

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1**  
**March 27, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 commenced at 7:42pm with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Ferdinandi, Tagliente and Jamieson were also in attendance.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report declaring expenses of **\$64,381.85** was read and all monthly expenses were approved. Deposits totaling **\$39,071.00** were received. This amount includes the first quarter EMS rent payment and a refund from NJ Manufacturer's for overpayment toward Workman's Comp Insurance. Petty cash in the amount of **\$881.00** was reconciled after all receipts were inspected, and a check was disbursed. Audit is being reviewed and results should be available for the next meeting.

**Truck Report:**

- **611:** There is a slow air leak while the truck is parked. Fire & Safety will come and inspect the truck and make any necessary repairs.
- **612:** There is a sliding tray that can come completely out of the compartment. Fire & Safety will come and inspect the truck and make any necessary repairs.
- **613:** The cab lock and coolant hose issue were both fixed.
- **614:** Status quo.
- **615:** There is an issue with the parking break. Fire & Safety will come and inspect the truck and make any necessary repairs.
- **616:** Status quo.
- **618:** Due for first routine maintenance check. There is also an issue with the light controller that will be replaced in April.
- **619:** Due for new shocks and struts. An estimate has been obtained for \$1,300.00 to perform this maintenance.

**Radio Report:** Switching back to the Parsippany radio system cannot occur this year due to a pending upgrade to the Parsippany radio system.

**Insurance:** No changes. Criteria for eligibility for life insurance coverage for Life Members of the Department was discussed. Commissioner Masker made the following suggestion for how coverage will be renewed for next year: Life Members of the Department will receive continued life insurance coverage at the full benefit amount until age 60. At age 60 or greater, the Life Member must attend at least 3 events (Calls, Drills, or Meetings) per calendar year, not including social functions, to maintain coverage. If a Life Member fails to attend at least 3 events, their coverage will be reduced to a half benefit until age 65. If at age 65 or older a Life Member has failed to attend at least 3 events, coverage will be dropped. Once coverage has been reduced or dropped, the member must re-attain active status before coverage will be reinstated. Reinstatement of coverage will only be at a half benefit.

**Purchasing:** Usual and customary operating bills for the month were presented.

**Fire Prevention:** The town budget still includes a new Fire Prevention trailer.

**Joint Board:** The next meeting will be April 3, 2019, at District #6's firehouse.

**Chief/Open:** The garage door opener from 616's bay needs to be moved to the Simpson Ave firehouse.

The first quarter of the incentive program will be closing out this weekend. The current expenditure is tracking close to the initial estimates.

An updated Hepatitis B vaccine declination form has been obtained from legal counsel.

The exhaust vent and chimney at the Simpson Ave firehouse are not properly ventilated to the outdoors. This needs to be communicated to the building's management so that repairs can be arranged.

The door system is not functioning properly at the Tarn Drive firehouse.

The heat is not functioning properly at the Tarn Drive firehouse. This may be the cause of the door system issues.

The vacant house behind the Tarn Drive firehouse has been used for lots of training by the Department as well as some mutual aid departments. Chief Crawford recommends thanking the neighbors for their cooperation with having the trucks there for these night and evening training events.

Commissioner Berry will continue looking into oil drop pans for the bays.

**Old Business:** The construction for the training area at the Powder Mill firehouse is ongoing. More materials will be delivered within the next week.

The new building advertisement was published and there have been multiple inquires for reference materials.

The light fixtures in the bays of the Powder Mill firehouse need to be replaced. Commissioner Masker will obtain quotes for the next meeting.

**New Business:** The heat at the Powder Mill firehouse is not working properly and will be fixed.

The air compressor for bottle filling at Powder Mill firehouse has been damaged. Further investigation to follow.

**Resolutions:** None.

A Motion to Close was made and carried at 8:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente  
Commissioner