

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS**

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**REGULAR MEETING  
June 22, 2022, 7:33 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1 was called to order at 7:33PM by President Berry at the Tarn Drive Firehouse at 909 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of June 22, 2022 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The Daily Record on December 10, 2021 and advertised in said newspaper on December 11, 2021, posted on the bulletin board in the Parsippany-Troy Hills Municipal Building, 1001 Parsippany Boulevard, Parsippany, New Jersey, and the Mount Tabor Firehouse, 909 Tarn Road on December 11, 2021, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk and at the Mount Tabor Fire House.

4. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Berry, Ferdinandi, Hazel, Jamieson, Masker (via Zoom)

Commissioners absent:

Department representation: Chief Crawford (via Zoom), Deputy Chief Masker, and Lieutenant Nydegger

5. AGENDA REVIEW

President Berry reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

6. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes from the regular May meeting were read by Commissioner Hazel and approved via a motion by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson, and carried by unanimous vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A letter from Mount Tabor Volunteer Fire Department (MTVFD) asking to put two clothing donation bins at the Tarn Drive firehouse and two clothing donation bins at the Powder Mill firehouse was received. The bins can generate \$150 per box per month for MTVFD.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions presented at this meeting.

## 9. REPORTS

### i. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's monthly report for June 2022 declaring operating expenses of \$53,548.64, was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. Significant expenses included \$12,903.00 to VFIS for insurance and \$10,280.00 to Nisivoccia & Co. 2021 Audit.

Deposits of \$1,935.44 from a FEMA reimbursement and 1,833.33 as reimbursement for CAD expenses from Parsippany District 4 were received.

The Treasurer's report was approved via a motion by Commissioner Hazel, seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi, and carried by unanimous vote.

### ii. Truck Report

Tower 11: Spring 2024 delivery expected for the new apparatus. Looking at Bound Brook's aerial control system. Breathing air system has been removed from the new truck's specification. Current apparatus's floodlight switch has been replaced.

Engine 12: Proposing to have Valtek address front passenger cosmetic paint damage to avoid future complications.

Engine 13: Check engine light is being addressed. Plymovent coupling needs to be ordered.

Rescue 14: Pull out drawer stop snapped in the RIC compartment. Another is partially damaged from years of use - 6 drawers will be repaired with a one inch modification to the shelf height. Light tower o rings dried up – will be replaced. Kussmaul being replaced. Air conditioner is being overcharged. Compartment light issues are urgent – quote for upgrades is \$6,494.56 will be used to make necessary repairs.

Engine 15: Fall 2023 delivery expected for new apparatus. Cab scene light switch will be repaired.

Car 19 - Lead times for a replacement are similar to larger apparatus. A \$5,000-10,000 deposit will be needed to lock in reasonable delivery dates. Chevy lead times are better than Ford. A fully outfitted vehicle may cost approximately \$110,000. The Commissioners will consider a special meeting, as needed, to move operating budget funds to facilitate purchasing a replacement Chief's vehicle. Increasing need for Chief officers to directly respond to incidents requiring loner transit and the risk

associated with operating on state highways were cited as factors contributing to the need to maintain this Chief's vehicle.

iii. Radio Report

Parsippany PD not transferring calls correctly. 911 callers not being transferred immediately. Parsippany is disconnecting with the caller and the county is unable to get more information from the caller.

iv. Insurance Report

1 claim for COVID. The district will be getting a new VFIS rep.

v. Purchasing Report

\$400 on parts for the standpipe prop. Curtains along the steel to put up fake rooms. Making a maze to hang off the truss. Modular system. Budget will be started July and August.

vi. Fire Prevention

No report.

vii. Joint Board Meeting Report

No report.

viii. Chief's Report

153 Calls to date.

1500 Littleton Road project (250 Senior Apartments + Assisted Living) – demo in progress.

Car 19 needs to be replaced.

10. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment from the public.

11. APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

No bills were received at this meeting.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session took place at this meeting.

13. OLD BUSINESS

Monument scheduled to come back in two days. Pavers will be finished afterwards.

#### 14. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Jamieson makes a motion to grant permission to the Mount Tabor Volunteer Fire department to place clothing donation bins at the Tarn Drive firehouse and the Powder Mill firehouse as outlined in the department's correspondence for trial period with review in 90 days. Commissioner Hazel seconds this motion. The motion passed five to four:

Yays: Berry, Ferdinandi, Hazel, Jamieson

Nays: Masker

Quotes are pursued to address grease trap odor.

Two new, in-district members are pursuing the application process.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion to close was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and carried by unanimous vote at 8:14PM.