

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
October 28, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held at the Powder Mill Firehouse on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, in conjunction with the Board's regularly scheduled meeting.

The special meeting and election commenced at **6:00PM**. The regular meeting commenced at **7:30PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Ferdinandi, Jamieson, and Tagliente were in attendance. Chief Crawford and Deputy Chief Herrmann also attended as representatives of the Department.

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 **\$325,843.34 (Operating Expenses of \$65,153.34 & Building Expenses \$266,690.00)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. A deposit for the third quarter property taxes was received in the amount of **\$209,315.25**. 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:** Out of service to have the engine brake fixed;
- **Engine 12:** Gas meter is not working, but may be repaired or replaced under warranty;
- **Engine 13:** Driver's interior door handle is broken;
- **Rescue 14:** Door for the light tower is not working;
- **Engine 15:** Steamer connection is broken; mirror still needs to be fixed; door sensors have errors;
- **Utility 16:** Bid has been obtained for replacing tires at approximately \$200/tire;
- **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 partial refund was issued for the unused portion of the policy for old 616. An invoice was received for the annual accident insurance policy renewal.

Purchasing: Commissioner Masker recommended that a new plymovent system be purchased for Powder Mill so that all trucks will be compatible between firehouses. A quote has been obtained for \$4,315.

Commissioner Masker has begun investigating a sign for outside the Tarn Drive Firehouse.

Fire Prevention: There has been no update on the fire prevention trailer.

Joint Commissioner Board: The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held on December 2, 2020, at District #4's firehouse.

Chief/Open: There have been 301 calls year-to-date.

A live burn at the Morris County Academy is scheduled for next week. District 3 will be joining in training.

A joint drill with District 6 is planned for the Middlesex Academy.

A new group home is being planned for Circle Drive. District 2 will serve as the back-up district for this area.

Ruth Davis Drive has reopened its buildings with patients planned to soon be occupying 8 out of 9 buildings. The 9th building will be an administrative building.

Two members who were enrolled in Firefighter One at the Morris County Academy have passed.

Plans have been received for the 1500 Littleton Road Project. There is a new POC.

The Parsippany task forces have been approved by the MAC coordinator and the township. These task forces will be used for events require a response greater than third-alarm.

We will be covering for Rescue & Recovery and District 4 at various times during the upcoming week.

Old Business: A rental agreement has been received back from the Township. They have proposed several revisions. The Board is reviewing the changes and requesting that the Township only utilize the premises for EMS purposes only.

The natural gas line at Tarn Drive has been installed. There was a problem with some stone/mortar coloring. The mistake will be corrected by the mortar company. The roof and windows have been installed. HVAC system installation is underway. Bay doors are on order. Bay doors were changed to include UV protection to protect the truck paint from fading. A water softener has been quoted. The bays will now have an open ceiling rather than installing sheetrock. This will save money and allow for easy utility access. Some of the furniture has been ordered: 10 tables for the meeting room, chairs, etc.

New Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi, and approved via an unanimous vote to move forward with outfitting Powder Mill Firehouse with a magnetic plymovent exhaust system as discussed during the purchasing report.

Resolutions: None.

The special election results were counted. The proposed and voted-upon measure allowing for allocation of funds to be re-allocated/ used for roof replacement and generator passed (Count: Yes-7, No-0). The proposed 2021 operating budget of \$1,268,400.28 was introduced, read and voted upon by the Commissioners with the following results:

	<u>YAY</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Commissioner Berry	X	
Commissioner Masker	X	
Commissioner Jamieson	X	
Commissioner Ferdinandi	X	
Commissioner Tagliente	X	

The proposed budget will be submitted to the State this week.

Being no further business, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **9:02PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk