

**Franklin Township Fire District No. 1**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

October 28, 2025

Meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 306th 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, absent; Secretary P. Enea III, absent; Vice President, E. Kolibas, present; Assistant Secretary, H. Laine, present.

THIS WAS A SPECIAL MEETING HELD TO DISCUSS THE 2026 BUDGET. NO OTHER BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED.

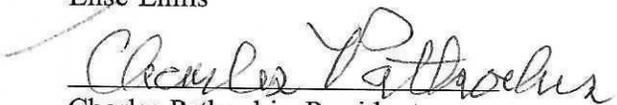
C. Patkochis advised the Board of a proposed budget for 2026 in the amount of \$697,000.00, a \$44,777.00 increase over 2025. This includes \$506,000.00 raised through Municipal taxes (0.092 cents per \$100.00 in assessed property value) and \$115,000.00 in Municipal assistance from Alexandria and Union Townships in total, which is unchanged from last year. Franklin Township CFO has not responded to repeated requests for the Levy Cap Certification CNC-3 Form that was due 10/25/2025. H. Laine will be following up with our attorney regarding the proposed Municipal Contracts with Alexandria and Union Townships for 2026 which could affect that line of the Budget.

Once we have the document from Franklin Township and a clear answer for our Attorney on Municipal assistance from Union and Alexandria, C. Patkochis will submit the proposed numbers to the accountant to be formalized for the November meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM by D. Stephens seconded by E. Kolibas. All in favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elise Ennis

  
Charles Patkochis, President