

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

**DATE:** March 6, 2023

**TIME:** 8:00 PM

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Pres.</b>	<b>Abs.</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Pres.</b>	<b>Abs.</b>
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		Capt. M. Helmlinger	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](http://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. G. Schneider
Seconded by:	Comm. B. Tracey
Carried	

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- E-Mail from New Jersey Department of Community Affairs approving Adopted 2023 Budget pending election.
- E-Mails from Morris County Board of Elections regarding elections logistics.
- Updated option list from Eric Trevena, Fire & Safety Services, for proposed new Tower Ladder.
- Mail-In and Provisional Ballot Election Results from Morris County Board of Elections.
- Copies of Resolutions 2023-03 (S. Rogut Bond Counsel) and 2023-04 (Application to Local Finance Board) from A. Bucco, Esq. along with Professional Services Agreement to retain Steve Rogut, Esq. as bond counsel.
- Letter from Dist. 6, Reserve Engine 641 must be removed from Smith Rd Firehouse by April 30, 2023.

**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	

<b><u>FIRES:</u></b>	Day:	12
	Night:	6
	Total:	18
	YTD:	36

**INCIDENTS:**

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**NOTES:**

- New turn-out gear to be ordered based on November Commissioner's Inspection
- New Chief's Vehicle ordered from Gentillini Motors, to be picked up March 10, 2023

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Given by: Deputy Chief  
Attached

**DRILLS:** Sun: RTK/BBP/ Sexual Harassment  
Wed: Rescue Carries and Drags  
R.I.C.:  
Other: Driver Training in Progress

**EQUIPMENT:**

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**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

Given by: Chief Engineer Hess

**ENGINE 41:**

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**ENGINE 42:**

- Rear Lower Driver Side Compartment Light repaired
- Halligan Bracket broken
- Air Compressor running sporadically, water coming out of valve

**LADDER 43:**

- Right Rear Compartment Light Bulb Replaced

**RESCUE 44:**

- Spot Light plates ordered w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> set for E-41
- K-12 Saw sent out for repair. Returned
- Feet ordered for Metal K-12 saw

**CHIEF 4:**

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**DEPUTY 4:**

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**RESERVE ENG. 641:**

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**GENERAL:**

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**ELECTRONICS REPORT:**

Given by:

Comm. Tracey

- Waiting for APX batteries

**INSURANCE REPORT:**

Given by:

Comm. Schneider

- Question regarding Worker's Comp covering lost wages. Comm. Schneider to look into.

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:**

Given by:

Chief. Colantoni

- Down to one inspector (Ron Baldwin)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- No Comments

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 2023 Election Results:
  - Budget Passed: 119-47
  - Resolution for new Tower Ladder Passed: 120-53
  - Comm. John J. Wieners III re-elected 153-4
    - Results forwarded to Municipal Clerk, Municipal Tax Assessor, NJ Department of Community Affairs, and Morris County Board of Elections.
- Truck Committee advised of upcoming changes to Cummins Diesel Engines (new Tower Ladder) to comply with 2027 EPA Emissions Regulations in 2026.
  - Pierce will not deliver current model engines after Dec. 31, 2025
  - Arrow XT cab will be discontinued after 2025
  - New engine currently exists only on paper, no prototype built yet.
  - Decision to “Fast Track” order (reducing options) so that truck can be completed prior to Dec. 31, 2025.
  - Most of deleted options can be completed by Fire & Safety
  - Fire & Safety to submit order upon receipt of Letter of Intent from district.
  - Received updated proposal based on changes.
- Reserve Engine 641. Options Include:
  - Donation to Volunteers Park (1<sup>st</sup> Option)
  - Donation to other Department
  - Sale of Engine 42
  - Broker
- Commissioners Dinner
  - Knoll West booked for April 21, 2023, \$99/head + gratuity

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

ATTACHED

Given by:

Comm. G. Schneider

Motion to Accept:

Comm. B. Tracey

Seconded by:

Comm. Jay Wieners

Carried

**GENERAL ACCOUNT:**

- Money on Hand Feb. 28, 2023: \$159,602.40

**MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:**

- Money on Hand Jan, 31, 2023: \$249,152.66

**NOTES:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

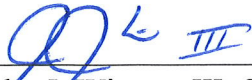
- Resolution 2023-03- Steve Rogut Bond Counsel read, passed 4-0-0-1
- Resolution 2023-04- Application to Local Finance Board read, passed 4-0-0-1
- Professional Services Agreement w/ Steven Rogut, esq., signed
- Boar discussed and agreed to send Letter of Intent to Fire & Safety to order new tower ladder.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Made by:  
Seconded by:  
Carried

Comm. Jack Wieners  
Comm. B. Tracey

**TIME:** 9:03 PM

  
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John J. Wieners III, Clerk