

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

August 14, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on August 14, 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; 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 July 17, 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 presented a Chief's Report. The fire company is researching options for obtaining a new engine within the next few years. The Board discussed including a question on the ballot in February of 2024 to allow the commission to purchase a new engine. Financing options for the purchase will be explored.

Jay Newman informed the Board that tests of the pumps, ground ladders and aerial tests were performed. The test results were all satisfactory. All apparatus is due to be serviced in September.

The fire company is considering making certain capital improvements to the fire house, including the fire house training center. The fire company is discussing financing options for the capital improvements with Sturdy Bank.

Jon Batastini informed the Board of an upcoming meeting with local fire chiefs and the state legislature. The meeting, which is scheduled for September 18, 2023 at the Marmora fire house, will focus on the recent push by PEOSH to classify volunteer firefighters as employees of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Cheryl Sayers reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Sayers, CPA *Recording Secretary*

Approved and Submitted,



Paul Hoster, Chairman