

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1  
September 23, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 was held at the Powder Mill Firehouse on Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

The meeting commenced at **7:33PM** with Commissioner Jamieson presiding. Commissioners Masker and Tagliente were in attendance. Commissioners Berry and Ferdinandi were unable to attend. 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 **\$321,741.10 (Operating Expenses of \$18,438.44 & Building Expenses \$303,302.66)** was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. Petty Cash reimbursement in the amount of \$895.12 was provided following review and audit to confirm that all receipts are in order. No deposits were received. No comments or objections were made.

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

**Truck Report:**

- **Tower 11:** All issues have been corrected and truck is back in service;
- **Engine 12:** Status quo;
- **Engine 13:** A throttle problem has been reported but cannot be reproduced;
- **Rescue 14:** All issues have been corrected and truck is back in service;
- **Engine 15:** There was a cracked exhaust manifold that has been repaired; broken side mirror was installed backwards / with a wrong part; problem will be corrected soon;
- **Utility 16:** Status quo;
- **Car 18:** Status quo; and
- **Car 19:** Break and suspension service was completed.

**Radio Report:** There have been ongoing meetings between the radio committee and the Parsippany PD to discuss the details of transitioning dispatching back to the town.

EMS dispatching will likely be discontinued for automatic dispatch for calls for elevator entrapments, CO alarms, and odors. This does not mean that they cannot be requested by PD or fire.

The Parsippany Ops channels will likely be obsolete for the purpose of fires.

The target start date for Parsippany coverage is still estimated for January 1, 2021. The next meeting between the committee and the Parsippany PD has not yet been scheduled.

**Insurance:** Department members received bills from Police and Fireman's insurance company. Instructions were given to the membership on how to cancel the policy if they would like. Otherwise the members are responsible for the bill if they wish to keep the policy.

**Purchasing:** No report.

**Fire Prevention:** The Joint Chiefs sent a letter to the Township Business Administrator inquiring as to why the Township has not yet purchased the fire prevention trailer that has previously been approved.

**Joint Commissioner Board:** The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held on October 7, 2020, at District #3's firehouse.

**Chief/Open:** There have been 269 calls year to date.

No update on the 2900 Route 10 or 1500 Littleton Road projects.

There will be a change to run cards: Our district will always respond with the Rescue to motor vehicle accidents along Route 202. Mutual aid agencies will be primarily responding with suppression apparatus.

The Chief would like to institute some form of background checks for new members. Forms were circulated last year for the Board to review. Commissioner Masker will review the forms and ask legal counsel to provide input as necessary.

**Old Business:** Progress with the building at Tarn Drive is moving along. Walls are going up. Plumbing and electrical are being installed. Gear locker installation is scheduled for November 20-22. Utility poles should hopefully be moved shortly. Waiting on NJ Natural Gas to run the gas line. We have been charged despite the service not yet being installed. Shingles for the roof should be installed in the next few weeks. A door will be added between the Fire and EMS bays. Lights on the columns have been changed to be programmable to facilitate bunting.

The new building will have magnetic plymo-vent connections. Retrofitting old trucks needs to be investigated.

**New Business:** There will be a special meeting held in conjunction with the Board's next regular meeting on October 28 beginning at 6PM. At this meeting, there will be a special vote for putting a new roof on the Powder Mill Firehouse not to exceed \$28,000.00. Several quotes have been obtained and details are available from Commissioner Masker. Notices will be posted in five public places.

The Board plans to introduce and vote on the 2021 budget following the October 28 special vote.

Based on current executive orders that are in place, the February 2021 election is anticipated to be mostly mail-in.

**Resolutions:** None.

A Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **8:54PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente  
Commissioner / Clerk