

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT #1
PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP
September 24th ,, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #1 was called to order by President Jeff Berry at 7:40 pm. Commissioner's Berry, Masker, Resciniti, Masker and Eisenberg were present. Secretary Eisenberg read the minutes of the August meeting which were approved by Resciniti and seconded by Masker. All five voted in favor of accepting them as read.

Treasurers Report: Bills were paid in the amount of \$7,031.46, Deposits from 3rd quarter rent and an insurance refund were made in the amount of \$3,416 leaving an ending balance of \$118,945.42. Report was approved by all.

Truck Report: Truck 613 was reporting breaker pops. It was decided to add 4 LED scene lights at a cost of \$400 each to hopefully reduce the load on that circuit while improving lighting.

Truck 614 the tower has been blowing light bulbs- Phoenix will take a look at it Monday while looking at the compressor.

Truck 611 Check engine light still coming on- Phoenix to check

Truck 615 check engine light coming on intermittently –Phoenix to check

Truck 619 Operating as expected

Insurance: Nothing new to report. Joe would like a representative of the company to come speak with us to see if there is anything more we should be doing- or if there are new rules or laws we should be aware of.

Radios: New radios were received for the Chief and Deputy Chief. We are still waiting for the FCC to reassign a frequency for Gates Court- that could take months.

Purchasing: No report

Fire Prevention: Posters and banners were purchased for the open House in October and the training sessions held for the district grammar schools.

Joint Board Meeting: Next meeting was scheduled for October 1st at District 3.

Chief's Report: Chief Smith reported that a "command center" was being installed in 619 in approx 8 weeks. We will be dual dispatched with District 2 for commercial fire alarms.

Old Business: The purchasing of cameras was brought up by commissioner Eisenberg and it was decided that firm , final estimates need to be received so that we can proceed to protect the areas of commissioner responsibility while being able to report back to the department what their costs would be should they decide to pursue them in department specific areas. Money has been appropriated this year. The attorney has advised that we need a special vote in December or January to increase the fund balance to purchase SCBA equipment- allowing \$180,000 from the fund balance and increasing the base budget by \$60,000 to cover the equipment.

The second reading of the budget was made. Jim Masker made a motion seconded by Resciniti to accept the budget. Roll call was made and approved by all 5 commissioners

New Business: Jim Masker attended an off sight meeting where it was presented that FEMA has 75 million in grant money available to Volunteer Fire Depts. It was agreed that we should attempt to pursue some of those funds for the department. Jim mentioned that District 1 has one of the lowest fire tax fees in the town at a cost of .027cents/\$100 with 4200 taxable lots in the district. District 2 came in at 4.2 cents, 3-5.5 cents, 4 at 6 cents, 5 at 10.10 and 6 at .024

New Business: Garbage has been piling up at Powdermill with the ambulance squad now adding to the load. Jim will arrange with the town to have them make a stop once a week if we put the cans outside the bays.

FDIC in April- the Commissioners agree to fund 4 members once again. The Chief believed the experience was very beneficial to all who made the trip-some additional members may join in at their own expense as well. Joe Resciniti was upset with the turnout for the 911 memorial service and thought the officers should have done a better job promoting it to the membership. The Chief felt the information was not properly disseminated to the office allowing him time to inform the membership. A greater effort will be made next year.

The meeting was called to a close at 9:10 by a motion from Ferdinandi , seconded by Berry.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Eisenberg
Secretary