



Forest Grove Board of Fire Commissioners September 24th, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

This meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District 4, Township of Franklin, Gloucester County NJ was called to order on September 24th, 2024 @ 19:00 and attended by the members noted below. This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Courier Post newspaper, filed with the Municipal Clerk at the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester and posted at the Forest Grove Volunteer Fire Company.

1. Members Present

X Andrew Bellone Jr. - Chairman
X Samuel Scapellato - Vice Chairman
X Mykola “Nick” Myronowskyj - Secretary
X Joseph Scapellato - Treasurer
X Thomas Bellone Sr. – Commissioner

Public Present & Others:

None

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting

A motion to accept minutes as read was made by Thomas Bellone and seconded by Samuel Scapellato. No changes to be made.

3. Treasurers Report & Bills against the Commission

Joseph Scapellato reported:

Petty cash balance \$94.00

43-51's registration renewal was received and mailed.

Glenn Insurance contacted the Board to advise that the Workmans Compensation last installment payment was not received. Joseph Scapellato went to the bank and the check was deposited. Glenn Insurance will look into it farther.

A motion to pay all bills and to accept the Treasurers report was made by Andrew Bellone and seconded by Thomas Bellone.



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4. Old Business

Mykola Myronowskyj reported on the following:

Filing of documents that he can locate from 2011 and prior. The files that are being archived are being organized, then scanned and then filed.

At the NJ Fireman's Convention, Mykola Myronowskyj met with Tim Allaband of Matheny Motors, he and his team will be our new sales and contract contacts. The Board and Chief Dennis Allonardo are planning to now have a more in depth meeting with Mr. Allaband and his team in the near future.

The Chief is still working on obtaining the pricing for the proposed new brush truck. As soon as he receives it, he will submit it to the Board for review. Currently the proposed price is approximately \$240,000.00 with a ballot question request not to exceed \$290,000.00. The Board reviewed the request and due to budgeting, we are not approving the full purchase of a brush truck. The Board will meet with the Chief and advise that his request as written was being questioned and that a lower cost vehicle should be no more than \$150,000.00 needs to be considered as an option.

The Chief and a few officers had requested that a tandem axle 20' enclosed trailer be purchased. The idea was that the ERV and all of the equipment on 43-57 would now be transported in the trailer to operational locations. The ERV trailer would be traded in with a value of \$1,500.00. Mr. Myronowskyj rejected this idea since the intrinsic value of the trailer was worth more than the trade in value. He suggested that a smaller enclosed trailer be purchased for the equipment in 43-57 and leave the ERV on the existing trailer. This would accomplish multiple goals, including ease of towing, having the ability to have the ERV in one location and the other equipment in another, additionally the cost of a new trailer would be much less since the gross vehicle weight would be less. Since the department has multiple vehicles that can tow either trailer, it also makes logistical sense. The Board agreed, and we advised the Chief accordingly. The Chief provided price quotes from multiple sources and a 7x12 enclosed trailer was approved. The Chief was waiting for one more price quote. The best price to date is from Cross Roads Trailer sales, deal 105564 in the amount of \$6,843.00. Andrew Bellone tabled the approval of the PO pending the final quote, purchase order 7084.

The Board received another email confirmation that the erroneous amount that is owed has been waived and our account closed.



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5. New Business

Resolution 2024-04 for the 2025 Commissioners compensation was reviewed, this resolution will be sent to the town council for review and approval. The vote was unanimously approved.

The 2025 proposed budget was approved and will be sent to the auditor for review.

An application from Tyler Tarquinio was received. He was a previous member and wishes to rejoin. His application was approved and will be given to the Chief for further processing.

The old fuel cards for Phillips 66 suddenly stopped working, Mykola Myronowskyj contacted the Gill Energy account representative, he immediately issued new cards and shipped them overnight. Mykola Myronowskyj tested the cards and the new fuel cards seem to be working properly.

Public Comments - None

Chief of the Fire Department: Not Present

President of the Fire Department: Not Present

Others: Not Present

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mykola Myronowskyj and seconded by Joseph Scapellato.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:37 hours.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mykola "Nick" Myronowskyj
Secretary of the Board
Board of Fire Commissioners, District 4
Township of Franklin, Gloucester County NJ*



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5:28 PM
09/24/24
Accrual Basis

Franklin Township Fire District No 4 Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2024

	Dec 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Newfield Na Bk 0505	109,080.94
Newfield Savings 9924	707,242.55
Total Checking/Savings	816,323.49
Total Current Assets	816,323.49
TOTAL ASSETS	816,323.49
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Restricted Fund Future Cap	378,748.54
Total Other Current Liabilities	378,748.54
Total Current Liabilities	378,748.54
Long Term Liabilities	
Future Capital	12,000.00
Truck Loan	-95,223.90
Total Long Term Liabilities	-83,223.90
Total Liabilities	295,524.64
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	44,604.16
Retained Earnings	531,505.38
Net Income	-55,310.69
Total Equity	520,798.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	816,323.49



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5:26 PM
09/24/24
Accrual Basis

Franklin Township Fire District No 4 Transactions This Month As of September 30, 2024

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Newfield Na Bk 0505				
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13533	Atlantic County Firefighters' As...	-552.50
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13534	Blaze Emergency Equipment C...	-2,599.72
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13535	Comcast (Xfinity)	-30.01
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13536	Comcast 569	-225.27
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13537	Dennis Allonnardo	-140.13
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13538	Dival Safety Equipment, Inc.	-2,437.59
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13539	Douglas Perry	-608.14
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13540	DTA Solutions LLC	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13541	Forest Grove Fire Co	-2,833.38
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13542	Gen-el Safety & Industrial Prod...	-279.30
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13543	Gill Energy	-293.20
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13544	Mes PA	-132.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13545	MRA Mobile Truck & Trailer Re...	-2,548.54
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13546	Mykola Myronowskyj	-110.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13547	NICE, Inc	-675.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13548	OHD, LLLP	-960.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13549	Riggins	-124.30
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13550	Verizon Wireless 197	-209.16
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13551	Vineland Ace Hardware	-369.81
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13552	W.B. Mason Co. Inc.	-232.57
Bill Pmt -Check	09/24/2024	13553	Wheat Road Coldcuts	-86.77
Total Newfield Na Bk 0505				-15,597.39
Newfield Savings 9924				
Deposit	09/10/2024			140,883.00
Total Newfield Savings 9924				140,883.00
TOTAL				125,285.61



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Board of Fire Commissioners
Franklin Township Fire District No. 4
Resolution No. 2024-04

Approving 2025 Annual Compensation for the
Commissioners of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 4

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-88 requires the municipal governing body to review and approve such compensation before the fire district can submit its annual budget to the voters, or, in the case of fire districts whose Board of Fire Commissioners elections coincides with the November General election, before the district can adopt its annual budget.

WHEREAS, the fire district must seek annual approval of elected commissioner compensation from the municipal governing body regardless of whether the Board is modifying the amount of compensation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 4 have proposed annual compensation for various members of their Board of Fire Commissioners for 2025 as follows:

Chairman:	\$ 1,900
Vice Chairman	\$ 1,900
Treasurer:	\$ 2,150
Secretary:	\$ 2,150
Commissioner:	\$ 1,900

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 4, Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester that the Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby recommend approval of the 2025 Annual Compensation as listed above.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that this is a true copy of the resolution passed at the meeting held on September 24th, 2024


Andrew Bellone Jr., Chairman