

Resolution of the Franklin Township Fire District 4, Somerset County, New Jersey

Resolution Acknowledging the Franklin Township Council's Role in Achieving a Fair Budget and the Subsequent Termination of Contract Negotiations with South Brunswick Fire District 3

Resolution No. 4162025-Voodoo

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Fire District 4 (FTFD4) has been engaged in negotiations with the South Brunswick Fire District 3 (SBFD3) regarding the allocation of shared costs for fire protection services within the Kingston community; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Council, through their diligent and thorough analysis during the Work Session/ Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025, played a critical role in establishing a fair and equitable budget allocation for FTFD4; and

WHEREAS, the Council's efforts successfully clarified the financial complexities and demonstrated a significant imbalance in the previously proposed cost-sharing arrangement with SBFD3, revealing that FTFD4 was being asked to bear a disproportionate burden; and

WHEREAS, the Council's clear and transparent calculations effectively replaced the previously confusing financial assessments with a straightforward and justifiable allocation of costs, highlighting the unfairness of the initial proposal; and

WHEREAS, despite the Council's efforts to establish a fair and equitable framework, SBFD3 declined to further negotiate the cost-sharing arrangement, leading to the termination of contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, the Council's determination of a fair budget allocation, which resulted in FTFD4 securing services from three stations for nearly half the previous cost, demonstrated the validity of FTFD4's constituent concerns regarding the cost imbalance; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Council's dedication to ensuring fairness and transparency in financial matters has been instrumental in protecting the interests of FTFD4 and the residents of the Kingston community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Franklin Township Fire District 4, Somerset County, New Jersey, that:

* The FTFD4 acknowledges and expresses its deep gratitude to the Franklin Township Council for their meticulous analysis and determination of a fair budget allocation.

* The FTFD4 recognizes the Council's role in revealing the significant imbalance in the previously proposed cost-sharing arrangement with SBFD3.

* The FTFD4 acknowledges that the Council's fair valuation lead to the end of contract negotiations with SBFD3, due to SBFD3's unwillingness to further negotiate a fair contract.

* The FTFD4 affirms that the Council's efforts have protected the financial interests of FTFD4 and ensured that the residents of the Kingston community receive fire protection services at a fair and reasonable cost.

* A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Franklin Township Council and made part of the official minutes of this meeting.

ADOPTED: This 15th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:



David Weaver, Clerk

Franklin Township Fire District 4

APPROVED:

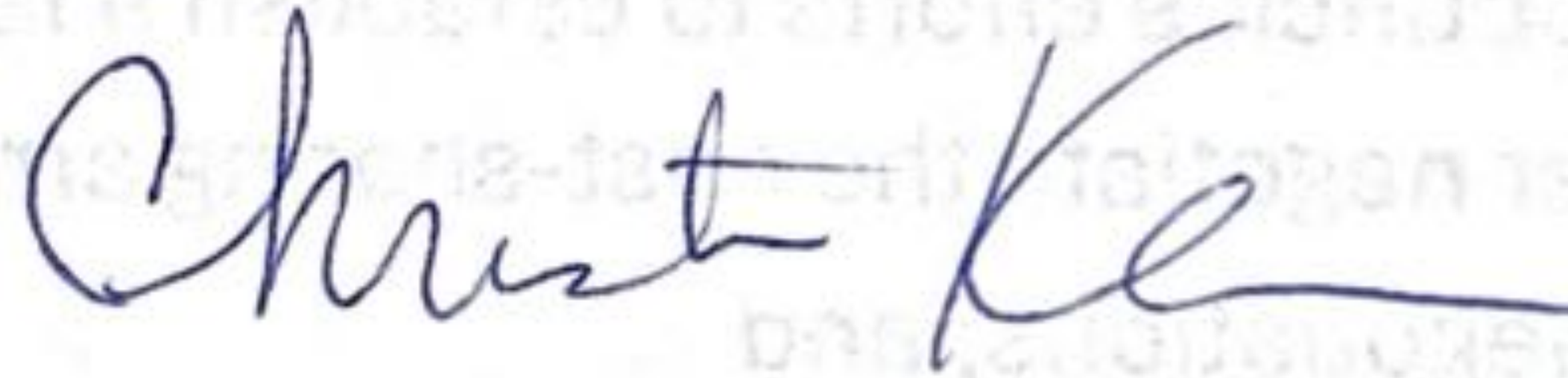


John Danek, Chairperson

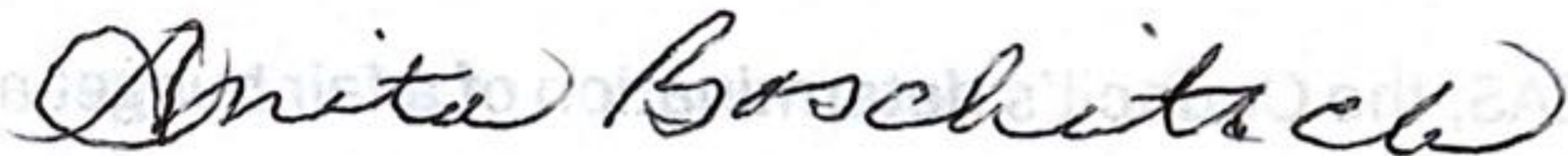
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Signed

Christina Klam: Commissioner



Anita Boschitsch: Commissioner



Glen McParland: Commissioner

