

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

**July 17, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on July 17, 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 June 19, 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. **Jay Newman** discussed an invoice received from Fire and Safety Services. The labor portion of the invoice appears excessive. **Jay** will contact the vendor for an explanation. The board approved the payment of the invoice pending **Jay's** conversation with the vendor. **Jay Newman** discussed the invoice from Motorola for new radios. The radios were budgeted for in 2022 budget but the radios were just received. The 2023 budget included a line item for "utilization of prior years funds". This was done in anticipation of the invoice for the radios. The board unanimously approved the payment of this invoice using prior year funds.

**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. The state has not yet responded to the appeal. **Jon Batastini** and **Jay Newman** will continue to update the Board on this matter.

**Jay Newman** presented a Chief's Report. The fire company is researching options for obtaining a new engine within the next few years. **Jon Batastini** will review the procedures that need to be followed with the NJEDA for the purchase and financing of the new engine.

**Cheryl Sayers** reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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(continued)**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cheryl Sayers, CPA *Recording Secretary*

Approved and Submitted,

  
Paul Hoster, Chairman