

## Franklin Township Fire District No. 1

### Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023

Meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 276th 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 June 13, 2023 meeting was made by P. Enea, seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** D. Stephens advised of a total income of \$ 8,997.12 and expenses totaling \$12,466.67 for the period June 14, 2023 through July 11, 2023.

Motion to pay the bills for the period of June 14, 2023 through July 11, 2023 was made by D. Stephens, seconded by P. Enea. Roll call vote: P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**C. Patkochis presented the Board with RESOLUTION 2023-08, a Resolution authorizing the disposal of the 2009 Ford F250 pick up truck. By this Resolution a decision was made to turn the truck over to the Quakertown Fire Company. In doing so, no further repairs or maintenance will be the responsibility of the District. A Motion was made by P. Enea, seconded by H. Laine to approve this Resolution. Roll call vote: P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

P. Enea advised that the ladder truck is still undergoing repairs. C. Patkochis indicated that we do not have an estimate of the bill yet, it will mostly be for the labor. C. Patkochis added that the Auditor has allowed us to add the reimbursement money from the Insurance Company, \$ 7,240.64 to the Maintenance and Repairs line of the budget to help offset some of the repairs we have had to make this year. D. Stephens advised that he has spoken with the insurance appraiser who advised him to get quotes for new Ipads and lights for the Rescue, estimated to be \$8,200.00 and McNeil will cover the costs as these issues are related to the original claim.

H. Laine advised of no new developments with Lexipol since last meeting. Reiterated that this a long and detailed process.

C. Patkochis reminded those present to make sure that their beneficiary forms for Accident and Sickness Policy are submitted and up to date.

C. Patkochis advised the Board that we are in need of a new printer for the office. The old printer isn't working and not worth repairing. D. Stephens made a Motion to purchase a new printer in the amount of \$ 697.00, seconded by H. Laine. All in favor, Motion carried.

**FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:** C. Patkochis gave the report 8 inspections, 3 smoke certs and 12 re-inspections for the month. An email to all members was sent regarding the opposite Cannon Ball Pools building being a safety hazard and to use extreme caution if there is a call there. Building sub-code official was also advised.

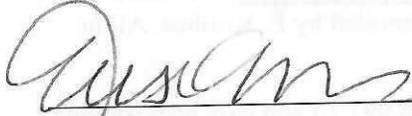
**QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT** R. Medine advised of 87 calls for service for the month of June. There were 15 attendees at a Junior FF/EMT night held at the fire house. The new Utility has been lettered and day time staffing continues to be a concern. D. Stephens advised that he has notified the Chief and Deputy Chief of a member at a fire scene without the proper gear.

**QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report

**OLD BUSINESS:** Board members are reminded to complete their financial disclosure statements on line.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:55PM by P. Enea, seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Elise Ennis



Charles Patkochis, President