

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No.1 was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Berry at the Tarn Drive Firehouse at 909 Tabor Road, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of November 16, 2022 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The Daily Record on December 10, 2021 and advertised in said newspaper on December 11, 2021, posted on the bulletin board in the Parsippany-Troy Hills Municipal Building, 1001 Parsippany Boulevard, Parsippany, New Jersey, and the Mount Tabor Firehouse, 909 Tarn Road on December 11, 2021, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk and at the Mount Tabor Fire House.

4. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Berry, Ferdinandi, Jamieson, Masker, Hazel

Department representation: Chief Crawford

5. AGENDA REVIEW

President Berry reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

6. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Minutes from the regular October meeting were distributed by Commissioner Hazel to all Commissioners to review prior to this meeting. Minutes from the regular October meeting were approved via a motion by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and carried by unanimous vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

A new contract for Air and Gas to service the SCBA cylinder compressor at the Powder Mill Firehouse was received.

8. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2022-10

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY CONCERNING RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC QUESTION PROPOSED AT A MEETING OF SAID BOARD ON OCTOBER 26, 2022 WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION TO USE RESERVE SAVINGS MONIES TO PURCHASE A NEW CHIEF VEHICLE.

The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Aye: Berry, Ferdinandi, Hazel, Jamieson, Masker

Nay: --

Abstained: --

9. REPORTS

i. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's monthly report for November 2022 declaring operating expenses of \$55,283.82, was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments.

Significant expenses included \$21,000 to NV5 for the final invoice for the Tarn Drive Firehouse Project, \$19,065 to First Battalion for two (2) thermal imaging cameras, and \$6,901 to VFIS for the Accident and Sickness insurance policy payment made in conjunction with The Parsippany Troy-Hills Joint Board of Fire Commissioners.

\$20,000 of the 2022 operating budget was moved from Insurance to Equipment and Repair. \$13,605 of the 2022 operating budget was moved from Insurance to Communications.

The budget for 2023 was provided to all commissioners to review and provide comment on prior to this meeting.

Commissioner Masker notes that the 2022 tax base .094. This will increase to .096 in 2023 and is projected to decrease 2 years after that.

Commissioner Hazel made a motion accept the treasurers report as read and to proceed with State review and approval with the budget as provided by Commissioner Masker. Commissioner Jamieson seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following roll-call vote:

Aye: Berry, Ferdinandi, Hazel, Jamieson, Masker

Nay: --

Abstained: --

Budget will be uploaded to the state for approval.

ii. Truck Report

No new issues have been reported. Rescue 14 is waiting for manufacturers to provide correct shelf and light tower parts.

iii. Radio Report

We are overdue to replace batteries for a set of portable radios purchased in 2014. Seeking to split the order in two separate purchases starting in the first quarter of 2023. Commissioner Masker suggests that, pending final costs, we may be able to use 2022 funds.

There is currently no Parsippany Police liaison to the town fire departments.

iv. Insurance Report

No Report.

v. Purchasing Report

Complications regarding the procurement of a new Chief's vehicle from Gentilini Motors has been settled. The truck is currently being painted.

vi. Fire Prevention

No Report.

vii. Joint Board Meeting Report

The next Joint Board Meeting will be held the first Wednesday of December at the District 4.

viii. Chief's Report

395 Calls to date (60 calls ahead of this time 2021)

Training/Events: 11/17 - Live burn at LSC, 12/1 - RIC/Size Up

Mutual aid has been provided for 135 incidents so far this year including: 59 responses to District 2, 29 responses to Dover, 6 responses to Denville, and 3 responses to District 3. Notable mutual Aid since Last meeting includes a RIC response into Mountain Lakes on 10/26 for an electrical fire in a restaurant.

The county radio system upgrade will be implemented soon. Reprogramming will be completed in the next few weeks.

Personnel responses are still an issue. Inconsistent daytime responses remain the primary concern.

The new incentive program has been proposed, offering a maximum per call rate of \$30 for a firefighter, \$33 for a lieutenant or captain and \$35 for a chief or deputy chief.

10. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

11. APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

No bills were presented for approval.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session took place at this meeting.

13. OLD BUSINESS

Complications regarding the procurement of a new Chief's vehicle from Gentilini Motors has been settled. The truck is currently being painted.

New Tower 11 and Engine 15 are progressing well with E-One. Signal 5 Apparatus Resale is being engaged to start the process for selling our current Tower 11. We will hold on selling the current Engine 15 until closer to the new apparatus delivery date which is expected to be in late Fall of 2023.

14. NEW BUSINESS

New Business.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion to close was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Hazel, and carried by unanimous vote at 8:08 PM.