

Town of Greenville
PUBLIC HEARING RE: FREEHOLD FIRE CONTRACT
October 20th, 2025 6:45pm

A public hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Greenville on October 20th, 2025 at 6:45 pm at Pioneer Hall regarding adjusting the Freehold Fire Department Contract.

Present: Supervisor John Bensen
Councilman William VonAtzingen
Councilman Paul Macko
Councilman Rich Bear

Recording Secretary: Clerk-Collector Jessica K. Lewis

Department Heads Present: Highway Superintendent Mike Dudley
Sarina Augustine of North Dome/Bookkeeping and Events
Code Enforcement Officer Mark Overbaugh

Other: Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea
Jim DiPerna Freehold Fire Chief
Kevin Lewis Freehold Fire Board
And 4 other guests

This Public Hearing was advertised in the Town's official newspaper, The Times Union, on September 27th, 2025.

At 6:45pm Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman VonAtzingen to open the Public Hearing for public remark on the potential changes to be made to the Freehold Fire Contract. Carried 4 ayes

Councilman Macko briefed the meeting on Freehold Fire's request to increase their previously contracted 2026 and 2027 amounts as inflation and unforeseen expenses will cause them to be short on funding.

Chief Jim Diperna and Board Member Kevin Lewis thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss increasing the budget as contracted to accommodate the Fire Department's needs and explain some of the deficits they have and will face through the remainder of the contract as written.

Supervisor Bensen called upon the hearing three times for any questions/comments/concerns.

At 6:50pm Councilman Macko motioned, seconded by Councilman Bear to close the public hearing.

The following resolution was adopted:

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WHEREAS, the Town Board has previously entered into a contract to provide fire protection with the Freehold Volunteer Fire Company, and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to modify the contract to provide for additional funds due to unforeseen expenses occurred.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Greenville hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into a modified contract with Freehold Volunteer Fire Company so that the new amounts to be paid for the 2026 and 2027 years shall be \$171,473 and \$177,511, respectively.

RESOLUTION MOTION MADE BY COUNCILPERSON MACKO,
SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON VONATZINGEN

ROLL CALL:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT/OTHER</u>
Supervisor Bensen	X		
Councilperson Macko	X		
Councilperson Vonatzingen	X		
Councilperson Richards			X
Councilperson Bear	X		

CARRIED.

Jessica K. Lewis, Town Clerk-Collector

_____ Supervisor Bensen

_____ Councilman Bear

_____ Councilman Macko

_____ Councilman VonAtzingen