

Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
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Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025

The regular meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday, February 3, 2025. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chairman Brady announced that the notice of this meeting was contained in the annual meeting schedule furnished to The Trenton Times and The Trentonian. It was also posted on the Plumsted Municipal bulletin board and filed with the Plumsted municipal clerk.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Robert Brady.

PRESENT: Robert Brady, Kent Amburgey, John Gaskill, Kenneth Hagen and William Phippen.

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Suzy Heller, Board Accountant
Richard Braslow, Board Attorney via phone

MINUTES: A motion was made by Kenneth Hagen, seconded by William Phippen to approve the January 20, 2025 minutes. Motion was approved with the following roll call:
Brady-YES, Amburgey-YES, Gaskill-YES, Hagen-YES, Phippen-YES

TREASURER'S REPORT: In addition to report, 1099s were filed and issued. Motion was made by William Phippen and seconded by Kenneth Hagen to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Motion was passed with the following roll call:
Brady-YES, Amburgey-YES, Gaskill-YES, Hagen-YES, Phippen-YES

CORRESPONDENCE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

CHIEF'S REPORT: The following report was given by Chief Richard Byrne:
-A radio was ordered for the front desk in the engine room. No expected delivery date yet.

-Forestry Grant: will be applying for 10K grant again this year. Deputy Sams spoke in regards that they will be reaching out to B9 for equipment suggestions.

EMS REPORT: The following report was given by Captain Jodi Byrne:

- See attached monthly report submitted by Captain Jodi Byrne.
- Request to purchase portable radio chargers from Motorola for the ambulances. Amount not to exceed \$1000. Motion made by John Gaskill, Seconded by Kenneth Hagen.
- JBMDL Ride a long MOA: MOA has been reviewed by Rich Braslow and Ocean county JIF. Needs to be signed by Chairman Brady to proceed

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The following report was given by Kevin Panacek:

- 3915 Fire & Safety has completed the original repair. Additional issues were found while completing original repairs. These include 2 wiring harnesses that need to be replaced, cables that need to be adjusted, hydraulic gauge repair, bent track and lift cylinders failing/leaking. There are 3 cylinders involved; 1 lift and 2 extensions which need to be pulled and sent out to be rebuilt at a hydraulic shop. The cylinders need to be repaired before the UL testing can be completed. Additional repairs will add appx \$20-25K to the original \$30K repair bill- Total appx bill \$50-60K. Discussion amongst the Board in regard to repairs. Motion Made by Kent Amburgey, seconded by Kenneth Hagen to approve additional repairs to 3915. Motion passed with the following roll call:
Brady-YES, Amburgey-YES, Gaskill-YES, Hagen-YES, Phippen-YES

TOWNSHIP COMMENT:

- William Phippen asked Mayor Bowen of the status of the Board's Fire and EMS PILOT money requests. Mayor Bowen stated the township is working on the budget this week.
- Deputy Chief Sams discussed Ocean County VoTech FF/EMT program which is at the county level for approval. He stated the fire company is supporting the program, requesting the Board's support. Chairman Brady agreed the Board would support the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Resident Stacey Reed inquired about CPR classes for the public/business owners of Plumsted Township. Chairman Brady referred her to Chief Byrne for additional information.

FIRE MARSHAL: The following report was given by FM Mitchell Remig:

- Structure Fire 1/31
- LENNAR: There was a call in Lennar last week for a fireplace gas leak. Crews arrived to find the fireplace lit and the occupants not home. Further investigation revealed there is an issue where the fireplaces can be turned on by other homes fireplace remotes, Bluetooth devices and other household remotes. Will be filing complaint with Consumer Products Commission to have the fireplaces recalled. Also, we will be meeting with the community manager on Wednesday to discuss various issues.
- FIRE BILLING: We have successfully submitted our first bill for fire services in the amount of \$2271. Awaiting payment appx 1,771.38.
- INSPECTIONS: In 2024, we conducted 444 inspections (not including complaints)
- TOWNSHIP: There has been a lot of communication between the Mayor, Land Use Board, Construction office and Code Enforcement. Working to maintain an open, cohesive line of communication.

- FLOW MSP: We are waiting for the import of the hydrant report. Once it is received, this should complete the set up for the preplan program. Will be scheduling training for the staff.
- GRANTS: NJ American Water is offering \$2500 grant which we will be applying for.
- INVOICES: In 2024, ended with \$9600 in invoices; to date we have been able to collect most and have reduced that amount to \$2500.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Kenneth Hagen, seconded by William Phippen to adopt resolution to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Resolution was adopted with the following roll call:

Brady-YES, Amburgey-YES, Gaskill-YES, Hagen-YES, Phippen-YES

ADJOURNMENT: Following executive session, a motion was made by Kenneth Hagen, seconded by Kent Amburgey to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed with the following roll call:

Brady-YES, Amburgey-YES, Gaskill-YES, Hagen-YES, Phippen-YES

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Byrne
Secretary Pro Tem