

Franklin Township Fire District No. 1
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2025

Meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 303rd 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 July 8, 2025 meeting was made by E. Kolibas, seconded by D. Stephens. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: D. Stephens advised of a total income of \$ 122,328.72 and expenses totaling \$32,490.55 for the period of July 9, 2025 through August 12, 2025.

Motion to pay the bills for the period of July 8, 2025 through August 12, 2025 was made by P. Enea, seconded by H. Laine. 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 advised the Board that there is no new update for Alexandria Township. D. Stephens advised that he and A. Buterbaugh met with a representative of the Union Township Committee to discuss the Fire Marshal's Office shared service. At this time, D. Stephens is waiting to hear back from them. They were advised that there would need to be 100% agreement from the Union Twp. Committee to proceed as well as their registrations and inspections would be performed regardless of the date they were last completed. C. Patkochis advised that the Union Twp. Committee meets sometime this week. C. Patkochis stressed the importance of completing shared service agreements with both Townships very soon.

C. Patkochis reported that after some research by W. Crampton and W. Hocking, our current website franklintwpfiredistrict1.com and website provider Netlink Web Services/District Compliance, is in need of updating to better meet the needs of the District. They recommend a company used by Washington Township, Warren County Fire District called LocalSeven. The Initial fee is \$1000.00 with monthly maintenance and updates for \$40.00. Additionally, email would be moved and maintained separately through Microsoft. H. Laine made the Motion to proceed LocalSeven as a website provider, seconded by P. Enea. All in favor, Motion carried.

C. Patkochis presented a quote from the Fire Marshal's to purchase a computer tablet, docking station and associated warrantees for installation in the Fire Marshal's car. This will enable all inspections and registrations, take electronic payments, etc to be completed in the field. Two additional price quotes are

needed. C. Patkochis asked for a Motion to purchase, not to exceed \$ 7000.00. Motion was made by H. Laine, seconded by P. Enea. All in favor, Motion carried.

C. Patkochis presented a quote for hose adaptors from Witmer for \$1286.00 plus freight. P. Enea made a Motion to purchase, seconded by D. Stephens. All in favor, Motion carried.

Additionally, C. Patkochis presented an application for QFC Per Diem/Career Staff from Troy Whiton. D. Stephens made a Motion to approve the application pending background check, seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: See Attached

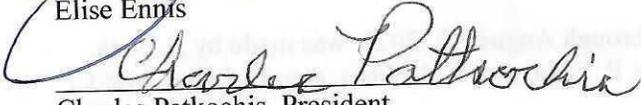
QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT: No report

QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

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

Respectfully submitted,


Elise Ennis


Charles Patkochis, President