

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS**

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**REGULAR MEETING  
May 25, 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 May 25, 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, Hazel, Jamieson, Masker

Commissioners absent: Ferdinandi

Department representation: Chief Crawford and Deputy Chief Masker

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

There were no communications received for this meeting.

## 8. RESOLUTIONS:

No. 2022-06

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY CONCERNING REVIEW OF THE FINDINGS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD MADE AT A MEETING OF SAID BOARD ON MARCH 9, 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-7 WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSED FINANCING TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT

The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Yes: Berry, Masker, Jamieson, Hazel

No: --

Absent: Ferdinandi

No. 2022-07

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY NISIVOCCIA & CO. FOR THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT 1.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Yes: Berry, Masker, Jamieson, Hazel

No: --

Absent: Ferdinandi

## 9. REPORTS

### i. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's monthly report for May 2022 declaring operating expenses of \$51,440.86, was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. Significant expenses included \$16,590.50 for legal and professional services to Decotis for bond sale expenses and \$15,000.00 for legal and professional services to Nisivoccia & Co. related to bond sale expenses. \$983.39 in petty cash expense was executed.

A deposit of \$291,766.67 from 2nd quarter tax payments was received.

Copies of the 2021 audit were distributed to each commissioner for review before tonight's meeting.

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

ii. Truck Report

Tower 11: Spring 2024 delivery expected for the new apparatus. Looking at Boundbrook's aerial control system. Breathing air system has been removed from the new truck's specification.

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

Engine 13: Check engine light is illuminated.

Rescue 14: Pull out drawer stop snapped in the RIC compartment. Another is partially damaged from years of use - 6 drawers will be repaired. Light tower o rings dried up – will be replaced. Kussmaul being replaced. Air conditioner is being overcharged. Light compartment issues are urgent – quote for upgrades is \$6,494.56.

Engine 15: Fall 2023 delivery expected for new apparatus.

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.

SAM System is not being aggressively pushed for new apparatus.

Hose for the new trucks will be ordered by the end of 2022.

Truck committee is questioning whether the Axis system important to keep on new apparatus. Commissioner Berry will review the Axis system.

iii. Radio Report

Replacement pagers were purchased.

County CAD texts will stop soon due to carrier issues with T-Mobile and Verizon. Will rely on EDISPATCH and ROVER.

ESO switching over CAD system interface. First Arriving is impressive – cost versus benefit evaluation is ongoing.

Volunteered to work with PPD for Dispatcher Training at a live class A burn drill at the Fire Academy. Dispatchers attended at no cost to the District. There were mixed results. Parsippany indicated commitment to improving training and consistency.

iv. Insurance Report

No report.

v. Purchasing Report

No report.

vi. Fire Prevention

No report.

vii. Joint Board Meeting Report

The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held at District #1's Firehouse on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

viii. Chief's Report

153 Calls to date.

New Construction: 2900 Route 10 project (156 Units) - no update; 1500 Littleton Road project (250 Senior Apartments + Assisted Living) - Will be used for training this week. Will be demolished soon.

Training: 5/26 - Hands on at 1500 Littleton Rd; 6/2 – RIC; 6/16 - Standpipes at academy.

Mutual Aid: 4/28 - West Side Task Force to Morris Twp; 4/29 - West Side Task Force to Morris Twp; 5/10 - D2 for small fire at 2 Cranberry Road (out prior to arrival). D3 removed as primary backup department, Morris Plains added (switch).

Dinner: Thank You BOFC. Inspection - Low Attendance (Thursday), but positive feedback on food, format. Dinner itself was wet, windy, and cold, but still had a good time. Paid for 120, 115 RSVP'd, and 96 showed up. Members enjoyed not wearing uniforms.

Other Business: Preplanning Gates Court with Fire Prevention. Darren working well with us.

Ongoing discussion regarding incentive and getting members up overnight and for mutual aid calls.

We are struggling consistently with manpower...what is the long-term solution? Joint Chiefs are discussing recruitment efforts.

FDIC 2022: Decided on preferred TIC models for future purchase. Hybrid trucks were a popular topic on the convention floor. Pricing for hotels is higher than in the past.

## 10. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

#### 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

The monument base is ready for monument delivery in order to continue adjacent work. Commissioner Berry will coordinate delivery of the monument.

#### 14. NEW BUSINESS

A \$5,000-10,000 deposit will be considered to lock in reasonable delivery dates for a replacement Car 19.

#### 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 9:44PM.