

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

**February 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on February 20, 2023 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 **Sean Whelan** were present. Commissioner **Jeff Pierson** was unable to attend. Also present were **Cheryl Sayers, CPA**, Accountant and Recording Secretary to the Board; **Jay Newman**, Chief of the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company; **Jon Batastini, Esq.** Solicitor, who participated via telephone; **Edwin Kooker**, Public, and **Joshua Kooker**, Public.

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 its first order of business, the board discussed the results of the election, held on February 18, 2023. **Scott Snyder Sr.** and **Paul Hoster** were re-elected as Commissioners with three-year terms. **Sean Whelan** was elected as Commissioner with a one-year term. The 2023 budget was passed by the voters of District # 3 with 136 "YES" votes and 53 "NO" votes. Forty-eight of the fifty-three "NO" votes were via mail-in ballot. The large number of "NO" votes is concerning to the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Volunteer Fire Company. The Board and Chief discussed educating the taxpayers regarding the need for the funding from taxation to adequately operate the fire company. The chief and board also discussed potentially moving the elections from February to November with the general elections. Jon Batastini will research the procedure to do so.

Thereafter, the Board held its reorganization meeting, making, and approving the following appointments:

Chairman	Paul Hoster
Vice Chairman	Kurt Austin
Secretary	Sean Whelan
Treasurer	Doug Snyder
Commissioner	Jeff Pierson
Newspaper	The Press of Atlantic City (Primary)
Newspaper	Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger (Secondary)
Bank	1 <sup>st</sup> Bank of Sea Isle City
Meeting Dates	Various Mondays as advertised
Meeting Time	5:15 p.m.

As the first order of regular business, the Board reviewed and approved the minutes of the prior meeting, held January 16, 2023.

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**Mrs. Sayers** presented a financial report, including a list of checks and vendor invoices to be approved, signed, and distributed. The board discussed the actual income and expenses relative to the budget.

**Jay Newman** presented a Chief's report. Recently, a member of the Tuckahoe fire company suffered a medical incident following a call. As a result, OSHA may be meeting with the fire company to confirm that the company is in compliance with all training and testing requirements. **Chief Newman** informed the board that MVFC is up to date with all requirements.

**Chief Newman** discussed a "Truck Committee" that was formed to explore options for new trucks that may need to be purchased within the next few years. The committee is meeting with a representative from a manufacturer on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Chief Newman** informed the board that he attempted to apply for a grant for the township for new radios. To his disappointment, he was unable to submit the application for reasons beyond his control.

**Cheryl Sayers** reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

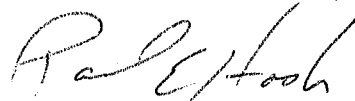
Respectfully submitted,



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Cheryl Sayers, CPA *Recording Secretary*

Approved and Submitted,



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Paul Hoster, *Chairman*