

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

DATE: March 3, 2025

TIME: 8:07 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. B. Tracey
Seconded by:	Comm. Jack Wieners
Carried	

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Memo from Chief S. Colantoni requesting authorization to decommission and discard obsolete equipment (see Resolution 2025-10)
- Letter from Phoenix Advisors advising of name change from “Phoenix Advisors, LLC” to “Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc.”
- Final State Approval for 2025 Budget
- Bid Proposal from Glander Electric for installation of new air compressor.
- Voter lists from Morris County Board of Elections, further election instructions
- Weekly Tower Ladder Construction Update Photos
- Preliminary Audit questions from Noah Metzgar, Nisivoccia, LLC
- Misc. mailers and catalogs

BILLS:

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

CHIEF’S REPORT:

Given by:	Chief S. Colantoni
Attached	

FIRES:

Day:	23
Night:	7
Total:	30

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INCIDENTS:

- Feb. 6, 2025: Vehicle into Knollwood School
- Feb. 7, 2025: Traumatic Injury, Oneida Ave (Man v. Machine)

NOTES:

- New Turn-Out Gear and Helmets ordered, partially covered by Gary Sinise Grant
- Request from Rockaway Meadow School to auction off Ride to School
- Capt. Holloway/ Lt. Briant being honored by 200 Club of Morris County for Swift Water Rescue on April 24, 2025.
- Lt. Croat and Monteforte completed and passed Fire Officer I and II Classes at Morris County Public Safety Training Academy.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

Given by:
Attached

Dep. Chief M. Helmlinger

DRILLS:

Sun: Decommission Engine 42, Building Construction
Wed: Drags/ Harnesses
R.I.C.: Forcible Entry/ Power Tools
Other: Ice Drill, Feb. 24, 2025

EQUIPMENT:

- Working with Home Depot regarding equipment purchase

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

NO REPORT

Given by:

ELECTRONICS REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Tracey

- Spectrum removed mobile radios from Engine 42, installed in Rescue 44
- Investigating installing additional mobile radios in Engine 41, Engine 43, Tower 4
 - Motorola Wireless to provide (2) new Mobile Radios for Tower 4 under equipment allowance for new truck.
 - Bergen Communications to provide and install reconditioned radios in Eng 41, 43.

INSURANCE REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Schneider

- Davies to conduct Insurance Audit
- Life Insurance Premium Paid

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

Given by:

Chief. Colantoni

- No Updates

PUBLIC HEARING:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Conference call held 2/5/25 with Phoenix Advisors (S. Tracey), S. Rogut, A. Bucco, M. Lee regarding financing of new tower ladder. Finance bids to be sent out March, 2025, Local Finance Board Approval expected in April, 2025.
- Sale of Engine 42 executed Feb. 14, 2025 to the Community Volunteer Fire Department of Mahaffey, PA
- Results of 2025 Fire District Elections:
 - Budget Passed 106-27
 - Comm. Jack Wieners 133
 - Comm. Greg Schneider 122
 - Results sent to:
 - Morris County Board of Elections
 - NJ Department of Community Affairs, Div. of Local Government Services
 - Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Clerk's Office
 - Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Tax Collector's Office
- Progress on Tower Ladder 4. On schedule to complete construction, April, 2025; delivery expected, May, 2025
- New air compressor installed by Glander Electric. Feb. 17, 2025
- Engagement Letter signed and returned to Nisivoccia for 2024 Audit

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ATTACHED

Given by:

Comm. G. Schneider

Motion to Accept:

Comm. B. Tracey

Seconded by:

Comm. Jay Wieners

Carried

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

- \$331,437.52 (\$151,437.52 available)*

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:

- \$328,799.51**

NOTES:

- * General account includes \$180,000 from sale of Engine 42, not for use at this time.
- ** \$15,000 to be added from 2024 Line-Item Transfer

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2025-10: Disposal of Out of Service Equipment

MOTION: Comm. Jay Wieners

SECOND: Comm. B. Tracey

MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John J. Wieners, Jr.	X			
R. Greg Schneider	X			
John J. Wieners III	X			
Byron Tracey	X			
Brian Sysko				X

- Renewal of Firehouse Lease: Hold off until final annual financing amount determined.
- Approval for Chief to purchase tickets to 200 Club Dinner
- Board authorized Rockaway Meadow School ride to school auction

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Made by:
Seconded by:
Carried

Comm. G. Schneider
Comm. Jay Wieners

TIME: 9:28 PM



John J. Wieners III, Clerk