

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

**MINUTES
May 5th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Fire Commissioners was held on Monday May 5th, 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, John Gaskill, Bill Pippen and Kenneth Hagen

ABSENT: Suzy Heller

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Braslow and Neil Braslow via phone

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

TREASURERS' REPORT: Motion was made by Bill Pippen and seconded by Ken Hagen to approve bill list.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS: The following were discussed:

- Grant- no update

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

- Spoke with representative from NJFFS regarding FEMA reimbursement from the Jones Road Fire
- 3911- Pump broke- during forest fire, repaired
- 3900- Still waiting for quote from New Egypt Auto Body and Ultimate Collision. Went to Ocean County Vo Tech to see if they would be able to paint the bed, spray booths are down, Kevin is ok with waiting on booths.
- A fire fighter was injured, treated and returned to duty

- Gear- 5 sets will be ordered
- May agenda- 5/8 Fire alarms and sprinkler systems; 5/15 Class A sizing; 5/22 Memorial Day Parade prep, 5/29 SCBA recert for those who missed the first class
- Chief Byrne and Assistant Chief Spencer went to see a used utility truck

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

- 92 calls; 29 refusals
- North Hanover 2 dispatches- 2 cancels
- New Hanover 6 dispatches- 5 cancels (non-ALS) 1 transport with Virtua ALS
- Speedway- is underway. Invoices have been forwarded to the accountant
- Lacrosse Tournaments- 3 scheduled in June, invoiced and paid in full for services
- Community CPR class- 6/1/25 \$65.00 / person, 2 sessions
- Presentation of Stork Pins to Ken Indore and Curt Grant for delivery
- Rodeo- still no payment, have to go to Toms River to file a civil suit

LEA REPORT: The following report was presented by Mitch Remig:

- Tracking new businesses that have not been registered since 2021, have 30 days to comply/register. Need to keep on top of new businesses
- Many violations have gone out- will email a board with list
- New ordinance in effect since January- has had no negative pushback
- It has been a year since he started in this position. Allotted 650 hours per year, at times he puts in 30+ hours/week, other times 8-10 hours. Thankful for the help of the FF that are certified in inspections for their help, without them it would be a fulltime job

ENGINEER REPORT: The following report was presented by Kevin Panacek:

- Spoke with Fire & Safety regarding the ladder- no update
- Parts for 307 will be here 5/6/25
- Discussed Jones Road fire coverage and the break down of apparatus, Commissioner Brady thanked Kevin for his work to get everything back in service quickly

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, Gaskill-yes and Phippen-yes

PUBLIC:

- Commissioner Brady thanked Mayor Bowen for his help with getting the ordinance passed
- Commissioner Brady stated that he attended the last company meeting and was asked about status of purchasing a Rescue/Engine, will likely not be until 2026-2027, told the committee to continue working together
- Mayor Bowen- expressed his gratitude with working with Mitch. He is very community oriented
- Mayor Bowen thanked the EMS for their professionalism in response to a recent call on North Main St.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Kent Amburgey and seconded by John Gaskill to adjourn meeting. Motion was passed with the following roll call: Brady-yes, Hagan-yes, Amburgey-yes, Gaskill-yes and Phippen-yes Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted;

Barbara Brady
Secretary