

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
June 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at the Tarn Drive Firehouse. The meeting commenced at **7:32PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Ferdinandi, Tagliente, Masker, and Jamieson were in attendance. Captains Masker, Ciccaglione, and DiGiacomo attended as representatives of the Department.

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 Ferdinandi, and passed via unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Monthly Report for May 2021 declaring operating expenses of **\$38,369.61** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. A deposit of **\$181,588.25** for 1st quarter taxes was received. No receipts for petty cash were submitted. 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.

Election certification has been uploaded to a State website.

Truck Report:

- **Tower 11:** Ladder maintenance still required; AC fan not working.
- **Engine 12:** Status quo;
- **Engine 13:** New truck has been put in service; training is scheduled;
- **Rescue 14:** Status quo;
- **Engine 15:** Brake service complete; decision still pending on rust quote;
- **Utility 16:** Dripping oil while parked;
- **Car 18:** Status quo; and
- **Car 19:** Getting tires installed.

Radio Report: Parsippany Police has stated that installing Parsippany radios in our firehouse as promised is not a priority of theirs since we are using the County for primary dispatching.

Insurance: Engine 13 has been registered and insured.

Purchasing: A 4-unit mailbox is going to be purchased but has not been yet.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Joint Commissioner Board: The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held at the District #2's Firehouse on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

Chief's Report / Open: 162 calls year-to-date.

New construction within the district:

- 2900 Route 10 (156 units): No update
- 1500 Littleton Road (250 senior apartments + assisted living):
Contract should be awarded for demolition shortly.

Temporary shelter has been removed from 1500 Littleton Road.

Training Schedule:

- 6/24 – EONE training on Engine 13
- 7/1 – Clean up in preparation for 4th of July
- 7/15 – Trench Rescue Awareness
- 7/22 – TBD
- 2 Members completed RIC weekend

County is going to require CPAT style physical agility test prior to attending Firefighter 1 FDIC is scheduled for August 4-7 (5 Members and Commissioner Masker will be attending)

Mutual Aid Given and Received:

20% of total call volume is going to District 2 for Mutual Aid;
Boonton 2nd alarm for RIC on 6/14;
Denville MVA with Fire on 6/5 on Route 10 at Pelican; and
District 6 – Standby for smoke scare at Hilton on 6/7.

Radios / Dispatching:

County radio system moving along, ETA of completion Spring 2022; and
Many issues remain with dispatching SOP's with PPD.

No consistency in assigning Operations or InterOps channels for large scale or multi-disciplined incidents (MVA, Fires, etc).

EMS issue on 6/13, County asked for Par Troy for reported fire on Ferncliff, 65 argued it was their call, then took 6 minutes to go en route, discussed with Chief of 65, Chief or Par Troy EMS and PPD, that specific incident was resolved but no long-term resolution found to prevent from occurring again. Par Troy is primary for all of our District. Secondary should be the closest available unit.

PPD Chief Miller Retiring end of July.
PPD now sending FD's to vehicle vs Poles as discussed since Fall 2020.

Other Items:

Working on Drivers' Training outline for 16.
July 4th Fireworks are taking place at the Hills; District 1 requested for 3 engines; Morris Plains will be dual dispatched 1800-2300.
Children's Day Fireworks are taking place; District 1 to provide 1 engine.
Officers will be organizing Tarn Drive following Officer Meeting on 6/28.

Two potential new members have been interviewed; one of these members was recommended to contact other departments as he is moving out of the area in one month.

Old Business: The architect/engineer has not confirmed how they plan to assist with necessary repairs and adjustments to the EMS bathroom that is preventing grant of the final Certificate of Occupancy.

LED lighting re-programming still needs to be done at the Tarn Drive Firehouse.

Department use of the bays and facilities were discussed. A consensus was reached that members of the Department should not be doing anything more significant than washing cars in Tarn Drive bays.

The Board recommended to President/Captain Masker that the Department consider a policy stating that violating building policies, such as climbing on the roof or disabling recording devices will result in a charge of Conduct Unbecoming of a Firefighter.

New Business: An email was received from the Business Administrator stating that the town will not pay rent for the ambulance bay until the ambulance occupies the building. The Board is confused as to the basis for this email as the Township never signed the proposed lease.

Firefighter Nydegger requested a \$2,500.00 check for food for the new building and truck commemoration ceremony planned for September. Commissioner Masker explained the requirements before a payment / purchase order can be issued.

Resolutions: The following resolutions were read, discussed, and voted on as below:

Resolution 2021-06 – Application to Firefighter Certification Program for Tarn Drive Firehouse

A resolution appointing Daniel Tagliente, Board Clerk, as the Authorized Signatory to sign any documents necessary to apply for and implement the Firefighter Certification Program at the Tarn Drive Firehouse was read and discussed. The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Yes: Commissioner Masker
Commissioner Berry
Commissioner Tagliente
Commissioner Jamieson
Commissioner Ferdinandi

No: --

Absent:

Being no further business, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **9:58PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk