

**Board of Fire Commissioners District #1  
February 27, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District #1 commenced at 7:35pm with Commissioner Berry presiding. Commissioners Masker, Ferdinandi and Jamieson were in attendance with Commissioner Eisenberg unable to attend.

Minutes from the January meeting were read by Commissioner Ferdinandi and approved with minor corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Monthly Report declaring expenses of **\$129,732.06** was read and all monthly expenses were approved. *Contracts for Attorney DeCotiis and Phoenix were mailed out.* Accounting records will go out to auditor on Monday, March 4, 2019.

Reorganization was discussed. Daniel Tagliente was elected and Robert Jamieson was re-elected during the February election. There was a total turnout of 97 voters. All positions will remain the same. Commissioner-elect Tagliente will assume Commissioner Eisenberg's position as Secretary. Positions will be updated on the Website. A letter was drafted and will be sent the Tax Assessor and Department of Community Affairs (DCA) outlining the election results and requesting the approved budget to be disbursed in four quarterly payments.

**Truck Report:**

- **611:** Status quo.
- **612:** Siren was fixed.
- **613:** Issue with coolant leaking; waiting for hose. Cab lock is broken. 613 will be housed at the temporary shelter until the cab lock is fixed.
- **614:** Alternator and batteries were replaced.
- **615:** There is a bad sensor on the pump; will be repaired/replaced in quarters.
- **616:** Status quo.
- **618:** New floor mats were received.
- **619:** New floor mats were received.

**Radio Report:** Four new pagers were received. Ongoing radio interference issues have stopped during the past two weeks.

**Insurance:** The insurance policy coverage for Powder Mill Firehouse was increased. Life Insurance premium can be reduced by approximately \$5,000.00 per year by changing the benefit for those over 70 years old to a 50% benefit. A life insurance census and current roster will be compared to verify accuracy.

**Purchasing:** Usual and customary operating bills for the month were presented. A quote for landscaping services was obtained at the same rate for 2019 as 2018.

**Fire Prevention:** No meeting.

**Joint Board:** A meeting was held at District #5. No major developments or issues. Next meeting will be held in April at District #6.

**Chief/Open:** The Annual Inspection Dinner date has been changed to May 11, 2019, due to a large number of scheduling conflicts. Deposit has been paid.

The hose washer and dryer at Powder Mill Firehouse are no longer utilized. The hose dryer is broken and hose is now power washed. Chief Crawford will ask other Fire Departments if they have interest in the hose washer. Commissioner Berry will arrange for disposal of the hose dryer.

Materials for the training area in the Powder Mill Firehouse will be delivered soon. Chief Crawford will coordinate with membership to help unload. A door prop for forcible entry training has been ordered. Once it arrives, the Officers will be given training on how to run drills on it.

The new incentive program has been working well; approximately 25 members are reporting to 50% of assigned calls or greater.

There may be an opportunity to donate Engine 613 to the Morris County Public Safety Academy in exchange for a period of free training.

If the Tarn Drive Firehouse construction has started prior to the Annual Inspection Dinner, alternate arrangements may need to be made. There will be no formal inspection the day of the dinner; members will be informed that Class A uniforms are not necessary.

The town is considering changing CAD systems to Pro Phoenix. A demonstration will be provided at the next Joint Chiefs' Meeting.

**Old Business:** The Tarn Drive Firehouse project is waiting on the Town Purchasing Agent to approve the documentation necessary for the project to go out to bid. Due to requirements that must be satisfied prior to award of a contract, it will likely be at least 60 days from advertisement until award.

**New Business:** None.

**Resolutions:** Resolution R2019-03 for award of professional legal services for 2019 to be provided by the law firm King & Petracca for legal counsel; Decotiis for Bond Counsel; Phoenix Advisors Bond Counsel (financial).

A Motion to Close was made and carried at 8:44pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel A. Tagliente  
Commissioner-Elect