

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
May 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 commenced at 7:35pm with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Tagliente and Jamieson were also in attendance. Commissioners Ferdinandi and Masker were unable to attend.

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

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report was given due to the absence of Commissioner Masker.

Truck Report: A detailed report of issues with the trucks prepared by Phoenix was read.

- **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:** Priming system is not functioning properly; several valves are leaking; foam system is leaking;
- **614:** Starting issues; throttle is not always responsive; in need of new tires.
- **615:** Extreme buildup of grease on push/pull rods; tank-to-pump valve requires replacement; rear brakes show heat damage; parking brake does not hold; deck gun is not working properly, it was previously reported as being operational by Fire & Safety, they will be contacted to re-evaluate.
- **616:** Priming system is not functioning properly.
- **618:** Will be taken to technician to have the malfunctioning light controller looked at in early June.
- **619:** Check Engine Light has activated and the engine is misfiring; likely in need of 100,000-mile service (~97,000 miles to date); will be serviced soon.

Repairs to 613 will be made a priority and it will be serviced first. When 613 returns, 614 or 615 will be serviced next, pending severity of current issues.

Radio Report: One radio was serviced and returned. A second radio had an issue with external microphones, which was corrected by routine cleaning. There was no update to report regarding any potential changes to the Parsippany radio system. The new Fire Department liaison from the Parsippany Police Department is Deputy Chief Pantina.

Insurance: No update.

Purchasing: Five sets of new interior gear and one set of exterior gear were received. Minor sizing issues were noted and will be resolved for 3 interior jackets.

Fire Prevention: The permit for fireworks for Children's Day was approved.

Joint Board: The next meeting will be held next month (June). District 1 will host. We are currently working with District 3 to arrange using their firehouse.

Chief/Open: Investigation into a new utility truck has uncovered that current model years are sold out, and any purchase would have to be for a 2020 model, which would be at a higher cost.

The Chief thanked the Board for hosting the annual Inspection Dinner.

The Mayor has reached out to emergency services personnel to participate in a video series describing the services they provide to the community.

The Chief has requested a demonstration on personal thermal imaging cameras from Flir.

There have been 144 calls year to date.

There are no new updates on the town-wide drill to be held at 1515 Route 10 East.

There will be a town-wide drill discussing Autism Awareness on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Old Business: Bids for the new building were opened this past week. Bids ranged from approximately \$5.2-\$6.6M. This is above the value that the local finance board had set forth. The Board will seek to appear before the local finance board and continue to determine the next steps to move forward.

The generator at Tarn Drive Firehouse will be removed once there is a more definitive date as to when construction on the new building will begin.

New Business: The Department asked the Board to discuss what would be done with the shed at the Tarn Drive Firehouse during construction. It currently holds some Department recreation equipment. The Board is against moving the shed to the Powder Mill Firehouse, but is open to the idea of selling it. The Department can discuss more options at their next regular business meeting.

Resolutions: No resolutions were presented at this meeting.

A Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and carried via unanimous vote at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner