

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

**June 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on June 19, 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, Jeff Pierson** and **Sean Whelan** were present. 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 and approved the minutes of the prior meeting, held April 3, 2023.

**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.

**Mr. Batastini** discussed the ongoing issue where PEOSH is attempting to classify volunteer firefighters as "Employees" of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Dennis Township Fire District #3 has appealed the employment status with the State. **Jay Newman** has been in contact with the State Legislature Team from District #1 to request assistance with this matter. **Jon Batastini** and **Jay Newman** will continue to update the Board on this matter.

The Fire Company has been working to change the titles of firefighting apparatus from the Fire Company to the Board of Fire Commissioners. The title has been changed on two pieces of apparatus so far. **Jay Newman** is working on the remaining pieces of equipment. The original titles are being stored in a safe deposit box at TD Bank. The Commission has copies of the titles.

**Jay Newman** presented a Chief's Report. The Fire Company has had very little activity so far this year.

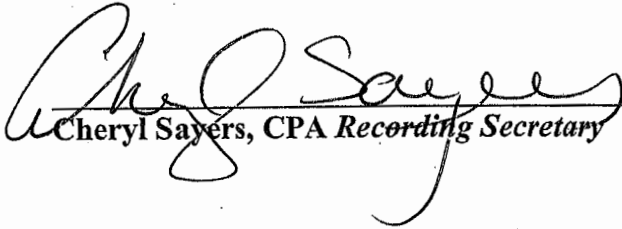
**Edwin Kooker** presented the Board with a request for copies of the current contracts between Fire District # 3 and the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company. The request was made in accordance with the Open Public Records Act. **John Batastini** will review the request and provide the requested information to **Edwin Kooker**.

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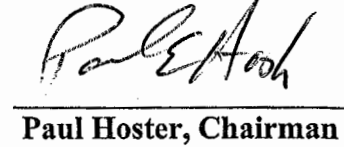
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**Cheryl Sayers** reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Sayers, CPA *Recording Secretary*

Approved and Submitted,

  
Paul Hoster, Chairman