

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

DATE: February 6, 2023

TIME: 8:04

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners	Pres.	Abs.	Officers	Pres.	Abs.
John (Jack) J. Wieners	X		Chief S. Colantoni	X	
R. Greg Schneider	X		Deputy Chief R. Bifano	X	
John (Jay) J. Wieners III	X		Chief Engineer D. Hess	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 8, 2022 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. Sysko
Seconded by: Comm. B. Tracey
Carried

CORRESPONDANCE:

- Received copy of Resolution (2023-02) from A. Bucco, Esq. for authorization to put public question on February Fire District Election ballot for purchase of new Ladder Truck.
- Election instructions from Morris County Board of Elections
- Voter list from Morris County Board of Elections
- Updated Pierce Mid-Mount Tower Ladder proposal from Pierce along with necessary documents required by NJ Local Finance Board.
- Misc. mailers and catalogs

BILLS:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Given by:	Chief S. Colantoni
Attached	

<u>FIRES:</u>	Day:	11
	Night:	7
	Total:	18
	YTD:	18

INCIDENTS:

- Residential Attic Fire, Jan 8, 2023, 52 Manito Ave

NOTES:

- Chief to make presentation to Temple Yogi Devine
- Working on quote for new Chief's Vehicle

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:

Given by: Deputy Chief Bifano
Attached

DRILLS:
Sun: Fit Test/ SCBA refresher
Wed: RIC equipment/ apparatus review w/ Dist. 1
R.I.C.:
Other:

EQUIPMENT:

- Looking at individual SCBA mask bags

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Given by: Comm. Sysko

ENGINE 41:

- No Issues

ENGINE 42:

- 2 Handlight batteries dead, spare handlights in place
- Waiting for replacement brake pedal

LADDER 43:

- Possible fluid leak under passenger cab, need to lift cab to investigate

RESCUE 44:

- Officer light spot light handle broken
- Tripod Light Batteries showing red, lights work
- Power Strip on engine house was ripped off and repaired

CHIEF 4:

- No Issues

DEPUTY 4:

- No Issues

RESERVE ENG. 641:

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GENERAL:

- Wiper Blades to be replaced on apparatus

ELECTRONICS REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Tracey

- Spectrum repaired Engine 42 county radio
- APX batteries still back ordered
- Layer 7 (Computer Consultants) annual fee received

INSURANCE REPORT:

Given by:

Comm. Schneider

- Progress

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

Given by:

Chief. Colantoni

- Down one inspector

PUBLIC HEARING:

- No Comments

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adopted 2023 Budget sent to New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review
- Held meeting with Anthony Bucco, Esq. (District Counsel), Steven Rogut, Esq. (Bond Counsel), Amish Mehta (Marcum/ District Auditor), Sherry Tracey (Phoenix Financial/ Advisor), Comm. Jack Wieners, Comm. Greg. Schneider, Comm. Jay Wieners on Jan. 18, 2023 in at Murphy & McKeon to discuss new Ladder Truck purchase process. Meeting notes attached below.
- Contingent upon voter approval, will need resolution at March meeting to make application to New Jersey Local Finance Board to appear at their April 12, 2023 meeting (likely via Zoom). Application deadline is March 22, 2023 and current bid from Pierce expires April 21, 2023.
- Truck Committee Meeting held Feb. 5, 2023. Reviewed latest spec. Sub-Committee established for firehouse modifications necessary to accommodate truck; Deputy Chief Bifano to chair.
- Morris Plains FD to bring their Mid-Mount on 2/8/2023 for firehouse fit.
- Comm. Jack Wieners spoke with Knoll West, given price of \$125/ head for Fri. April 21, 2023 (7:00-12:00).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

ATTACHED

Given by:

Comm. G. Schneider

Motion to Accept:

Comm. Jay Wieners

Seconded by:

Comm. B. Tracey

Carried

GENERAL ACCOUNT:

- \$

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:

- \$249,150.54

NOTES:

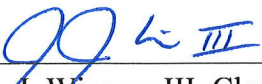
NEW BUSINESS:

- Resolution 2023-02 read, Public Question (new truck) for Feb. 18, 2023 election, passed 5-0
- Arrangements made for Feb. 18, 2023 Fire District Election (Poll Workers, Voting Machine, Ballots). Second Legal Notice to be published Feb. 7, 2023 in Daily Record.
- Joint Commissioners Meeting held Feb. 1, 2023 at Dist. 5. Topics: Audit/ Apparatus Purchasing.
- Comm. Schneider makes motion for Commissioner's Dinner, April 21, 2023 at Knoll West, 2nd by Comm. Schneider, passed 5-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Made by:	Comm. G. Schneider
Seconded by:	Comm. B. Tracey
Carried	

TIME: 9:09 PM



John J. Wieners III, Clerk

FINANCE & LEGAL MEETING

JAN. 18, 2023

1:00 PM

Anthony Bucco, Esq.

Jack Wieners

Steven Rogut, Esq.

Amish Mehta (remote) Auditor

Greg Schneider

Sherry Tracey (remote) Phoenix Advisor

Jay Wieners

PUBLIC QUESTION:

- Resolution for February Meeting? (YES)
- Legal Notice 10 Days Prior
- February 18 Regular Election Ballot
- Ability to use "not to exceed" language for funds used from capital investment line item- don't need to address capital investment this year.

FINANCING:

- 10 Year Lease/ Purchase

LOCAL FINANCE BOARD:

- Procurement of truck to lock in prices
- Financing upon delivery of truck in 2026
- Phoenix Advisors spoke w/ local finance board exec. Secretary
- Will go before board to obtain approval for procurement
- Will reappear or be put under LFB old business to review/ approve financing
- Financing approval in 2025 election
- Look for other prices (other Co-ops, State Contact)

CURRENT PRICE: \$2,081,339.00