

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
August 26, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held at the Powder Mill Firehouse on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Several members of the public were in attendance and the meeting was held in the bay area to facilitate social distancing.

The meeting commenced at **7:39PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Jamieson and Tagliente were in attendance. Commissioner Ferdinandi was unable to attend. Chief Crawford and Deputy Chief Herrmann also attended as representatives of the Department.

Minutes from previous meeting were read by Commissioner Tagliente and approved with minor corrections via a motion made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and passed via unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Monthly Report declaring operating expenses of **\$461,441.75 (Operating Expenses of \$22,161.65 & Building Expenses \$439,280.10)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. No deposits were received. No comments or objections were made.

The Treasurer's Report was approved via a motion made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and passed via unanimous vote.

Truck Report:

- **Tower 11:** Aerial ladder was greased; ladder extension retractable cables require replacement as per Phoenix's recommendation (non-emergency, estimated cost of \$6500); leaking discharges need of repair and parts are on order; on-board generator repair parts were ordered; cab tilt does not go up and down; front air pressure has been extremely low; air brake leak fixed;
- **Engine 12:** Status quo;
- **Engine 13:** Status quo;
- **Rescue 14:** Holmatro tool mount bracket in rear compartment is broken, and ESI is sending replacement parts at no cost; A/C was fixed; new tires will be quoted;
- **Engine 15:** New brakes were installed; front officer door handle is broken; door sensors have been checked but more troubleshooting is required; replacement mirror has been ordered; heat was fixed;
- **Utility 16:** Status quo;
- **Car 18:** Status quo; and
- **Car 19:** Being taken in for brake and suspension service due to unusual noises

Radio Report: 8 new pagers were received.

There was a thorough discussion regarding concerns with moving the dispatching and radio system away from the County and back to Parsippany. The Parsippany PD estimates that the new system will be operational on January 1, 2021.

Insurance: The accidental injury/death insurance policy has not been renewed since 2018 but we are still receiving bills. After a brief discussion, the Board concurred that the provider should be contacted to let them know that we are no longer interested in this policy and to stop sending bills.

Purchasing: No report.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Joint Commissioner Board: The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held on October 7, 2020, at District #3's firehouse.

Chief/Open: There have been 244 calls year to date;

Recent Structure Fire Response on Drumlin: Deck fire with extension to exterior. Great job by our members and assistance from Mutual Aid. Ops 1 and all radio communication worked very well.

A robust training schedule has been set for remainder of year; Live Burn 11/5 at Morris County Academy.

Three Probationary Members have started Fire Fighter 1 at the Morris County Academy.

There is no update on the 2900 Route 10 project.

1500 Littleton Road project: permit process expected to take 6-10 months. Construction to begin shortly thereafter. Developers understand need for a new ladder truck.

Percentages are extraordinarily strong with 30 members in the "green/yellow." Third quarter will be higher due to tropical storm response: 25 members responded to 35 calls within a 10-hour period.

The Chief was disappointed by the Parsippany EOC setup during the recent storm; Chief had a conversation OEM.

An emergency access road between Beverly Street and High Ridge has been discussed with the Township Engineer and will continue to be pursued.

Chief's Proposed 2021 Operating Budget was distributed to the Board and members of the public in attendance for review and comment.

Old Business: Progress with the building at Tarn Drive is moving along and is currently on schedule. There was some criminal mischief that occurred at the job site. The Parsippany PD will be conducting random property checks of the site to deter trespassers.

New Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Tagliente, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and passed via a unanimous vote to install lighting for the Flag at Powder Mill Firehouse so that the display of the colors during evening hours complies with 4 USC 6(a).

The Department asked if the Board would be willing to provide food for part of the new building dedication event in 2021. The Board asked the Department to obtain estimates for the requested contribution prior to making any decisions.

The Board will be decommissioning Engine 613 upon delivery of the replacement engine that is currently on order. The truck has exceeded its useful life and has minimal depreciated value. The Board will investigate options for donation or sale of the engine.

Resolutions: None.

A Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson, and carried via a unanimous vote at **9:46PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk