

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS,  
TOWNSHIP OF UPPER; DISTRICT #3**

**June 20, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on June 20, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. at the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company on Old Tuckahoe Road in Marmora, NJ. Commissioners **Paul Hoster, Doug Snyder, Kurt Austin** and **Jeff Pierson** were present. Commissioner **Jeff McAfee** was unable to attend. Also present were **Cheryl Ward, CPA**, Accountant and Recording Secretary to the Board; **Jay Newman**, Chief of the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company; and **Jon Batastini, Esq.** Solicitor.

The meeting was opened by **Jon Batastini** who read the appropriate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

As the first order of business, the Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the prior meeting, held May 16, 2022.

**Ms. Ward** presented a financial report, including a list of checks to be approved, signed, and distributed. The board reviewed the financial report including an analysis of the current year to date income and expenses relative to the budget.

**Mr. Batastini** obtained a "NJ Corp Code" for the fire commission, allowing vehicles to be purchased, titled and registered to the Commission. **Chief Newman** is keeping a vehicle log on google sheets and will provide the log to the Commission as needed.

**Chief Newman** discussed the testing requirements of the fire company. The company is maintaining a log of all testing requirements to ensure that the fire company remains in compliance.

Chief Newman discussed the Insurance Services Office rating. Marmora Fire District has a rating of "3", which is a very good rating. This helps to keep the insurance premiums paid by the residents of the fire district low.

Chief **Jay Newman** discussed the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company, which was held on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fire House. The celebration went off very well and a good time was had by all.

The Board, along with **Chief Newman**, discussed the short term and long term needs of the Volunteer Fire Company, specifically as it relates to equipment and fire trucks. There is an extremely long lead time on equipment right now. A tower ladder will need to be replaced within the next couple of years. It may cost approximately \$2 Million dollars. The Board discussed raising the funds for the purchase through selling a bond. Mr. Batastini will research that and discuss further with the Board.

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(continued)**

**Cheryl Ward** reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved and Submitted,

Signature on file

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Cheryl Ward, CPA *Recording Secretary*