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Franklin Township Fire District No. 3  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Minutes of District Budget Work Session Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Meeting Opened: 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Chairwoman Natal announced that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act in that notice was furnished to the News Tribune and on the bulletin boards at each Fire Company and Township Clerk as presented by law.

**ROLL CALL:**

Upon Roll Call the following members of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 3 were in attendance:

Present	Sherrod Middleton
Absent	Kenneth Reid
Present	Enid Janet Natal
Present	Douglas Krushinski
Present	Vivian Cottrell

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**PUBLIC GUESTS PRESENT:**

**District Budget Review 2021**

Commissioner Cottrell presented the Board with the 2021 Budget she prepared. The Board discussed the presented budget.

Comm. Cottrell stated the computers only started working at 4:00 PM this afternoon, they have not received the prices for the generator or the portable. She stated they can use this as a tentative budget and may need to make changes. She stated she increased the sewer and garbage service. She stated she lowered the cable service and increased the exterminator service and computer maintenance. She stated she increased the elections to \$8,000 to cover the machine ballots. She stated she increased the fire agreement and increased maintenance. She stated she kept reimbursement of expenses the same and increased Ms. Orphanos \$10,000 but kept \$5,000 in case she is out any length of time.

Commissioner Kenneth Reid joined the meeting at 7:16 PM.

Comm. Cottrell stated she increased the commissioner's salaries by \$300 because they have not had a raise in 12 years. She stated she must find out if the generator or radios need to be special question.

She stated Chief Inzano never got back to her about a price for the new engine, so she budgeted \$700,000.

Chief Inzano stated they put it out there to several places and a new engine is more than \$700,000 and in three years it will cost more than that. He stated \$800,000 would be the high for it.

Comm. Cottrell questioned if they are looking to get a quint.

Chief Inzano stated no.

Comm. Cottrell stated the truck for Station 27 was \$699,000 and it has an air system on it.

Comm. Middleton stated they will not know the different prices with Covid and how the companies are handling it.

Comm. Reid agreed with Covid things take longer.

Comm. Cottrell stated the State recommends the approved budget be sent in by November 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than December 17<sup>th</sup>. She stated they need to have a price for November meeting.

Comm. Cottrell stated she gave a copy of Chief Krushinski's email to all the Commissioners and questioned their thought.

Comm. Krushinski stated he does not have problem with any of it.

Comm. Cottrell stated they just gave everyone money in 2017. She stated the Chiefs have a car and gas. She stated she does not mind giving it to the firefighters who must use their own car.

Chief Krushinski stated he spends 50 hours a week at the firehouse. He stated the Commissioners get paid \$550 a meeting.

Chief Krushinski stated last year the Commissioners at his firehouse campaigning were asked why they do not the increase the fire call money. He stated those Commissioners said because the Chief never asks for it. He stated so he is asking for it.

Comm. Cottrell stated she is fine with increasing the firefighters. She stated she does not mean to sound nasty, but they are complaining about things, but they are the ones that choose to be Chief, which is part of your responsibility with your fire department. She stated if they are not happy with it, do not be Chief.

Comm. Reid stated he agrees with Chief Krushinski. He stated they are at the firehouse a lot and it is an incentive.

Comm. Cottrell stated they were questioned why the Chiefs received so much money during the audit.

Comm. Middleton stated he sees it from both sides, but he tends to lean with Commissioner Cottrell on this.

Comm. Krushinski stated what about all they had to deal with from Covid.

Comm. Middleton questioned what about the Captains and Lieutenants, are they going to get a raise too. He stated the Captains and Lieutenants should not be paid as firefighters, they have more responsibility.

Comm. Reid stated if they have the money, they should do it.

Comm. Cottrell stated she would like to move the minimum to 75 calls to get paid if they are going to do increases.

Comm. Cottrell stated they should just give an even \$0.50 for everyone.

Comm. Reid stated the Commissioners should have increased pay based on responsibility. He stated the Treasurer should get more.

Chairwoman Natal state Commissioner Reid and Middleton should change the Bylaws.

Comm. Krushinski stated they can change the money now and change the Bylaws at the next meeting.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Douglas Krushinski and seconded by Kenneth Reid, the Board will pay the fire call policy as follows with a 50 call minimum;

Chiefs	\$7.50
Deputy and Assistant Chiefs	\$7.00
Captains/Lieutenants	\$6.50
Firefighters	\$6.00

**ROLL CALL:**

Kenneth Reid	YES
Sherrad Middleton	YES
Douglas Krushinski	YES
Vivian Cottrell	YES
Enid Janet Natal	YES

Comm. Cottrell stated she will increase the fire call reimbursement to \$75,000. Comm. Cottrell stated they received a letter from Community in reference to the fire agreement. *Commissioner Cottrell read the letter in its entirety.*

Comm. Cottrell stated according to the board attorney they cannot enter the contract legally. Comm. Reid stated he will send to the attorney to review again.

Chief Inzano questioned why the Town would enter into that agreement if it is illegal. Chairwoman Natal stated they will pass it along to the attorney.

Chief Inzano stated he is covering himself asking for this. Comm. Cottrell stated they did not use a lot of the training money. She stated she is looking into replacing the portable radios.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

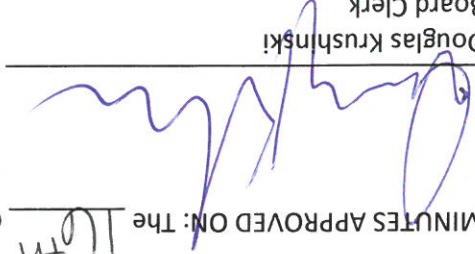
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Douglas Krushinski and seconded by Kenneth Reid, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Kenneth Reid	YES
Sherrad Middleton	YES
Douglas Krushinski	YES
Vivian Cottrell	YES
Enid Janet Natal	YES

MINUTES APPROVED ON: The 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020

  
 Douglas Krushinski  
 Board Clerk