kolibas, seconded by H. Laine. All in favor, Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL END OF YEAR MEETING MINUTES:** A Motion to accept the minutes of the December 29, 2022 meeting was made by D. Stephens, seconded by P. Enea. All in favor, Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** D. Stephens advised of a total income of \$ 0 and expenses totaling \$69,603.44 for the period of January 1, 2023 through January 10, 2023. The largest expense for this time period was the yearly payment for the fire truck.

Motion to pay the bills for the period of January 1, 2023 through January 10, 2023 was made by H. Laine, seconded by P. Enea. Roll call vote, D. Stephens, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

C. Patkochis read the following Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 2023-01** Awarding Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy to AmTrust in the amount of \$38,188.00. A Motion was made by E. Kolibas, seconded by H. Laine to continue with AmTrust. Roll call vote, D. Stephens, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-02** Vehicle, Property Insurance Carrier to ESIP in the amount of \$35,998.00. The policy renewal quote from Nottingham Insurance was \$49,345.00, an increase of \$12,000.00 over last year. A Motion was made by P. Enea, to go with ESIP, seconded by H. Laine. Roll call vote, D. Stephens, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

C. Patkochis advised that there are no updates on contracts with Alexandria and Union Townships.

C. Patkochis presented a spreadsheet that has been created to better track equipment repairs and maintenance. He advised that he hopes it will streamline the process. Some of the items are minor but should prevent things from falling through the cracks.

C. Patkochis reminded the board that Hydrostatic testing is due for all the air bottles, quotes for this are being obtained.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:** C. Patkochis advised of 1 Inspection, 3 Smoke Certs, 5 Re-inspections. G. Reichert has sent out registrations for Non-Life Hazards.

**QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT:** Not Available

**QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** R. Geib advised he has nothing to report on other than Mandatories have been held. Football Playoff fundraiser is planned for later this month.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:53PM by P. Enea, seconded by D. Stephens. All in favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elise Ennis

  
Charles Patkochis, President