

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1  
December 16, 2020**

A public hearing with respect to the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 proposed 2021 operating budget was held at the Powder Mill Firehouse on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, in conjunction with the Board's regularly scheduled meeting.

The public hearing to allow for public question or objection to the 2021 operating budget was opened to the public, and the regular meeting commenced at **7:30PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. The public hearing will remain open until at least **9:30PM**, or as long as necessary to hear all comments. Commissioners Masker, Ferdinandi, Jamieson, and Tagliente were in attendance. Chief Crawford also attended as a representative of the Department. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and severe weather conditions, the meeting was held with a remote/virtual option in accordance with the Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy as applicable to public assemblies and meetings.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report declaring operating expenses of **\$574,860.57 (Operating Expenses of \$33,718.34 & Building Expenses \$540,197.23)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. No comments or objections were made.

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

**Truck Report:**

- **Tower 11:** Status quo;
- **Engine 12:** Sensor was replaced to address low pressure issue;
- **Engine 13:** Status quo;
- **Rescue 14:** Status quo;
- **Engine 15:** Mirror still needs to be fixed; door sensors have errors; checked for leak but nothing found;
- **Utility 16:** Battery problems have been diagnosed and fixed;
- **Car 18:** Status quo; and
- **Car 19:** Status quo.

**Radio Report:** Parsippany PD reports that they still anticipate being able to have the radio system up and running by January 1, 2021.

There is no meeting scheduled for the Parsippany Radio Committee at this time.

**Insurance:** A quote for next year's Workman's Compensation Insurance has been received. The current bill is approximately \$35,000.00.

**Purchasing:** Gear lockers that were previously approved as part of the building construction have been installed.

There is a proposal from the Morris County Communications Center for dispatching and radio services. The cost breakdown is \$4,985.00 for dispatching, \$7,200 for Radio Fee, Totaling \$12,185.00

**Fire Prevention:** No report.

**Joint Commissioner Board:** The previous Joint Commissioner Board meeting scheduled for December 2, 2020, at District #4's firehouse, was cancelled at District #4's request.

**Chief/Open:** There have been 338 calls year-to-date.

**Old Business:** The Board conducted a walkthrough of the Tarn Drive Firehouse construction project during the previous weekend. Temporary heaters have been installed and the building is now mostly closed with tarps. Backfilling and curbing will begin once snow has been removed. Glass and bay doors are anticipated to be installed in early January, at which point it may become possible to house 2 trucks. Furniture has been ordered and paid for out of the 2020 operating budget; it is scheduled to be delivered towards the end of January.

The property where the temporary shelter resides may begin demolition in early February.

There is a perspective purchaser of the temporary shelter for an estimate price of \$10,000.00.

**New Business:** A discussion was held on the potential implications of legalization of recreational marijuana in NJ. The Board discussed whether there may be implications. The Board will consider the issue in consultation with the Board's attorney during the interim between now and the next month's meeting. The Board may request that the Chief update the SOPs and other member guidelines to include the Board's determination on this issue.

Lieutenant Matt Roca was sworn in as a new officer following his election to the position by the Department.

**Resolutions:** None.

Being no further business, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **8:33PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente  
Commissioner / Clerk