

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

**MINUTES
April 7th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday April 7th, 2025. 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, Kent Amburgey, Bill Phippen, and Kenneth Hagen

ABSENT: John Gaskill, Barb Brady, Jodi Byrne, Mitch Remig

ALSO PRESENT: Suzy Heller and Rich Braslow (via phone)

MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Phippen and seconded by Ken Hagen to approve minutes. Motion was passed with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, and Phippen-yes

TREASURERS' REPORT: Motion was made by Kent Amburgey and seconded by Bill Phippen to approve payment of bills.

Motion was passed with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, and Phippen-yes

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from auditor – Communication to those charged with governance, 2024 Audit Engagement Letter, 2024 Deferred Comp Review Engagement Letter

OLD BUSINESS: The following were discussed:

- Forestry Grant- Chief will attend a meeting Thursday 4/10/25 to discuss

BUDGET:

NEW BUSINESS: None

CHIEF REPORT: The following report was given by Chief Rick Byrne:

- Upcoming drills and classes
- SCBA tested, some items to fix and then back in service
- Volunteer FF injured on a call; MRI and possible surgery
- Career FF resigned 3/31/25
- Fire Marshall and Chief met with Winery to discuss 2025 fees

- Hose and ladder testing to be done 6/12/25
- Letter from Assoc of Fire Districts, \$300 annual dues
- Tax assessor wants to combine blocks; attorney Braslow to review

EMS REPORT: Report prepared by EMS Captain Jodi Byrne was read by Chief Rick Byrne, attached.

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT: none, absent

ENGINEER REPORT: Ladder truck – parts are in, repairs to be completed and then UL inspection. 3911 – will send for repair when ladder truck is back in service. Chiefs pickup – sagging bed, showing age/rust. Received quote of \$7,500 for new bed, sandblast, paint. Maintenance and repair budget line exhausted for 2025, would need to take from another line item. Board will discuss and requested at least one other quote, two if possible, and will decide at next meeting.

PUBLIC: Mayor Bowen discussed preserved farm events will now require application so that emergency services will have advanced notice. Memorial Day Parade 5/26/25, New Egypt Day 2nd or 3rd Saturday in October. Introduction of Ted Garrigana running for Township Committee. M. Flemming of the fire company inquired if the truck committee should proceed; board said they would get back to him. Commissioner Brady stated that the hiring of a captain has been discussed, interviews in process and will have an update at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Ken Hagen and seconded by Bill Phippen to adopt a resolution to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Resolution was adopted with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagen-yes, Amburgey-yes, and Phippen-yes

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kent Amburgey and seconded by Bill Phippen to adjourn meeting. Motion was passed with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagan-yes, Amburgey-yes, and Phippen-yes
Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Barbara Brady
Secretary