

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1
November 17, 2021**

The public hearing to allow for public question or objection to the proposed 2022 operating budget was opened to the public at **7:30PM**, and the regular meeting commenced at **7:30PM** with Commissioner Berry presiding. The public hearing will remain open until at least **9:30PM**, or as long as necessary to hear all comments. Commissioners Jamieson, Tagliente, and Masker were also in attendance. Commissioner Ferdinandi was unable to attend. Captain Masker 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 Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Monthly Report for October 2021 declaring operating expenses of **\$26,313.00**, was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments. No deposits were received, but awaiting 4th Quarter Tax Check. No receipts for petty cash were received.

Commissioner Masker suggested the following adjustments to the budget allocations:

Move \$35,000.00 from ADMIN to Building
Move \$15,000.00 from Equipment Repair to Building
Move \$60,000.00 from Insurance to Building
Totaling \$110,000.00 moved into Building

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and passed via unanimous vote to move funds between accounts as recommended by Commissioner Masker.

No comments or objections were made with regards to the budget.

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:** Awaiting repair quote; New committee met with sales person to go over specification;
- **Engine 12:** Status quo;
- **Engine 13:** Status quo;
- **Rescue 14:** TIC is not holding a charge; suspension and A/C require service, still pending0;
- **Engine 15:** New committee met with sales person to go over specification;
- **Utility 16:** Status quo;
- **Car 18:** No issues; and
- **Car 19:** Battery was replaced but there may be an alternator issue, status being looked into.

Radio Report: County radio system scheduled to be complete first quarter of 2022.

Insurance: We are getting a refund of \$2,506.94 for over payment on vehicle coverage. A workers' comp claim may be opened pending additional information.

Purchasing: AEDs were purchased (one for Engine 15 and one for the building) as discussed at the previous meeting.

A quote of approximately \$1,100 was obtained for truck exhaust system repairs at the Simpson Ave Firehouse. An additional quote for approximately \$1,000 for yearly maintenance at all three firehouses for exhaust system maintenance was obtained.

Fire Prevention: No report.

Joint Commissioner Board: The next Joint Commissioner Board meeting will be held at District #4's Firehouse on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

Chief's Report / Open: 335 calls year-to-date up to today.

- 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:
 - 11/18 – Long Hose Stretches
 - 1 Member currently in FF2
 - Investigating hosting an ICS 300 class in 2022.
- Mutual Aid
 - 21% of total call volume is providing aid to District #2.
 - 32% of total call volume is for mutual aid in general.
 - Requested as RIC into Dover 4 times since last meeting.
 - Requested as RIC into Mountain Lakes for smoke at YMCA.
- Equipment
 - The Chief has requested the purchase of 14 new gear racks from Gear Grid for Powder Mill Firehouse for a cost of approximately \$10,000.00.

Old Business: The Township has informed us that they intend to sign a lease to put an ambulance in the bay at Tarn Drive on November 23.

New Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via a unanimous vote to move forward on both quotes for exhaust system maintenance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Berry, and passed via a unanimous vote to move forward with purchasing the quoted gear lockers for Powder Mill.

Resolutions: The following resolutions were presented and voted on:

Resolution 2021-07 – Introduction and Approval of the Proposed 2022 Operating Budget

A resolution resolving that the Board, 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, is hereby approved, and that anticipated revenues as reflected in the Annual Budget are sufficient to meet all proposed expenditures:

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

Being no further business, and no comments from the public pertaining to the proposed 2022 budget, a Motion to Close was made by Commissioner Masker, seconded by Commissioner Tagliente, and carried via a unanimous vote at **9:31PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel A. Tagliente
Commissioner / Clerk