

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
June 24, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held as a remote meeting due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy prohibiting public assemblies. The access information for the meeting was posted to the Commissioners' website, posted at the Powder Mill Firehouse, and sent to the Parsippany Troy-Hills Township Clerk.

The meeting commenced at **7:48PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. The meeting started late due to two new candidate interviews. Commissioners Masker, Jamieson, Ferdinandi, and Tagliente were also in attendance and provided input regarding the Board's monthly operations. Chief Crawford and Deputy Chief Herrmann also participated in the gathering and presentation of information.

Minutes from the 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 expenses of **\$406,260.20** was distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments; \$382,195.10 was for building construction; operating expenses were \$24,065.10. 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 Ferdinandi, and passed via unanimous vote.

Truck Report: Commissioner Jamieson sent quotes for preventative maintenance services to the other Commissioners for review.

- **Tower 11:** A new K12 saw was quoted for \$1184.96 plus spare blades (Stihl TS 700 14" CUTQUIK); aerial ladder needs greasing; discharge #3 has a leaking seal in need of repair; pressure relief valve does not work; on-board generator will not start or run continuously;
- **Engine 12:** Striping on the rear is peeling;
- **Engine 13:** Status quo;
- **Rescue 14:** Holmatro tool mount bracket in rear compartment is broken, and ESI is sending replacement parts at no cost;
- **Engine 15:** Brakes are very squeaky and need to be looked at;
- **Utility 16:** Status quo;
- **Car 18:** Info was found online regarding the power steering issue and will be kept on hand in case the issue occurs again; and
- **Car 19:** Front air conditioning does not work; passenger side seatbelt has a rip.

Radio Report: Radios may be up and running by the fall, but still many things need to be worked out;

Meeting was held by 12 Chiefs/DC's to discuss requests, expectations, etc.;

List of concerns was presented to Capt Wieners on 6/17, follow up meeting on 7/15, then Chiefs would like to attend Joint Board meeting on Aug 5;

PPD in the process of being "Accredited" which is important. We will be using County Communications Director Mike Peoples as a consultant; and

There is a new permanent shelter near the Powder Mill water tower and microwave towers have been placed at Police HQ and Pomeroy Rd.

Insurance: No report.

Purchasing: A purchase order was issued for the door access system; a camera quote is still being worked.

The Google Maps add-on for Emergency Reporting approved during the May meeting has been purchased.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Joint Commissioner Board: Joint Commissioner Board meetings will be suspended until further notice. Commissioner Masker is coordinating with the other districts via email. The next meeting will likely be held in August.

Chief/Open: There have been 144 calls to date;

There was a structure Fire Response to 14 Hilsinger Rd on 6/11, Run Card worked precisely as designed;

Training back outside, many restrictions lifted;

Pre-Plan drill with D3, D6 & CK is scheduled for July 16th at Gates Court;

New Air Bags have arrived, Officers are scheduling a drill;

FF2 students finally wrapping up class. Phone calls were made to DFS to get it done from departments across Morris County. Final Exam being held up due to state shutdown;

Sending 3 probationary members to FF1 for the Aug – Dec class;

Hydrotesting of 67 SCBA bottles is going well, almost done;

No update on the 2900 Route 10 project;

An update is expected for the 1500 Littleton Road project next week;

Percentages are very strong with 30 members in the “green/yellow” thus far; incentive budget on target;

Tower 11 Exploratory Committee has been formed (5 members, 2 Chiefs & 1 Commissioner (oversight)): Captain Ryan Ciccaglione, Past Chief Rob Miller, Captain Ryan Masker, FF Dan Rieben, FF Russ Nydegger, and Commissioner Ferdinandi.

Old Business: A representative from the General Contractor for the Tarn Drive project joined the meeting to report on current progress. Steel is up and decking is complete. Site utilities will be installed in the coming weeks (sewer, water, storm, etc.). Preparation for pouring of the second-floor deck will begin. Mason work and scaffolding mobilization will begin shortly. Wood trusses will be delivered during the second week of July and they should be installed during the third week of July. There are still several permit issues that are outstanding. A list of outstanding permit issues has been circulated; the building department has been working on a split-shift schedule, which has caused delays in the permit process. The township has otherwise been accommodating thus far. Despite COVID-19 and issues with permits, the project is still on schedule.

The generator has been installed at Powder Mill; invoice is still pending.

Based on the quote that was obtained for a new K12 saw for Tower 11, Commissioner Jamieson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and approved via unanimous vote to increase the purchasing threshold for the saw and extra blades to be \$1,600.00.

New Business: There was a discussion regarding the traffic pattern in front of Powder Mill Firehouse during return from a call.

There was a discussion regarding dispatch patterns based on caller reports to Parsippany PD.

Resolutions: None.

A Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi, and carried via a unanimous vote at **8:43PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk