



TREDYFFRIN-EASTTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT (TEFD)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2026, 3:00 PM
Tredyffrin Township Building



A public meeting of the Tredyffrin-Easttown Fire Department was held on the above date at the Tredyffrin Township Building. Commission members present included Chair Eamon Brazunas (TT), Vice Chair Michael Wacey (ET), Julie Gosse (TT), David Miller (TT - via Zoom), and Susan LeBoutillier (ET). Also in attendance were TEFD Solicitor Andy Rongus; from Tredyffrin Township William Martin, Dean Dortone, Joseph DiRocco, Megan Cordes; and from Easttown Township Don Curley.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ADOPTION/AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

Dr. Gosse made a motion to adopt any amendments to the agenda; Mr. Wacey seconded the motion. The Chair called for public comment; there was none. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Wacey seconded the motion. The Chair called for public comment; there was none. The motion passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Chair called for public comment; there was none.

6. TEFD BOARD BUSINESS

– TEFD Chief of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Wacey made a motion to appoint Erik Felker as the TEFD Chief of Fire and Emergency Medical Services; Ms. LeBoutillier seconded the motion. The Chair called for public comment; there was none. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brazunas introduced Mr. Felker and spoke about his background and qualifications. Mr. Felker thanked the Board and provided an general overview of plans for the Department.

– Presentation of TEFD 2027 Preliminary Budget

Mr. DiRocco reviewed the 2027 Preliminary Budget (slides attached to the packet on the Township website) which included:

Mr. Brazunas clarified what was included in the SAFER grant.

Dr. Gosse asked for and received information regarding the two Berwyn Fire Company properties.

Mr. Dortone noted that the Board and Staff will continue to analyze capital needs for all fire companies.

Mr. Brazunas addressed the Stryker Report which outlined equipment needs.

Mike Baskin, Berwyn Fire Company, shared concerns regarding funds used from the BFC capital reserves for operations needs. He also shared concerns regarding potential budget shortfall and the use of reserves again in 2027. He shared concerns that the 4% increase may not be sufficient to cover inflations and increasing costs across the board.

Mr. DiRocco noted that the budget does include the use of reserves from the fire companies. He added that the TEFD will address unforeseen issues as they arise.

Mr. Brazunas noted that all three fire companies were working with budget deficits and these will be considered as the budget process continues.

Brian Zimmerman, Executive Director Radnor Fire Company, expressed concern regarding promises made to the BFC last year and that this preliminary budget is not reflective of the items that were discussed at that time. He also asked if the “formula” for determining fire company allocations be shared with the three fire companies to see how the numbers are determined. He noted that the greatest deficit issue is employee costs. He also expressed concern regarding pulling funds from reserves.

Mr. Brazunas acknowledged and thanked everyone involved in the preparation of the preliminary budget.

– Mid-year Operating Report

Mr. Dortone presented the mid-year call and response report for the fire companies.

Andrew Emory, Radnor Fire Company, Bob Robie, Deputy Chief Paoli Fire Company, and Brian Zimmeman, Executive Director Berwyn Fire Company, provided additional information for the mid-year report.

7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Robie noted that attendance at these meetings is growing and asked the Board to consider moving the meeting time to an evening start time so that more fire company members could attend.

8. NEW MATTERS

None

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 3:00 PM at the Easttown Township Building.

Mr. Brazunas noted that a budget workshop may be scheduled prior to the October meeting.

10. ADJOURN PUBLIC MEETING

The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman

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