

# Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2026

Meeting opened with the Flag Salute

The 312th 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 H.Laine 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 H.Laine, present; Treasurer D. Stephens, present; Secretary P. Enea III, present; Vice President, C.Patkochis, present; Assistant Secretary, S.Bell, present.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MONTH:** A Motion to accept the minutes of February 10th, 2026, was made by S.Bell seconded by D.Stephens. Roll call vote: P. Enea, aye; S.Bell, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** D.Stephens advised of a total income of \$115,616.42 and expenses totaling \$22,015.31 for the period February 10th, 2026., through March 10th, 2026. Motion to pay the bills for the period of February 10th, 2026, through March 10th, 2026, was made by S.Bell, seconded by P.Enea. Roll call vote: P. Enea, aye; S.Bell, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

Drew Stephens met with multiple billing agencies and presented the following information: the Fire District or Quakertown Fire Company will be able to bill non Frankling Township Residents for Marine Services, Accidents, Hazmat Mitigation, and Extrication. The company representative will provide the Town Ordinance that Franklin Township will have to approve.

H.Laine advised the board that the Fire Company Chief updated the information for the Knox Box account. The Fire Company leadership is going through the accounts within Knox to remove old members and update new members. The President advised the account holder for Knox will be on a joint account accessed by both Fire District and Fire Company personnel.

H.Laine advised the board that the Fire Company asked for a deck gun for Tender 91-1. Motion to approve the deck gun purchase not to exceed \$5,700 was made by P.Enea, seconded by S.Bell. Roll call vote: P. Enea, aye; S.Bell, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

H.Laine advised the board that the Fire Marshalls Office has the capabilities with his inspection software for pre-planning purposes. The Fire Marshall was to follow up on this with the Fire Company Chief.

## **FIRE MARSHAL REPORT:**

Financial:

Late fees assessed for open Registrations that were due February 1st. Financial revenues will be sent to the commissioners.

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## Inspections:

Annual Permit inspections are being completed for the year. Annual inspections begin.

## Training:

Conference completed; attendance records for CEUs will be forwarded upon receipt.

**QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Medine reported that they took 55 calls for service for February. We are looking into obtaining prices for installing a plow onto Utility 91 for winter months. Brush 91 needs some equipment mounting solutions, and we are working on quotes.

## **QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No Report.


## **Resolution 2026-5 – Executive Session – Shared Services Agreement**

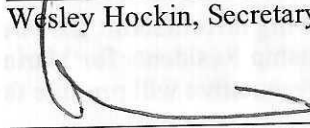
C.Patkochis made the motion to enter an executive session, closing the meeting at 19:00, seconded by S.Bell. Roll call vote: P. Enea, aye; S.Bell, aye; H. Laine, aye; C. Patkochis, aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session ended; regular session returned AT 19:27.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7.27PM by C.Patkochis seconded by S.Bell. All in favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Wesley Hockin, Secretary

  
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Heikki Laine, President