

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

**DATE:** Oct. 2, 2023

**TIME:** 8:06

**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				
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. B. Tracey
Seconded by:	Comm. B. Sysko
Carried	

**CORRESPONDANCE:**

- Advice from A. Bucco, Esq. regarding sale/ disposal of 2004 Chief's Vehicle (need milage)
- 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	

**FIRES:**

Day:	19
Night:	5
Total:	24
YTD:	199

**INCIDENTS:**

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**NOTES:**

- 5" hose for Ladder 43 received, placed in service
- Gas cards to be kept by Chief
- 2024 Chiefs Budget presented (\$64,000)
- Permission to attend upcoming Holiday Parades

**DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Given by: Deputy Chief Bifano  
Attached

**DRILLS:** Sun: Boonton Parade  
Wed: Morris County Fire Academy w/ Dist. 1  
R.I.C.: 1259 Rt. 46 w/ Dist. 5  
Other:

**EQUIPMENT:**

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**MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

Given by: Comm. Sysko

**ENGINE 41:**

- Engine 41 Tablet Out of Service, needs replacement

**ENGINE 42:**

- Low Air, Check Engine Light on/off
- Underside foot/ panel lights going out

**LADDER 43:**

- Amber marker roof lights dulling
- Underside foot lights burning out
- Windshield Wiper Motor replaced

**RESCUE 44:**

- Large Yellow Streamlight Collar broke, being repaired
- K-12 Saw feet being replaced
- 8' Cord ordered for FAST Board
- 2' Blow Hard Cord received
- Awaiting proper Emergency Brake parts

**CHIEF 4:**

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**DEPUTY 4:**

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**RESERVE ENG. 641:**

- Alternator not charging properly

**GENERAL:**

- Phoenix Fire to be contacted for Preventive Maintenance

**ELECTRONICS REPORT:**

Given by:

Comm. Tracey

- Minitor VI Batteries ordered
- Tablet replacement (Engine 41) in works

**INSURANCE REPORT:**

Given by:

Comm. Schneider

- Need to check beneficiary list

**FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:**

Given by:

Chief. Colantoni

- Fire Prevention details scheduled for Knollwood, Hiawatha Schools

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- Mike Esposito brought up potential value of Rescue 44

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Meeting set for Oct. 30, 2023 with A. Bucco, Esq., S. Rogut. Esq., and Phoenix Financial to discuss next phase of financing new apparatus.
- Commissioners Inspection Nov. 10

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

ATTACHED

Given by:	Comm. G. Schneider
Motion to Accept:	Comm. B. Tracey
Seconded by:	Comm. B. Sysko
Carried	

### GENERAL ACCOUNT:

- \$297,615.00

### MAJOR IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT:

- \$195,784.32

### NOTES:

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Resolution 2023-05 Audit Certification, Read, Passed 5-0
- Resolution 2023-06 Commissioner Compensation 2024, Read, Passed 5-0
- New Jersey State Association of Fire Districts Meeting, Wildwood, Sept. 15, 2023
  - Division of Fire Safety- must participate in LiON Battery Fire Study through NFIRS to be eligible for grants
  - Junior Firefighter Regulations expected to be released by DFS, Fall 2023
  - State FY24 Budget again contains \$10 Million for APR Grant
  - Bills S3801/A5667 to extend bonding periods for fire apparatus from 10 to 20 years (Bucco sponsored), expected to pass.
  - State Income Tax credit for volunteers in progress
  - S3405/A5081 Mandates access to periodic cancer screening for volunteer firefighters, increase tax on fire insurance premiums
  - A2715- Permits fire districts to undertake capital projects upon resolution without voter approval mandate. Heavy lift, original sponsor (Dancer) passed away, ASW Murphy working on.
  - A4299/S3324- Permits County Election Boards to open ballot drop boxes for fire district elections.
  - VFIS: Sexual Harassment complaints are their largest current payouts
- 2024 Budget Discussion:
  - Engineer Stipends to be raised to \$35/ Month (\$420 max)
  - Discussion of transferring lines to more appropriate sections
  - Chiefs Stipends to \$1,000

- Captain Stipend to \$750
- Lieutenants to \$500
- Incentive Program to \$10,000 total
- Comm. Jay Wieners to contact Accountant to prepare
- CNC-3 Requested from Township Tax assessor
- Approval for Totowa and Boonton Holiday Parades
- Camera and Key fobs to be explored
- Annual Physicals available for membership

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Made by:  
Seconded by:  
Carried

Comm. G. Schneider  
Comm. B. Sysko

**TIME:** 9:36 PM

  
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John J. Wieners III, Clerk