

Franklin Township Fire District No. 1
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025

Meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 301st 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 May 13, 2025 meeting was made by D. Stephens seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: D. Stephens advised of a total income of \$ 6,468.78 and expenses totaling \$72,977.72 for the period of May 14, 2025 through June 10, 2025.

Motion to pay the bills for the period of May 14, 2025 through June 10, 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:

RESOLUTION 2025-6 APPROVING 2024 AUDIT – C. Patkochis advised the Board that the 2024 has been completed and distributed to the members of the Board for comments. There were no comments. C. Patkochis advised that there were no recommendations from the Auditor. E. Kolibas made a Motion to accept the 2024 Audit, seconded by H. Laine. Roll call vote, D. Stephens, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-7 APPROVING ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS POLICY C. Patkochis presented a bill for the Accident and Sickness Insurance policy from Nottingham Insurance for \$4876.00. D. Stephens made a Motion to approve, seconded by P. Enea. Roll call vote, D. Stephens, aye; P. Enea, aye; E. Kolibas, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

C. Patkochis advised that the 2024 Audit report was sent to both Alexandria and Union Townships. Union Twp sent their Voucher which was signed and returned for payment. Alexandria advised they would not make their payment until they received their copy of the Audit. C. Patkochis further stated that there is no update from Union on a Shared Services Contract; Alexandria has indicated that they will not sign a contract for fire services.

C. Patkochis presented a quote for a hose bed cover for Engine 91 from Blacher Canvas for \$900.00. P. Enea made the Motion to approve the purchase, seconded by H. Laine. All in favor, Motion carried.

C. Patkochis advised that QFC has presented two completed application for the Board's approval. Volunteer Member J. Matarazzo and Career Member R. Nydeggar. P. Enea made the Motion to approve, seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT: See attached detailed report. C. Patkochis advised that the Fire Marshall is actively collecting fees and fines. A. Buterbaugh has been working with the Hampton Inn on their issues and advised that they may have a big renovation coming soon.

QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT: B. Patkochis reported 78 calls for service in May. QFC is hosting a water supply drill with several other agencies in attendance. B. Patkochis advised the Board that the Safer Grant will pay for turnout gear and additional equipment, boots, helmet, flashlight, etc. for the newly voted in members. The Grant will cover 20 sets of turnout gear and other equipment, which is approximately \$7,000.00 to outfit each firefighter.

C. Patkochis advised B. Patkochis that halogen headlights were ordered for Tender 2 and Ladder 91 passed it's yearly inspections with no problems reported.

QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT: R. Geib advised that QFC held it's 70th annual Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony at the Franklin Twp School, as well as their annual awards banquet which was well attended. See Attached report.

OLD BUSINESS: H. Laine advised that he has not spoken to officials from Franklin Twp about the False Alarm Ordinance. C. Patkochis advised H. Laine to get in touch with A. Buterbaugh to discuss as there have been discussions regarding the Hampton Inn, specifically language A. Buterbaugh has found regarding same.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Ennis

Charles Patkochis, President