

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
September 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 commenced at 7:33pm with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Tagliente and Jamieson were also in attendance. Commissioner Ferdinandi was unable to attend.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Monthly Report declaring expenses of **\$29,227.63** was read and all monthly expenses were approved. Deposits totaling **\$0.00** were received. Petty cash in the amount of **\$983.57** was reconciled after all receipts were inspected and confirmed to be in order. A check was disbursed. Funds for the new FIT Machine have been received from all other agencies with the exception of District #4 and Rescue/Recovery.

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

Truck Report:

- **611:** Status quo;
- **612:** Seatbelt alarms are still an issue even when personnel are properly seated and fastened;
- **613:** Priming problem has been fixed;
- **614:** Exhaust rattling is still going on even after Phoenix investigated;
- **615:** Brakes are functioning better after service, but sound very loud;
- **616:** Parking brake is not holding; Phoenix recommends replacing brake system; Tank may be nearing the end of its usable life;
- **618:** Intermittent electrical issues due to a computer issue; and
- **619:** Needs new front brakes.

Ongoing problems with Engine 616 were discussed. Commissioner Berry made a motion that the Board develop a contract with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus to have their assistance in selling Engine 616. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jamieson and passed via unanimous vote.

Radio Report: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Purchasing: New FIT Machine has been received; training will be conducted at the next Joint Chief's Meeting in October.

Fire Prevention: The Department will be bringing trucks to the Littleton School and Mount Tabor School in October to give Fire Prevention presentations.

Joint Commissioner Board: The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be October 2, 2019, at District #3.

Chief/Open: There have been 266 calls YTD. There are many training events scheduled for October and November, to include several live burns and bail-out training. Chief Crawford is signed up for ISO and PEOSH classes in October/November. Commissioner Tagliente will be attending the ISO class as well.

Resident Paul Eisenberg inquired into whether there were any problems with the air compressor system at the Powder Mill Firehouse. Commissioner Berry confirmed that it is in working order and was recently serviced.

Old Business: Chief Crawford brought up the fact that the County is no longer supporting the issuance of new ID cards. Commissioner Berry will bring it up at the next Joint Board Meeting.

The Board discussed instituting background checks for new members. Documents used by Hanover Township were discussed. The Board will consult with legal counsel to discuss pros and cons of these programs prior to implementation.

New Business: The election to raise additional funds for construction of the new firehouse will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019. All requirements for the election have been met, including publication and posting of all appropriate notices.

Chief Crawford discussed an additional modification to the incentive program whereby members would be paid different rates based on their skills and qualifications in order to further encourage advanced training courses.

Chief Crawford and Deputy Chief Herrmann looked into a venue for next year's Inspection Dinner, which would be a dinner cruise. Maximum capacity would be 130 people. The venue is currently holding May 16, 2020 as a possible date. Total cost is comparable to previous year's costs. A motion to reserve the venue for this date was made by Commissioner Berry, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and passed via a unanimous vote.

Resolutions: No Resolutions were brought to the floor.

A Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and carried via unanimous vote at 8:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk