

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #1
PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP
DECEMBER 18, 2013

DECEMBER 18TH, 2013- A Special meeting was requested by members of the CMA regarding the continued use of the Simpson House fire house. The meeting began at 7:25PM. 6 members of the CMA attended. Commissioners, Berry, Masker and Eisenberg were in attendance. The members wanted to discuss the letter the Board sent to them notifying them of the reduced rent we would be paying in 2014 due to budget constraints and the amount of use we would be using the space for in the future. They were concerned about the response time we could provide and we explained there hadn't been a truck in that firehouse for 2 years and our response time to Tabor is not only quick- but we get a very good turnout due to the nature of the older homes and the close proximity to each other. We said we would continue to use the firehouse during storms and at times when we felt it was important to keep apparatus on the hill. We also said we would try and "show" the trucks at times so that the citizens felt more comfortable.

The regular open session was called to order at 8:30 PM by President Jeff Berry.
Treasurers Report Petty cash was submitted by the Chief's office and receipts were reviewed and approved. All bills were paid to date. A motion to accept them was made by Eisenberg and seconded by Berry.

Truck Report Phoenix worked on 614- the light tower was repaired. The deck gun is now working on 615- apparently the nozzle was too long and prevented deployment. Foley came to put the block heater on 614. The ignition toggle switch was defective. Phoenix was to look at it- we're not sure it was completed. A lighter engine oil viscosity in the engine would help during starting.

The clean water gauge on 615 was now working- it was removed and cleaned. This may work going forward- if not, the gauge will need to be replaced.

Insurance No report Assistant chief Hollner said if we have other depts use our bays, we should have them sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement and show proof of insurance.

Radios District 3 wants permission to use the frequency and tones for Gates Court since they are now being double dispatched to that location. That was not an issue.

Chief's Report Chief Smith had nothing to report. Asst Chief Hollner asked if he could keep the siren package (he asked to purchase) in his car. We said he could keep it as it would cost as much to remove it.

A 3rd vote to approve the 2014 budget was taken. Roll call:

Eisenberg- Yes, Berry- Yes, Masker- Yes- there were two absent members. Budget approved.

New Business The Commissioner's received a check from FEMA for reimbursement for time spent during the Sandy emergency. It was agreed to use some of this as an incentive award for the members who participated. The officers came up with a formula for disbursement and approximately \$5,000 would be distributed at the annual dinner in January.

Minutes of the Commissioner's meetings are to be posted on a new web site we're required to have. The cost would be an initial \$600 set up fee and \$120 a year to maintain.

The board voted to buy a new Holmatro mini cutter at a cost of \$3873 and 1000 feet of Kryptonite 5" hose for \$7500. The hose weighs considerably less than the present hose.

Commissioner Masker suggested we upgrade the lighting on trucks 611 and 615 in 2013. It was suggested we upgrade 615 as 611 didn't roll as much as 615. The cost was approximately \$12,000 for 615. President Berry wanted all commissioners to vote on this issue, so the meeting was suspended till the next night when all could attend.

Thursday December 19th, the Commissioner's met to vote on this issue. Motion was made and passed to purchase these additional items from surplus funds in the 2013 budget.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Eisenberg
Secretary