

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

January 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:58 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades

<u>Commissioners Roll Call:</u>	<u>Meeting Start</u>	<u>Meeting End</u>
Lambert	X	X
Nazario	X	X
Palmieri	X	X
Umana	X	X
Campbell	X	X

Public Hearing on 2015 Commissioners Budget:

Resolution:

Resolution 15-01

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department District 5, hereby Adopts the 2015 District Budget.

Commissioners:

Yes: Commissioner Lambert, Nazario, Umana, Palmieri and Campbell

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Resolution was Adopted.

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Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved and posted.

Treasurers Report: Other than our ordinary Expenses we had for the month of December, we had Hose Testing for \$2,963.00 and Cleaning of the fire house was \$1,650.00, the rest were all regular operating expenses, totaling over \$29,508.60 leaving us with a balance of \$266,618.64.

Joint Board Meeting: We have one coming up in February, but again conflicts with the, actually the February meeting is here in this firehouse and its everybody so we're not , we have to serve food.

I talked to our Head Chief Hal Dietrich about moving the meeting or at least staggering the time, because we have to go to a Trustee meeting, if someone has a claim, someone has a claim this month, most of the time the Joint Board there's nothing, but right now we're going back and forth about this new dispatch and that person is coming to do a demo of it, so there's going to be a lot of stuff coming up, and I talked to Gabe about the radios and I told him that this has been going on for months now , I wanted to know if they were going to fix the problem, we have one member saying it's a rouge radio and I said obviously that's not the case.

This has been going on for months, what are we doing about it, he called me from the Mayor's office and the Mayor said he didn't know what was going on, I said again this has been going on for months, it's getting ridiculous, we have guys turning their pagers, we get a jump on a call and they leave it on open now, we have some people just turning them off altogether. I haven't gotten an update, he's looking into it.

The Chief of police is aware of the problem Motorola said it isn't their equipment, so where do we go from there. My personal feeling is the fact that they put all the phone antennas blew out the system and now we're getting feed-back, I personally think that's the problem.

Fire Prevention Bureau: I haven't gotten the new list of when the meetings are, they haven't hired a new Fire Official yet, they interviewed, but they do have a full-time secretary.

Correspondence: Nothing

LOSAP: I received the paperwork, I have to get a hold of Brian, I received the information from Matt for the Drills, Clean-ups, Fires and I have to get the stuff from Brian, the Attendance and stuff like that, I have the paperwork and I'm working on it.

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Insurance: Everything is paid up, we just paid the last one last month, we'll have our package policies in the next couple of months, we received a refund check for 51 and that trailer, Danny deposited it, we also got reimbursed for all of our portable equipment lost in the fire on Old Bloomfield Avenue that was all taken care of.

Station 1: Nothing

Station 2: The locker room, in the bathroom stall in the men's locker room, the mollies are pulling out of the patrician, the patrician whole moves, because the brace that goes to the wall, the mollies coming out of the sheet rock.

Dinner: Waiting for RSVP's, the DJ is booked, we just have to see how many will be going on the bus through the RSVP's, if we have a lot we can get the bus and a van, if not we'll just use the bus.

Good and Welfare: Nothing

Chiefs Report:

1. Chief's Fund \$291.02
2. No new members
3. No one has requested Medical Leave
4. No one is on or has requested a leave of absence
5. 22 Day 9 night for a total of 31 Call, 383 calls for the year.
6. Hose Trailer we were asked if we wanted it, we said no and they asked if DPW or any other Fire District wanted it, the other Districts did not, DPW is actually going to take the trailer.
7. The Foam Tanker, about 10 years ago the State had advised us that they would take care of all the repairs and the big stuff, but now they don't want to do that, it's pretty much our headache, that's still in the works nothing is set in stone yet, the other pieces, the Neptune Pump, the Hose, the other bigger items, they probably won't be in Morris County any longer because Chatham and Schooley's Mountain doesn't want them, the only thing that we will be keeping is the Foam Tanker because multiple Counties have them, but if something happens it's going to be our responsibility, the only thing the County said they would do is the normal pm's on it, the oil changes and stuff like that.

As far as the foam is concerned let's say Jefferson, like what happened in Jefferson with the junk yard fire, let's say they request the foam tanker and they requested us, they don't actually activate the task force, now do we, do they have to go through their insurance which reimburses the foam?

Chief's Report Continued:

Jefferson has eaten that \$250,000.00 because I guess whatever tanker responds to the Morris County Coordinator goes to it and there has to be procedure before anything happens, I guess the tanker (indiscernible) I guess the insurance company would handle it, if it's called, (indiscernible)

We have to find out, because if it's not covered, then we have a problem. The Foam is not cheap, the tankers from what they said at Jefferson, all the foam will cost \$250,000.00 to fill both tankers and whatever reserve there is, cut that in half at \$125,000.00, that's a lot.

If something bad happens we have a cost recovery act here in Parsippany, we would go after them, if anything happened we would have to sue them, something like that the County would be involved...

The County won't replace the foam, I'll find out more about the policy and I'll let you know.

8. All the trucks are in good shape.

9. Two things to bring up:

a. Safe-T for front suction adapters on the 3 engines that price is \$1,146.24.

b. 6 members for an Ice Rescue training in Denville, which is \$265.00 each for a total of \$1,590.00

10. Received the catalog about training at Somerset County Training Academy and also Morris County, one thing which caught the attention of a lot of members in Somerset, was Engine Company and Truck Company, after looking at it, the class is \$175.00 per member for 8 hours of Engine Company versus hands-on, the Truck Company Class you have to take a 9 hour classroom part and then they get hands-on but that's \$175.00 per member, before I want to sign these guys up, because a lot of them showed interest, and Morris County doesn't have it, I just wanted to make sure you are okay with it.

If anyone goes we have to make sure they actually go, we had someone sign up for the class he went to one class and then dropped out because of a new job, if they are going to go, they are making a commitment to go, they need to go or then you can tell them to write a letter to the Board of Fire Commissioners why they didn't attend and then we'll determine whether or not to take the money out of the end of the year clothing allowance.

I'll just send them to the Engine Company Class. If they come back and say it's a good class then we can send more.

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Truck Committee: Progress

Public: Glen Peloubet Fire Company President and Patrick Teta, Fire Company Liaison to the Commissioners were in attendance but did not speak.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ladder 5 was serviced by Nationwide Truck Repair, they do the same thing as Pierce, on-site service they come down and service the trucks, such as the pm stuff, oil change, filters, I received from him estimates for the other 4 apparatus we have, excluding the Tanker because the County does the pm on that. The only thing we would have to have is pump service. Every truck is a little bit different I think it's less than what Pierce would charge. I would start out on a-yearly basis maintenance.

Resolutions:

Resolution 15-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department District 5 hereby approved the December 2014 Bill List in the amount of \$33,516.39.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert, Campbell

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolution 15-03

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department District 5 authorizes payment to Safe-T for three (3) Front Suction Adapters at a cost not to exceed \$1,146.24.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert, Campbell

No: None

Resolutions Continued:

Resolution 15-03 continued

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolution 15-04

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department District 5 authorizes payment for the Denville Ice Rescue Class Six (6) members in an amount not to exceed \$1,590.00.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert, Campbell

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolution 15-05

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire District 5 authorizes eight (8) members to go to Somerset County Fire Academy for Engine Company Training in an amount not to exceed \$1,400.00.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert, Campbell

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolutions Continued:

Resolution 15-06

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department District 5 authorizes contracted service to Nationwide Truck Repair Service for four (4) trucks E54, E51, E52 and Squad 5 for an estimate only total of \$6,214.33.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert, Campbell

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolution 15-07

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department District 5 for Normal Operating Expenses.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Umana, Palmieri, Lambert, Campbell

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Adjourned the January 14, 2015 meeting at 8:38 pm.