

**Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners  
District #1  
P.O. Box 267  
New Egypt, New Jersey 08533**

**MINUTES  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Brady announced that the notice of his meeting was contained in the annual meeting schedule furnished to The Trenton Times, and The Trentonian. Posted on the Municipal bulletin board and filed with the municipal clerk.

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Robert Brady, Ken Friedrich, Kent Amburgey, John Gaskill and Kenneth Hagen via zoom

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Richard Braslow via zoom and Suzy Heller

**BUDGET HEARING:** A motion was made by Joh Gaskill and seconded by Kent Amburgey to open budget hearing. Motion was approved with all ayes. No questions or comments from the public- a motion was made by Ken Friedrich and seconded by John Gaskill to close budget hearing. Motion was passed with all ayes

A motion was made by Kent Amburgey and seconded by Ken Friedrich to adopt the 2023 budget. Resolution was adopted with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, Friedrich-yes, and Gaskill-yes

If referendum does not pass EMS will not continue under the Fire District. We will be asking for \$251,950.00 to exceed. Homes that are assessed at average \$281,705 will pay an additional \$121.00 if passes, if fails will increase \$30.00 for 2023

Rick stated will need additional \$40,000.00 for bottles over and above the grant that was awarded for \$27,000.00

Discussed flyer – numerous meetings were held with the township to not have to go out for tax increase. A shared service was entered with the township for 2022 from Grant received, this was a onetime only grant. A motion was made by Ken Friedrich and seconded by Kent Amburgey to send out flyers pending final approval from Suzy and Rich. Motion was passed with the following roll call:: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, Friedrich-yes and Gaskill-yes

Ballots will be done by TRAC, Rick will contact Cheryl Hopkins at the county. Jodi will take flyers to hand out at the Ice Festival

Rick asked board for approval for Ryan Dullea to write and submit such grants as we request to file. A motion was made by Kent Amburgey and seconded by John Gaskill to approve Ryan Dullea to be our grant writer. Motion was passed with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, Friedrich-yes and Gaskill-yes

Motion was made by Kent Amburgey and seconded by John Gaskill to have Ryan Dullea assist with AFG Grant filing, not to exceed \$2000.00 Motion was passed with the following roll call: : Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, Friedrich-yes and Gaskill-yes

A motion was made by Ken Friedrich and seconded by John Gaskill to adopt a resolution to hire Anthony Mechkowski as a Per Diem. Resolution was adopted with the following roll call:: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, Friedrich-yes and Gaskill-yes

Robert Krohn advised the board that the contracts were given to the staff for review. Will make changes and present to board for negotiations.

Union officer for 2023:

President- Robert Krohn

Vice President – Kevin Panecek

Delegate- Chris Herbert

Alt. Delegate- Jason Faas

Treasurer- Matt Jakob

Secretary- Chris Herbert

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Ken Friedrich and seconded by Kent Amburgey to adjourn meeting. Motion was passed with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagan-yes, Amburgey-yes, Friedrich-yes, and Gaskill-yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Barbara Brady  
Secretary