

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
December 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1, commenced at **7:30PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Jamieson, Tagliente, Ferdinandi, and Masker were also in attendance. Captain Hazel attended as a representative of the Department.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Commissioner Tagliente and approved with minor corrections via a motion made by Commissioner Ferdinandi, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2021 declaring operating expenses of **\$37,450.79**, was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. Deposits in the amount of **\$335,074.07** were received from the 4th Quarter Tax Check. No receipts for petty cash were received.

No comments or objections were made with regards to the Treasurer's Report.

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:** Leak ongoing and getting worse, fluid level must be low, two quotes have been obtained for estimated repairs with varying cost and depth;
- **Engine 12:** There is a broken light / damage due to a minor accident;
- **Engine 13:** Check engine light is on but requires investigation;
- **Rescue 14:** TIC is not holding a charge; suspension and A/C require service, still pending service;
- **Engine 15:** Committee is moving along;
- **Utility 16:** Missing a key and fob, using aftermarket spare; backup set required;
- **Car 18:** No issues; and
- **Car 19:** Chief Crawford is requesting replacement in 2023; leaking tire; missing bulbs; new seats ordered; battery can hold a charge but may have a silent draw; needs new windshield wipers; dash camera not working.

Radio Report: Lt. Pomroy retired on 11/30; replacement has not yet been identified.

Parsippany failed to request District 1 for an Engine for approximately 5 minutes on 11/29; was internally reviewed and handled by Parsippany PD.

County radio system is still moving along for early 2022 activation.

Insurance: Still awaiting check for reimbursement on policy overpayment.

There is one injury claim that has been submitted.

A bill was received for the 2022 Workman's Comp policy in the amount of \$9,122.00.

Purchasing: No report.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Joint Commissioner Board: The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held at District #5's Firehouse on Wednesday, February 2, 2021.

Chief's Report / Open: 370 calls year-to-date.

- New Construction
 - 2900 Route 10 project (156 Units)

- No updates. No response in approximately 5 months.
 - 1500 Littleton Road project (250 Senior Apartments + Assisted Living)
 - No updates
 - 2740 Route 10
 - No updates.
- Upcoming Training:
 - 12/16 – Santa Tour Prep
 - 1/6 – Gear Check & Fit Testing
 - 1 Member finishing Firefighter 2
 - Looking into hosting an ICS 300 class in 2022.
 - Tentative 2022 Training Schedule has been set
- Mutual Aid
 - 20% of total call volume is providing aid to District #2.
 - Total mutual aid calls given is 122, 33% of total call volume.
 - 11/17 – RIC (changed to 2 engines) into Denville for Animal Hospital fire
 - 11/18 – Full response to District 2 for electrical fire
 - 11/21 – RIC into Dover; cancelled en route
 - 11/29 – Engine into District 3 for trash fire
 - 12/10 – RIC into Dover; Fire Extinguished on arrival
 - Chief Officers will be meeting with Chiefs of Districts 2, 3, and 6 to discuss manpower concerns on this side of town.
- Equipment
 - New gear lockers for Powder Mill were ordered and should arrive in January.
 - Plymovent for Simpson Ave is now complete and operational.
 - Ongoing discussion regarding the incentive and ways to encourage members to attend overnight calls and mutual aid calls.
 - Strong work by members at the gas station fire on 12/4. Fire was contained and held at 1st alarm.

Old Business: The Township Council did not agree to vote on the lease to allow an ambulance to occupy the bay at the Tarn Drive Firehouse. As a result, a resolution to amend the proposed 2022 budget will be discussed later in the meeting.

New Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via a unanimous vote to move forward with repairing Tower 611 via a quote that was provided by Fire & Safety with a price not to exceed \$8,580.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via a unanimous vote to move forward in repairing garage door springs at Powder Mill via a quote of \$458.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via unanimous vote to have Commissioner Jamieson refill paper products at the firehouses.

Resolutions: The following resolutions were presented and voted on:

Resolution 2021-08 – Amendment of the Proposed 2022 Operating Budget

A resolution was read in which that the Board resolved, that, at an open public meeting held on November 17, 2021, that the Annual Budget, including all related schedules, of the Fire District for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, was previously approved at the November 17, 2021 meeting. Now, via this resolution, the Board resolves to make an adjustment to the budget wherein the following items were adjusted: UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE adjusted from \$0.00 to \$67,000.00; RENTAL INCOME adjusted from \$67,000.00 to \$0.00. The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Yes: Commissioner Masker
 Commissioner Berry
 Commissioner Tagliente

Commissioner Jamieson
Commissioner Ferdinandi
No: --
Absent: --

Resolution 2021-09 – Amendment to Adopt the Proposed 2022 Operating Budget, as Amended

A resolution whereby the Board approves the proposed 2022 Operating Budget, as amended by Resolution 2021-08, was read and discussed. The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Yes: Commissioner Masker
Commissioner Berry
Commissioner Tagliente
Commissioner Jamieson
Commissioner Ferdinandi
No: --
Absent: --

Resolution 2021-10 – Peter King for Professional Services in 2022

A resolution authorizing the Board to appoint King Moench Hirniak & Mehta, LLP, to serve as the Board's attorney advisor (via employment for "Professional Services" contract) for the 2022 Fiscal Year was read and discussed. The resolution was adopted by the following roll-call vote:

Yes: Commissioner Masker
Commissioner Berry
Commissioner Tagliente
Commissioner Jamieson
Commissioner Ferdinandi
No: --
Absent: --

Being no further business, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **8:51PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk