

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District #1 was called to order by President Jeff Berry at 7:50 PM. All 5 commissioners were present. Secretary Eisenberg read the minutes of the March meeting. There were no corrections or additions, so a motion made by Commissioner Masker, and seconded by Commissioner Ferdinandi was made and accepted. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Masker said we received our quarterly stipend from the town. The petty cash report submitted by the Chief was reviewed by 3 commissioners and approved. The monthly bills were submitted and reviewed as well.

Trucks:

611 A deposit was sent to Phoenix to purchase parts for the upcoming repair on the ladder.

613 Operating as designed.

614 A new ignition switch is on order from Phoenix.

615 The pump panel lights are still not working correctly. Phoenix warned of this and the unit will have to be replaced. The 2 front tires also need to be replaced.

616 The Knox Box is out for service.

Radio's: Denville has been given our frequency as well as Cedar Knolls in order to better communicate during mutual aid calls. It appears the cost to replace our radios in a couple of years, may be less than first reported.

Purchasing: No report

Fire Prevention: Meeting is scheduled for Monday April 28th.

Insurance: No report

Joint Board of Fire Commissioners. Meeting was held on April 2nd. There was a short discussion on call signs and if there is interest to change how they are used by each department.

Chief's Report: The Chief reported that the recent FDIC trip went very well- informative lectures- very worthwhile. 3 members have already stated they will return next year at their own expense.

Old Business: Pete Deegan said he would take a look at the traffic lights at Tarn. He needs to be in the building to look at the emergency lights.

Cameras- a new estimate was just received- we need to compare the equipment and quote to the others we have.

A circulating pump was the problem with the heat in the bays at Tarn- that has been fixed. The President will be filing a police report for the damage to the outside air conditioning unit. From there a report and claim will be filed with the insurance agent. The Chief will get an estimate for the damage to the office and electrical system at Tarn, caused by a leak from the roof, and submit that to insurance as well.

New Business : The members have complained about the comfort of the headsets on the trucks. We will look into new equipment from Dave Clark, known for their quality in aviation headsets. They have superior technology, are trouble free, will last for years and can be transferred to other trucks.

Firefighter 1 presented MSA air packs for our consideration. We need to be replacing ours over the next few years. They too offer superior features- ease of operation, buddy breathing, quick disconnect and polymer frames to name a few. We are going to ask them to make another presentation as well as seeing what Scott is doing now.

The Commissioners have begun discussion about the future of the Tarn firehouse and its continued viability. There has been discussion about another property on Rt 53 or the possibility of expanding our own property if certain real estate transactions could be had. This is a long term process, but we have to start somewhere. Jim masker suggested that Jeff Berry make a proposal to the association and inform them on our thoughts.

With no further business to discuss the meeting came to an end at 9 PM

Sincerely,

Paul Eisenberg
Secretary