

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
November 18, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held at the Powder Mill Firehouse on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

The 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 the 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 expenses of **\$719,112.10 (Operating Expenses of \$24,371.90 & Building Expenses: \$673,740.20 to Grove Contracting; \$21,000.00 to NV5)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. Receipts for petty cash in the amount of **\$945.00** were reviewed; all was in order. No deposits were received. The following adjustments to sub-accounts were made:

Moved from Physicals to Chief's	\$10,000.00
Moved from Insurance to Chief's	\$11,000.00
Moved from Equipment to Chief's	\$15,000.00
Moved from Utilities to Chief's	\$ 9,000.00
Moved from Equipment to Admin	\$17,000.00

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.

The proposed 2021 operating budget was approved by the State. The Board will vote later in the meeting to determine whether the Board will adopt the budget as approved by the State.

A date must be set for the budget to be heard and discussed with the public. This public hearing will take place during the next meeting of the Board of Fire commissioners on December 16, 2020 from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. Commissioner Masker will advertise notice of this event in seven public places and the Daily Record newspaper with at least 10-days notice.

Truck Report:

- **Tower 11:** Back from Detroit Diesel with engine repair;
- **Engine 12:** Intake gauge is broken;
- **Engine 13:** Broken door was fixed; Ladder bracket needed;
- **Rescue 14:** Pop-up door fixed;
- **Engine 15:** Intake valve broken; mirror broken;
- **Utility 16:** New tires installed;
- **Car 18:** New tires installed; and
- **Car 19:** Status quo.

Radio Report: As of today, the Department is supposed to have access to Parsippany PD CAD, but has not heard anything from Parsippany PD on this. The Department has requested a portable to be placed on the desk so dispatchers can listen to how we respond and communicate now before the transition on Jan 1. This has still not been done. Original request was made August, several reminders were made at meetings, but this is still not resolved.

Chief Crawford presented a letter from the Officers of the Department expressing their desire to remain with the County dispatching system.

Insurance: No report.

Purchasing: Plymovent system installation (approved during previous meeting) has been scheduled.

Purchase order has been made for a gear dryer.

The estimated price for a water softener is approximately \$20,000.00. The specification is going to be reviewed to check to see if the equipment quoted is necessary. Truck fills will not be piped to the water softener system.

A sign has been ordered for the front of the Tarn Drive Firehouse.

Fire Prevention: The fire prevention trailer is not going to be purchased.

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 321 calls year-to-date. Percentages are holding strong for 4th Quarter.

Greystone HAZMAT threat on 11/10. Morris County Sheriffs ran the call, all units stood by. No credible threat found.

No update on 2900 Route 10 project, waiting on variance to be approved in December/January.

1500 Littleton Road project: reviewed the drawings, a few questions are being sent to their attorney. Chief recommends the board should consider purchasing a new Tower on the 2022 February ballot at the latest in order to adequately provide fire coverage to this structure.

Upcoming Training: DFS has not put any restrictions on training even with increase of COVID-19 cases; 11/19 - Elevator Rescue; 12/3 – Escape Training.

Parsippany Task Force is approved by MAC 1, to be used beyond 3rd alarm in and around county. 287 is the dividing line. Activation is at the MAC's discretion. East Side: Hiawatha Engine; D5 Engine; D6 Ladder. West Side: Tabor Engine; Rainbow Ladder; Lake Par Engine.

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.

Tarn Drive Building Update: The piping for the heat is being installed. Inspections were conducted in accordance with Governor Murphy's executive orders 107 & 108. Lighting is being installed and configured. The contractor is looking to find additional laborers and tradesmen to complete the job. Construction will continue on weekends while weather is still above freezing. Air handlers are scheduled to arrive on December 15. Front stairs will be installed next week. Glass will be installed once all brick work is complete. A concrete pad for the generator will be poured shortly.

New Business: Quotes were reviewed to repair the safety system on the bay doors at Powder Mill Firehouse. The Board agrees to pursue the pressure-sensor based safety system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi to adopt the proposed 2021 operating budget as submitted and approved by the State. A roll call vote followed 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	

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 **9:02PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk