

**TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 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 7:33 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 January 25, 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, 2021, 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, Jamieson, Masker, Hazel

Department representation: Chief Crawford

5. AGENDA REVIEW

President Berry reviewed the agenda for this meeting.

6. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

No communications were received at this meeting.

8. RESOLUTIONS:

No resolutions were presented at this meeting.

9. REPORTS

i. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's monthly report for January 2023 declaring operating expenses of \$103,142.58, was read and distributed for all Commissioners to review and provide comments.

Significant expenses included \$25,629 to NJ Casualty Insurance Company for worker compensation insurance; \$15,603.14 to Ryan Masker for Rescue 14 upgrades, FDIC group flight reimbursement and quarterly incentive program; and \$10,000 to the Mount Tabor CMA for Annual Simpson Avenue rental payment.

Receipts of \$16,666.67 for Tarn Drive EMS Bay rental and \$6,693.80 for insurance claims related to equipment damaged at an incident were received.

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

ii. Truck Report

Tower 11: New coolant cap is needed. A new county radio was installed. A \$100 expense was accrued to provide a wire long enough to install a remote head at the pump panel.

Engine 12: Deck gun was repaired. A new county radio is not needed, but programming will be needed when the County is ready.

Engine 13: Went to the dealer to address the check engine light which resulted in a firmware update executed by Cummins. There was an air leak detected and repaired. A new county radio was installed.

Rescue 14: New cribbing cut and installed. All new layout complete. New Junk Yard Dogs are in service. Light tower is operational once more. A new county radio was installed. Air Pump still not repaired. The windshield washer reservoir is cracked and needs repair. The back bumper was dented.

Engine 15: A new county radio was installed.

Utility 16: Awaiting Chevy to diagnose but it is assumed to be a control arm issue. The rear hatch won't stay up; New struts will be ordered and installed. This vehicle will not get a new county radio as it is not an operational necessity.

Car 18: A new county radio is not needed, but programming will be needed when the County is ready.

Current Car 19: Waiting on parts to fix control arms and alignment. A local agency is interested in purchasing once the new Car 19 is ready.

New Car 19: Paint and graphics are completed. Parts pending installation have been acquired and are in the vehicle. We are waiting on a time slot, likely at the end of March. The vehicle still needs registration.

iii. Radio Report

Used APX 6000s were swapped for a new APX7500 dual band radio to save money for new radio for 19.

Morris County provided 5 APX8500 mobile radios with remote heads that are not waterproof (model: E5). New remote heads are needed. Another used APX 6000 was swapped for waterproof (model: O2) heads for exterior mounting on 13 and 12. We may need to get 4 more heads for the new Tower 11 and Engine 15 at a cost of approximately \$1,000 each depending on the ability to trade our old, obsolete equipment and reduce our expense toward these the waterproof O2 heads.

We will need to hold on to all E5 County supplied remote heads will be secured as they are county property and will need to be returned in future upgrades.

Half of the end-of-life portable batteries have been replaced with 2022 funds. We will need to replace 30-40 more batteries in 2023.

iv. Insurance Report

Rescue 14 was involved in an accident during drivers training. A claim is pending.

v. Purchasing Report

No report.

vi. Fire Prevention

No report.

vii. Joint Board Meeting Report

No report.

viii. Chief's Report

We responded to 447 calls in 2022. 147 of these were mutual aid given. We have responded to 20 calls so far in 2023. 9 of these were mutual aid given.

The 1500 Littleton Road property has been fenced off. Demolition will begin soon.

Littleton school will be receiving an addition. This will be a 3-phase project. The retaining wall has been approved.

Upcoming events include a RIC show and tell with District 4, Confined space refresher, RIC equipment review, Squad night, Drill Ground Instructor and CPR.

SAFER Grant period will open soon. Awards can help recoup funds spent on the incentive program.

Suggesting that the chief meetings happen every other month 1

10. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to comment.

11. APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

No bills were presented for approval.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No new business was addressed in this portion of the meeting.

13. OLD BUSINESS

Required posting and advertisement for the election and budget are being executed. Ballots for mail-ins have been dropped off and will be mailed February 8th.

The door system tie-in to the phone system is now functional with doorbells ringing to internal phones with the ability to grant access remotely via phone.

The Simpson Avenue bay floor drain is backing up. The CMA and town will be notified.

Preventative maintenance for the exhaust systems has been performed.

14. NEW BUSINESS

The commissioners will pursue quotes for cleaning and painting at Tarn Drive.

The Powder Mill common area needs repair; paint flooring and bathroom stalls are in poor condition. The commissioners will individually review the space and agree on a course of action at the February meeting.

Commissioners Masker, Berry and Ferdinandi will work with Deputy Chief Masker to procure the title for Car 19.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, a motion to close was made by Commissioner Jamieson, seconded by Commissioner Masker, and carried by unanimous vote at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerard Hazel

Secretary