

Board of Fire Commissioners
Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills
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-REGULAR MEETING-

DATE: Aug. 4, 2025

TIME: 8:03 PM

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners	Pres.	Abs.	Officers	Pres.	Abs.
John (Jack) J. Wieners	X		Chief S. Colantoni	X	
R. Greg Schneider	X		Dep. Chief M. Helmlinger	X	
John (Jay) J. Wieners III	X		Chief Engineer B. Dohm	X	
Byron Tracey		X			
Brian Sysko	X				

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law by form of a legal notice, which appeared in the Daily Record on December 26, 2024 and was posted on the Fire District's website (www.lhfd4.com) as well as at the Lake Hiawatha Fire House.

MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read by:	Comm. Jay Wieners
Motion to Accept:	Comm. Jack Wieners
Seconded by:	Comm. B. Sysko
Carried	

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Notice from New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts regarding updated Open Public Meetings Act legislation (S4654, P.L. 2025 c.72), requiring public notices to be published on district's website.
- Misc. mailers and catalogs
- Letter from NJ Manufacturers, re: Rear Fence MVC

BILLS:

Read by:	Comm. G. Schneider
Motion to Pay Bills:	Comm. Jay Wieners
Seconded by:	Comm. B. Sysko
Carried	

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Given by:	Chief S. Colantoni
Attached	

FIRES:

Day:	19
Night:	13
Total:	32
YTD:	200

INCIDENTS:

- July 14, 2025. RIC, 136 Vreeland Ave, Boonton
- (2) Probationary Firefighters resigned (Hector, Daniel Bruno)

NOTES:**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Given by:	Dep. Chief M. Helmlinger
Attached	

DRILLS:

Sun:	Tower 4 Training
Wed:	Truck Co. Operations, Water Supply
R.I.C.:	Tower Ladder Operations,
Other:	FF. Dohm qualified on Tower 4
	FF. Sysko qualified on Eng. 41

EQUIPMENT:

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MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Sysko

ENGINE 41:

- No Issues, pump test paperwork updated
- DEF filter purchased

ENGINE 43:

- Pump Tank Light out, repaired

TOWER 4:

- No Issues

RESCUE 44:

- No Issues
- Registration being renewed

GENERAL:

- Hose and ladder testing completed this date
- Eng. 43 Aerial Testing scheduled for Aug. 15, 2025

ELECTRONICS REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Tracey

- APX Knobs received
- Township purchased pagers out to bid.

INSURANCE REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Schneider

- Awaiting roster to be updated for life insurance policies.

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

Given by:

Chief. Colantoni

- Upcoming meeting with Joint Chiefs, J. Smith, Acting Fire Official S. Stolarz, re: status of Fire Prevention Bureau.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Comments

OLD BUSINESS:

- Inspection scheduled for Nov. 14, 2025
- Request for Reimbursement from Escrow Account to be sent to Flagstar Public Financing, \$26,509.59. (should leave balance of approx. \$98,528.65).
 - Remaining Items for Reimbursement:
 - Intake Relief Valves
 - Misc. Pump Fittings
 - Ventilation Fans
 - Salvage and PV (Solar Panel) Tarps
 - R.I.C. Tool Kit
 - T-N-T Rescue Tool?
 - Tower Ladder Training Class (Sept.)
- Potential Remaining Equipment Purchases/ Improvements:
 - Additional Hard Suction Hose/ Floating Dock (Rescue 44)
- Fire & Safety Credit (Tower 4 under Mounting and Equipment Budget): \$121,966.71

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ATTACHED

Given by:

Comm. G. Schneider

Motion to Accept:

Comm. B. Sysko

Seconded by:

Comm. Jack Wieners

Carried

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

- \$467,439.38
- (Includes \$180,000 in reserve from sale of Eng. 42)

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:

- \$100,779.33

NOTES:

NEW BUSINESS:

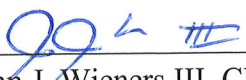
- Preliminary 2026 Budget Discussion
 - 2025 Budget: \$653,800
 - 2026 Tax Revenue Projection (w/o property value increase): \$666,876.
 - Approx. Tower 4 Payment: \$274,266
 - Additional Revenue:
 - Remainder of Escrow Account
 - Remainder of Fire & Safety Credit
 - \$180,000, sale of Eng. 42
 - Gary Sinise Foundation Grant
 - (est. \$380,000 excess revenue)
 - Special Equipment Purchase(s)
 - Holmatro Rescue Tool
 - F.D.I.C. (Training)
 - New Chief Vehicle/ Utility Vehicle?
 - Annex Building Costs?
 - Replenish Capital Improvement Account

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Made by:
Seconded by:
Carried

Comm. Jay Wieners
Comm. Jack Wieners

TIME: 8:37 PM



John J. Wieners III, Clerk