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Franklin Township Fire District No. 3  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Minutes of Public Hearing Meeting  
Wednesday, July 21, 2022

APPROVED

Meeting Opened: 7:01 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** George Morris Esq., Chief 25 A Richard Ries, Chief 27 A Daniel Krushinski, Chief 27 B Sean Gaither, and Chief 27 C Theodore Ritterson.

**PUBLIC GUESTS PRESENT:**

Xavier Burton and Vincent Inzano.

**Minutes for review:**

June 15, 2022 Public Hearing

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board approved the minutes with corrections.

**ROLL CALL:**

Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
Kenneth Reid	ABSENT
Sherrod Middleton	YES
Douglas Krushinski	YES
Vivian Cottrell	YES

**Communications:**

\*Received quote from Fail Safe ref: hose testing

Comm. Cottrell questioned if the fire companies would still like to use fail safe.

Chief Krushinski stated they just had hose testing completed in November or December.

Comm. Cottrell stated they will table the discussion.

\*Received email from Captain Micah White ref: medical supplies

Chairman Middleton stated the supplies were ordered.

\*Received notice from Verizon ref: phone on Engine will disconnect 12/31/22

Ms. Orphanos stated they are discontinuing the 3G line and will need to upgrade the phone.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board will upgrade the phone for Community.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	ABSENT
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**Commissioner Kenneth Reid joined the meeting at 7:08 PM.**

\*Request for Ladder 27 to go to Franklin Twp Youth Academy on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*Request for Engine 27 standby for Bound Brook Carnival on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

\*Request for Ladder 27 to go to the National Night Out in Town on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board will allow Station 27 to attend all requests.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

\*Request from Community to attend National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board will allow Community to attend National Night Out.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**Fire Line Officers Report:**

**Community-**

Chief Ries stated they are moving forward on the Engine 251 replacement. He stated they met with Absolute last night and had a correction to make.

**East Franklin-**

Chief Krushinski stated there is a company that will come to the firehouse to clean all bunker gear with their truck. He stated it would cost \$4,200 to clean 25 sets of gear. He stated they have had multiple fires recently and his members are washing their gear inhouse, but the soot is still not coming out. He stated the company cleans the gloves, hoods, helmets, and the gear. He stated it is dry within eight hours.

Comm. Cottrell questioned if Chief Ries would like to have this done as well.

Chief Ries stated yes.

Chief Krushinski stated they do not make repairs to the gear but will send a report.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board will have Redline clean 50 sets of turnout gear, not to exceed \$10,000.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

Chief Krushinski stated they had a few house fires last week. He stated there was a missing woman from Baier Avenue fire. He stated she was found wandering by the District Office. He stated they had another fire on Hamilton Street with a firefighter being sent to the hospital for dehydration. He stated another member had an accident after that call. He stated the County and State need to be notified of major injuries to firefighters.

Chief Ries stated it was done.

Chief Krushinski questioned if two radios were ordered for his car?

Comm. Cottrell stated the second radio was delivered today.

Chief Krushinski stated they still need mics for radios they have.

Comm. Cottrell stated she will need a count of what they need.

**Questionable Bills:**

Comm. Cottrell stated Utility 27 has used over \$5,000 in gas already this year.

Chief Krushinski stated they have seven members going to fire school.

**Presentation of Bills:**

\*Bills to be paid in the amount of \$ 84,754.47

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Douglas Krushinski and seconded by Kenneth Reid, the Board approved the bills to be paid in the amount of \$84,754.47.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**Committee Reports:**

**Maintenance-** Comm. Krushinski/Cottrell

Comm. Krushinski stated he has been keeping up with everything. He stated the jake brake on Squad 27 can probably only be fixed at a shop in Lancaster, PA.

**Equipment-** Comm. Krushinski/Cottrell

\* Chief Ries returned Toughbook's to the office.

Comm. Cottrell stated they went to install the surface pro's but they need to order chargers. She stated the sim cards are in.

**Training-** Comm. Krushinski/Craig Miller, District Training Officer

Comm. Krushinski stated he has been in contact with Craig Miller about training.

Chief Krushinski stated they are setting up a bailout class for August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> or August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Insurance-** Comm. Krushinski / Cottrell

\*Opened claim for member injured at Baier Avenue fire.

\*Opened claim for member injured at Hamilton Street fire.

**Fire Prevention-** Comm. Middleton/Reid

Chairman Middleton stated the meeting was canceled and there is no meeting in August.

**Safety-** Comm. Reid/Natal

Nothing to report.

Chairman Middleton stated they need to make sure they are careful and watch each other's back.

Comm. Cottrell stated everyone needs to stay hydrated.

Chairman Middleton stated it will continue to get hotter.

**CAD-** Comm. Cottrell

\*Up to date.

Comm. Cottrell stated the firehouse will assign someone else to complete Community's fire reports.

**Awards-** Comm. Cottrell / Natal

Comm. Cottrell stated she will get a date.

**By Laws-** Comm. Reid / Middleton

Nothing to report.

**LOSAP-** Comm. Cottrell

\*East Franklin needs to send monthly reports

Comm. Cottrell stated East Franklin is three months behind. She stated they will not receive their fire call money on time if she doesn't receive the totals.

Chief Krushinski stated he will get it over to her.

**Junior Membership-**Comm. Natal / Cottrell

Chairman Middleton stated Community will have two more juniors on the department. He stated they need to be aware of report cards.

**Policies and Procedures-** Comm. Middleton/Reid

\*Hiring Policy

Comm. Krushinski questioned if this policy was for hiring office personnel.

Chairman Middleton stated no it is for the firefighters.

Comm. Cottrell stated she will not vote on the policy as it stands.

Chairman Middleton stated they will discuss in Executive Session.

\*Turnout gear on fire/emergency scene policy

Comm. Krushinski stated he read parts of the turnout gear policy and parts are confusing.

Chairman Middleton stated in the past everyone wore turnout gear including the Chiefs. He stated things have become lax. He stated if you are in the hot zone, you should have turnout gear on.

Comm. Cottrell questioned if the Chief's cars were in the hot zones.

Chairman Middleton stated no, when you're entering the hot zone, you need to have protection. He stated members are at the front door and smoking is coming out and people are taking pictures. He stated you don't know what you are walking into.

Comm. Krushinski stated Chairman Middleton should get together with the Chiefs and write a policy.

Chairman Middleton stated if someone gets hurt, they will come after the Board.

**Unfinished Business:**

\*Status of repair for Engine 251

Comm. Krushinski questioned if Donald Salzmann came to look at the truck.

Chief Krushinski stated yes, he took pictures and wrote up everything.

**New Business:**

\*Going onto Executive Session

**Treasurers Report  
2022 Budget**

<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 2,342,791.00
<b>Spent</b>	692,363.54
<b>Encumbered</b>	165,665.63
<b>Balance</b>	1,315,699.43

Truck Reserve Account

\$ 217,506.37

Dedicated Training (penalty) Account

\$ 3,319.85

LOSAP

\$ 109,521.42

Funds set aside to cover future cost of health benefits for retired employee.

\$ 167,124.78

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Kenneth Reid and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board accepted the Treasurer's Report as read.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**Public Portion**

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Kenneth Reid, the Board opened Public Portion at 7:40 PM.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

Deputy Chief Gaither stated AAA drug testing is no longer in business.

Comm. Cottrell stated they will need to find another after hours testing company.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Kenneth Reid, the Board closed Public Portion at 7:42 PM.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board will go into Executive Session at 7:43 PM.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Douglas Krushinski and seconded by Kenneth Reid, the Board reopened the regular meeting at 8:06 PM.

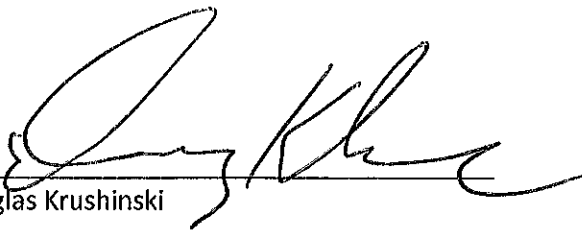
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**UPON MOTION MADE** by Vivian Cottrell and seconded by Douglas Krushinski, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Enid Janet Natal	ABSENT
	Kenneth Reid	YES
	Sherrod Middleton	YES
	Douglas Krushinski	YES
	Vivian Cottrell	YES

MINUTES APPROVED ON: The 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2022

  
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Douglas Krushinski  
Clerk