

**MINUTES OF KENNETT FIRE AND EMS
REGIONAL COMMISSION, INC.**

**Pennsbury Township Building
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
July 11, 2023
5:00pm**

		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Municipality	Representative			Alternate		
Kennett	Richard Leff		X	Scudder Stevens	X	
E. Marlborough	Cuylar Walker	X		John Sarro		X
Kennett Borough	Matthew Fetick	X		Samantha Ferraro	X	
Pocopson	Ray McKay	X		Alan Davis	X	
Pennsbury	Aaron McIntyre		X	Dan Boyle	X	
Newlin	Jim Cornell	X		Bill Kelsall	X	
Fire Company	Representative			Alternate		
Kennett	Steve Melton		X	Ricky Franks	X	
Longwood	A.J. McCarthy	X		Matt Eick	X	
Po-Mar-Lin	Jason Griffith		X	Steve Nuse	X	

Call to Order

Walker called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Public Comments

There were no comments.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on June 13, 2023. All voted in favor.

Approval of Payments

The following payments were presented for approval:

- a. Quarterly Distributions to Fire Companies (payable July 2023)

Longwood Fire Company (EMS)	\$382,575.25
Longwood Fire Company (Fire)	\$162,500.00
Kennett Fire Company	\$162,500.00
Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$747,575.25

b. Workers Compensation Reimbursements to Municipalities

Kennett Borough	\$ 4,610.00
East Marlborough	<u>\$ 3,201.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 7,811.00

Motion was made to approve the payment. All voted in favor.

Financial Reports

The June 2023 monthly financial report and bank statements were circulated prior to the meeting. Walker reported that as of June 30, 2023, the Commission's cash-on-hand balance was 368,073.26, including Interest for the month of June of \$1,056.57.

Motion was made to accept the financial report. All voted in favor.

Fire Companies - May Activities Reports/Updates

Written operational reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

McKay inquired about the recent increase in fire responses in Pocopson Township. McCarthy explained that the heatwave had an impact and that neighboring fire companies had required our Regional Fire Companies to provide mutual aid on considerable calls in those municipalities.

2024 Budgets

McCarthy reported that the three fire companies have been working together on their 2024 budgets. The fire companies will have initial drafts for the Commission at the August meeting.

New Business

Appointment of a committee in the event the Borough official request a meeting

Motion was made to appoint McKay, McCarthy, Ratliff, and Walker to this ad hoc committee. All voted in favor.

Fetick reported that the Borough has a committee considering their options going forward.

Geoff Gamble noted that the Commission and the fire companies should start evaluating the financial impacts of the Borough's withdrawal.

Consideration of hiring administrator

Motion was made to invite Nicole Beckett, Associate Director for Public Service, Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government at Lafayette College, to attend the August Commission meeting and discuss preparing a job description and recruiting possible candidates. All voted in favor.

Possible need for a Commission Solicitor

It was agreed that this should be considered in the event legal advice is required.

Insurance rate increase on property owners in the Region

McCarthy reported that the fire companies are seeking designation as a single entity as a means of getting more favorable rates for the residents of the Region. This will be a lengthy and detailed process.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 6:25 pm was made and accepted.

Respectively submitted,
Cuyler Walker
Recording Secretary