

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

**April 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Township of Upper, District #3 was held on April 8, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. at the Marmora Volunteer Fire Company on Old Tuckahoe Road in Marmora, NJ. Commissioners **Paul Hoster**, **Doug Snyder**, **Jeff Pierson** and **Sean Whelan** were present. Commissioner **Kurt Austin** 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; **Mark Newman**, Deputy 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 February 26, 2024. The minutes were approved as presented.

**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. A second meeting of the "Truck Committee" will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Three vendors have responded to requests from the Committee. **Jon Batastini** discussed the procedures necessary obtain financing.

**Jay Newman** discussed a grant that the fire company is expecting for new CBA air packs. There may be a "matching" requirement for the grant. Mr. Newman requested that the commission consider providing the matching funds for the air packs.

The Fire Company is changing some of the utility providers to cut costs. This includes cable and cellular service. The company is also obtaining quotes for insurance in an attempt to lower premiums.

**Cheryl Sayers** reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Sayers, CPA *Recording Secretary*

Approved and Submitted,



Paul Hoster, Chairman