

Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
March 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. The meeting commenced at **7:30PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Ferdinandi, Jamieson, and Tagliente were in attendance. Chief Crawford and Deputy Chief attended as representatives of the Department. Several members of the public were also in attendance.

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 Ferdinandi, and passed via unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2021 declaring operating expenses of **\$373,304.79 (Operating Expenses of \$30,088.49 & Building Expenses \$343,216.30.)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. One deposit in the amount of **\$900.00** was received for rent of Powder Mill Firehouse. No receipts for petty cash were submitted. 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.

Commissioner Masker explained that a Bond payment was made on 3/12 in the amount of **\$490,090.28**. The next interest payment is due in September.

Truck Report: Preventative Maintenance scheduled for May.

- **Tower 11:** Status quo;
- **Engine 12:** Involved in an accident (see insurance); Foam may be leaking;
- **Engine 13:** Foam tank gauge shows that tank is empty even when full; Equipment list for new Engine 13 was reviewed and discussed, Chief to prioritize and come up with a better estimate of full cost;
- **Rescue 14:** Status quo;
- **Engine 15:** Meter charging not working right, attempting in-house repair;
- **Utility 16:** Battery died, alternative charging investigating;
- **Car 18:** Status quo; and
- **Car 19:** Needs new tires.

Radio Report: Discussed by Chief under Chief's Report.

Insurance: A claim was filed for Engine 12's accident. An estimate was submitted to insurance and approved. The insurance provider will be sending a check. Waiting on Valtek to call when parts are in to schedule a repair.

Purchasing: N/A

Fire Prevention: N/A

Joint Commissioner Board: The last Joint Commissioner Board meeting was held on February 3rd, 2021, at District #5's firehouse. The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2021, at District #6's firehouse.

Chief's Report / Open: 71 calls year-to-date;

New Construction within the Fire District:

2900 Route 10 project (180 Units): variance change approved.

1500 Littleton Road project (250 Senior Apartments + Assisted Living):

Conference call with Peter King & Developers had on 3/4/21;

Will get back to us before May application hearing with Parsippany; and

Cited concerns with apparatus access, etc.

Training: 3/25 – Ladders @ GSK; 4/1 – RIC; 4/15 – TBD; 4/22 – TBD; 4/29 – TBD; Awaiting access permission to GSK and Tentative move in date for Tarn Drive; We have 3 members who completed Low Angle Rope Rescue Training, will continue onto High Angle; 2 or 3 Members attending RIC Weekend at the end of April

Mutual Aid Rendered and Received:

8 out of 21 calls in the last 4 weeks have been Mutual Aid Given;
Mountain Lakes 3/12 for reported fire; and
Responded to Greystone on 3/21 for large dumpster fire.

Radios/Dispatching:

MVA calls are dispatched inconsistently by PPD; Dispatch determined by PPD once on scene; Officers often making decisions on whether to call FD or not;
Reports of issues being resolved are improving, but often FD's don't get full resolution or explanation;
ProPhoenix / CAD link still not working for out of town addresses;
CAD notes still not detailed in Parsippany reports;
Out of town calls, address will not properly populate in the CAD texts;
Interops channel assignment still not consistent, but do work well when assigned by PPD on dispatch;
Radio coverage issues are now being pushed to Motorola entirely;
Fire Mobile still being worked on by end users;
No MAYDAY tones weekly as originally agreed upon in July 2020; and
No additional training sessions for dispatchers have been occurred or been planned since the fall.

New Firehouse: Clean Air (PlymoVent), Printer vendor & Officer Furniture vendor all on standby.

Other Business:

SOP for distributing keys to new members, would like to review for approval;
FEMA reimbursement for Tropical Storm Isaias submitted; Expecting between \$7,000-\$12,000 reimbursement; and
FEMA extended reimbursement for COVID for 100% coverage until further notice.

Old Business: Key access SOP has been prepared by the Chief and was discussed with the Board. A Motion to accept this SOP as presented by the Chief was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote.

Tarn Drive Firehouse Updates: Paving and bay floor ceiling will be some of the last items to be done; flag pole has been set; generator be wired tomorrow; second floor flooring installed; kitchen and bathroom cabinets installed; HVAC redesign has been completed; door access and camera system are in progress; gear dryer has arrived; landscaping will begin once weather permits; telephone poll still must be removed; and monument placement needs to be finalized soon.

New Business: Atlantic Health has offered to provide car seat checks at the Powder Mill Firehouse. A motion to pursue this offering was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and approved via a unanimous vote.

Resolutions: No resolutions were presented or voted on.

Being no further business, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **9:06PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk