

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR MEETING
June 28, 2023, 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 7:36 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 June 28, 2023 was included in a list of meetings notice sent to The Daily Record and advertised in said newspaper on December 9, 2022, 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 9, 2022, 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, Hazel, Jamieson, Masker

Department Representation: Deputy Chief Masker

5. AGENDA REVIEW

President Berry reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

6. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications were received at this meeting.

8. RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO RCD GROUP SOLUTIONS FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES.

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

Aye: Berry, Ferdinandi, Jamieson, Hazel, Masker

Nay: --

9. REPORTS

i. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's monthly report for June 2023 declaring operating expenses of \$65,542.19 was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review.

Significant expenses included a \$27,936.44 to FF1 for hose, adapters, and hydrant bags; \$8,668.59, to Lemco Corporation for outstanding building construction bills; and \$3,560.96 to Ryan Masker for various reimbursements for operating expenses including radio installations, utility 16 gear cabinet construction and installation.

The Treasurer's report was approved via a motion by Commissioner Ferdinandi, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson, and carried by unanimous vote.

ii. Truck Report

Phoenix will be doing services for several items found during preventative maintenance.

Rescue 14 – Estimate for new lighting for 14 received. Will bring the truck to a neighboring shop for the back axel issues and front end being out of alignment. Looked at air leak previously addressed. 4 leaks were found. Will hold for 30 days until Rescue 14 issue are confirmed and potentially pursue Fire and Safety and Nationwide for repair reimbursement.

Engine 15 – Pressure sensor on 15 is 10-15 PSI different. Sensor/transducer should be replaced. Pressure governor should not be replaced.

Current Tower 11 - sold for \$80K to a fire department in Chile.

Old Car 19 sold for 10K. Signal 5.

iii. Radio Report

No replies from Parsippany on Dispatching issues. Several errors again.

iv. Insurance Report

No report.

v. Purchasing Report

No report.

vi. Fire Prevention

No report.

vii. Joint Board Meeting Report

Held June 7th at District 1. Discussed going paid. The chiefs were requested to consider selling the patriot for \$1 to 69 for them to use as a dive trailer. It was deferred to the commissioners and may be brought up at the next meeting.

viii. Chief's Report

Coming up on the training budget. 3 of 4 students failed at least one final examination attempt between Fire 1 and Fire 2 at the academy. Morris Plains had a similar issue. We have 3 students going through fire inspector which will be a licensed course. A prospective elevator class could be up to \$6,000 (over several days). Looking at an option from RPI for \$3000.

Lockers were miscounted for Simpson. We need 3 more individual lockers which will cost an additional \$4,000. We will pursue this at the end of the year or possibly incorporate it in next year's budget.

10. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

11. APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

A motion to pay pending bills was made by Commissioner Hazel, seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi, and carried by unanimous vote.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session took place at this meeting.

13. OLD BUSINESS

The nature of hiring paid firefighters as an extension of the Joint Commissioner's board meeting was discussed. The concept of one district going paid and responding into other

districts as mutual aid was also discussed as likely requiring a fee per call to be paid by the district receiving paid firefighter mutual aid.

The legality of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills making deals with developers for tax breaks involving the forfeiture of Fire District tax revenue would be investigated. Initial advisement indicated that the Township did not have the authority to negotiate away the tax revenues of the Fire District.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion to close was made by Commissioner Hazel, seconded by Commissioner Jamieson, and carried by unanimous vote at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerard Hazel

Commissioner