

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT #1  
PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP  
July 23rd, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #1 was called to order by President Jeff Berry at 7:45 pm. Commissioner's Berry, Masker, Resciniti and Eisenberg were present. Secretary Eisenberg read the minutes of the June meeting which were approved by Resciniti and seconded by Berry. All four voted in favor of accepting them as read.

Treasurers Report: There were no deposits made since the last meeting, bills were reviewed and accepted.

Truck Report: Truck 613 was being picked up Monday by Phoenix for repairs to stop a leak in the system. Rewelding should solve the problem. We will advise them to recheck 611's "check engine light" when they return it on Friday. There were no other problems to report on the remaining trucks at this time.

Insurance: Joe is waiting for an invoice for Life Insurance for the department members.

Radios: New headsets were being installed on 613 on Monday. The officers are requesting an upgrade on 9 portables to receive the County frequency since we are going to more and more calls outside the town. To upgrade the flash codes on 9 portables would cost \$6,400.

Purchasing: Ryan Masker was able to secure 4 pagers for \$100.

Fire Prevention: There was no meeting

Joint Board Meeting: Next meeting was scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> at District #2 at 7:30pm.

Chief's Report: Chief Smith reported that we were in pretty good shape at this time- no concerns.

Old Business: The Chief brought paperwork regarding a lawsuit being brought against the department stemming from his motor vehicle accident on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Our attorney's and the insurance company are aware of it and will take whatever action they deem necessary.

We are trying to move forward on a new firehouse at Rt 53 and Tarn Drive. Jim Masker is speaking with the town looking for additional information on past history of the properties.

The leak in the Commissioner's office and ceiling tiles will be repaired and replaced by the company that installed the upgrades in the firehouse. They will also add a new thermostat on the far wall by 611 at no cost to the Commissioner's.

New Business: Jim Masker had a conversation with our auditor regarding the 2% cap and how that would affect us if we needed money for a new building as well as air packs that need replacement. These are large, necessary, expenditures, some that could be spread out over years. Right now we need to replace SCBA's with bottles for 30 firemen at an estimated cost of approximately \$215,000. 40 bottles are due to expire January 1, 2015. The auditor said a reserve of \$200,000 is comfortable for a department of our size and that we could ask the voters to approve an increase in the reserve of \$40,000-\$60,000. To further explore a new building, we would need to spend approximately \$7,000.

A motion was made by Jim Masker to go before the public for permission to use \$180,000 of reserve funds and increase the future reserve by \$60,000 to cover the balance of these projects. The motion was seconded by Berry. Three Commissioners voted yes, Resciniti voted no. Jim will investigate what is necessary for this special election to move this forward.

Since there was no further business, a motion to close the meeting was made by Resciniti and seconded by Eisenberg at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Eisenberg  
Secretary