

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

May 15, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on May 15, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. at the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company on Old Tuckahoe Road in Marmora, NJ. Commissioners **Paul Hoster, Doug Snyder** and **Kurt Austin** were present. Commissioners **Jeff Pierson** and **Sean Whelan** were 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; and **Edwin 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.

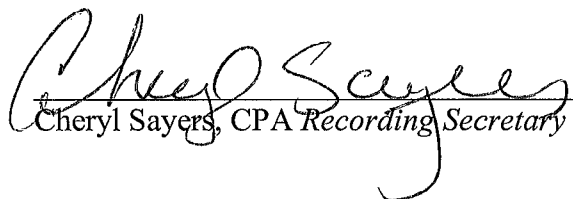
As the first order of business, the Board reviewed the minutes of the prior meeting, held April 3, 2023. **Paul Hoster** noted an error in the minutes. After correcting the error, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Sayers 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. **Mrs. Sayers** discussed the interest rates currently being earned on CD's held at 1st Bank of Sea Isle City. The interest rates are very low. 1st Bank currently has promotional interest rates on CD's at 3.5% for 6 months. The Board approved a motion to transfer the CD balances to the promotional CD's at 3.5%. **Mrs. Sayers** will contact the bank to initiate the transfer.


Mr. Batastini discussed the ongoing issue where PEOSH is attempting to classify volunteer firefighters as "Employees" of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Further discussions will be held and **Mr. Batastini** will continue to update the Board.

Cheryl Sayers reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheryl Sayers, CPA Recording Secretary

Approved and Submitted,


Paul Hoster, Chairman