

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1**  
**April 24, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 commenced at 7:34pm with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Ferdinandi, Tagliente and Jamieson were also in attendance.

Minutes from the March meeting were read by Commissioner Tagliente and approved with minor corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report declaring expenses of **\$54,258.72** was read and all monthly expenses were approved. Deposits totaling **\$208,483.25** were received. This sum included a \$100 fee received from 16 contractors who have picked up information packets for the new building, \$900 in rent from EMS, and \$206,483.25 in first Quarter taxes. A purchase order for second quarter taxes has been issued; check to follow. Money allocated for the building and funds previously in a checking account were invested into a series of CDs.

A total of \$4,839,165.20 was used to pay off Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) from 2018. A new BANs deposit was made in the amount of \$4,521,105.00.

Petty cash in the amount of **\$973.66** was reconciled after all receipts were inspected and confirmed to be in order. A check was disbursed.

**Truck Report:**

- **611:** Engine brake is intermittently not working; driver's side window falls off the track when fully closed; scene lights are blown, and replacement bulbs are not readily available; on-board generator is not starting consistently; pump panel radio display and switches are not working; air brakes still leaking while the truck is parked; several pump discharges are leaking.
- **612:** Status quo.
- **613:** The primer system is broken and requires repair. Service technician is waiting on parts.
- **614:** Overheating indicator has been activating and remains active until the truck cools down.
- **615:** Fire and Safety provided an estimate to reinstall new rear brakes to include a new emergency brake for approximately \$11,000.
- **616:** The primer system is broken and requires repair. Service technician is waiting on parts. The tank mounts may also be deteriorating; further inspection is required.
- **618:** Status quo.
- **619:** Status quo.

**Radio Report:** There are two radios with problems that will be out for repair for approximately two weeks. Jay Wieners will be rotating out of his role as the fire department liaison, but he will still be supporting fire department radio meetings. The department will begin using Fire Ops 1 for all calls that involve Rescue & Recovery (Car 69) to facilitate better communications.

**Insurance:** No update.

**Purchasing:** LED lights were purchased and installed for the bays at Powder Mill Firehouse. New extrication gloves were purchased after hands-on testing and evaluation at FDIC. Newly ordered gear should be arriving in early May. A rescue mannequin should also be arriving soon.

**Fire Prevention:** A Knox Box audit was performed to verify that no keys were used without proper authorization. Fire Prevention has been doing a good job notifying the departments of upcoming big events in town.

**Joint Board:** Next meeting will be in June. District 1 will host. We are currently working with District 3 to arrange using their firehouse.

**Chief/Open:** An initiative has started to announce manpower when responding to mutual aid calls. At a minimum, trucks should not leave with less than 2 interior firefighters. Departments should also request individual units within town, not full responses.

The dinner will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Still waiting on some final RSVPs.

There is a joint drill with Districts 3 and 6 this upcoming Monday night. A request has been made to temporarily shut down part of Tarn Drive in the interest of firefighter safety. Neighbors of the vacant property were thanked for support of our ongoing drills.

There is discussion about a town drill at 1515 Route 10, but there are some challenges. Updates to follow.

The Department met with Plymovent to discuss adding magnetic vent systems to the trucks. They estimated the cost at several thousand dollars per truck.

The members investigated a new fit testing machine at FDIC. There is interest in purchasing a new machine in conjunction with the other fire districts for cost sharing.

There is also interest in investigating personal thermal imaging cameras in more detail.

The classes at FDIC provided a valuable educational opportunity for all department attendees.

**Old Business:** Commissioner Masker discussed the chimney at Simpson Ave Firehouse with building management. The pipe for the exhaust was never fully piped through the chimney. Correcting this issue would be a very extensive project.

A quote has been received for construction for the training section of the Powder Mill Firehouse for approximately \$6,950.

Quotes have been received to move, store, and return the monument from the Tarn Drive Firehouse for \$4,400 and \$5,800.

There was an open discussion on storage options for items currently located at the Tarn Drive Firehouse during construction of the new building.

Resolutions are prepared for a new fire apparatus, and will be discussed later.

A motion was made by Commissioner Masker and seconded by Commissioner Jamieson to adopt a resolution to have Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole & Giblin LLC serve as bond counsel. A roll-call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Masker and seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi to adopt a resolution to hold a special referendum on July 13, 2019, to appropriate funds for a new fire truck. A roll-call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Entertainment options for the Inspection Dinner were discussed. No entertainment will be purchased.

**Resolutions:** Two resolutions previously mentioned were read and adopted during Old Business.

A Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Ferdinandi, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and carried at 9:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente  
Commissioner