

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

June 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades

Commissioners Roll Call:

Meeting Start

Meeting End

Lambert

X

X

Nazario

X

X

Palmieri

ABSENT – **Arrived at 8:15pm Marked Present**

Umana

X

X

Campbell

ABSENT

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved and posted.

Treasurers Report: In May we paid \$8,845.00 to Nisivocchia for our completed Audit and received our 2nd quarter check from the Township in the amount of \$224,748.25 which gave us a balance of \$521,371.46. plus the regular Operating expenses for the month.

We're all done with the Audit everything that was required was delivered.

Joint Board Meeting:

1. Rehab Trailer: the air conditioning is not sufficient, they are looking into taking the old one out and getting a bigger one installed, total cost with installation is \$3,000.00, they are looking for \$429.00 from each district that also includes R & R, Gabe will be reaching out to each district as to when, and we'll just write the check to RJ Control.
2. Trailer: The radio (indiscernible) is donating his time for that.
3. Radio System: Clarence from District 2 was asking questing to Jay about the process, what's the outcome, has anything been done, apparently he made the assumption that there was a possible police investigation going on with the radio system, we're looking at the radio systems not being addressed at all do to the fact there's a police investigation, also the FCC is involved and they want all the emergency services to have their radios re-certified, in talking to someone, they had theirs done, 65 had theirs done, EMS One had theirs done, and District 2 and they all passed.

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Joint Board Meeting continued:

District 2 is the only one who has Kenwoods, so they are the only one with those radios so I guess, maybe having them do it was a good thing, I totally disagree, I think they are barking up the wrong tree, I spoke to the Mayor privately after I made a phone call, complained again.

According to (indiscernible), all the Districts have to do it, it's a requirement, the big question is, if you're having a problem with the radio system or the technology or there is some type of error in the radio, or a repeater or a tower, why is the FCC involved, I think their strongest notion is that there's a radio out there and it's...

I don't think so, it happened to EMS, it happened to us that day we had a call at 1479, I know it happened at 3 and 2 before that and unfortunately that day it went across not only EMS but EMS had been doing it for two days already, that was the third day for EMS, and our radios went haywire, and also fire ground 1, they told them to go to opt 20, and there was nobody there, and nobody seemed to know what was going on and dispatcher did it herself, and I don't know why they didn't notify a Captain or somebody else that there's a serious problem with the radios.

There should be a chain of command, you have to tell other people, it doesn't just stop with the dispatcher, my first inclination was to get everybody together and go to a meeting at town hall and make sure the Daily Record is there, and then lay it out, this has been going on for a year and a half, I don't care about your investigation that's separate, the fact is the radios aren't working. My wife had a serious illness the last thing I want is for somebody to die because the radios aren't working properly.

This affects everybody that affects the citizens, we're concerned about it because we have fire fighters that use the radios obviously, but it affects us getting calls it affects EMS getting calls, it's got to be taken care of. There should be feed back to us.

4. CAD System: the new CAD system, the police should be up in July and maybe September or October for the fire portion.
5. Next meeting is at District 2, VFIS will be at that meeting because Districts 1, 3 4 and 6 would like their line of duty death benefits increased apparently they are the lowest in the state.
6. Received an email from Doug that October's meeting the Chief's are going to be at to discuss Special Operations Team, for the water, ice, swift rescue all that stuff with the Commissioners, that's what all the Chief's wanted. District 2 wanted to know who was going to pay for it, we told them, their own members, their own department, if they want to buy suits and train the guys, that's what they are going to do.

AT 8:16 PM COMMISSIONERS RESPONDED TO A FIRE CALL THEY RETURNED AND THE MEETING RESUMED AT 8:45 PM.

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Fire Prevention Bureau: Bob Schmidt is the new Fire Official.

Correspondence: Received the Insurance Bill.

LOSAP: The increase for 2014 is \$1,669.00 for top pay, we will need a Resolution to allow us to increase the CPI and amend our LOSAP to make the increase for 2014 I am going to reach out to our Attorney to see if we have to do a paper Resolution or not, it is not a referendum.

Insurance: We will be receiving our Worker's Comp. bill soon we will be having some substantial checks going out to VFIS.

Station 1: The new bay door is 2" short they will have to order a new one.

Station 2: Nothing.

Dinner: Progress

Good and Welfare: None

Chiefs Report:

1. Chief's fund \$269.01
2. Pat Calabrese is now qualified on E-54
3. Patrick Campbell is now out on Medical
4. Calls 27 day 12 night for a total 39 for the month of May, 148 calls so far this year
5. Had an Officers meeting there was one thing we discussed, we have 28 members on the roster that have 35% or less, I will be talking to them to have them bring up their percentages by the end of August if when I talk to them they feel they need to take a leave but if they have not brought up their percentages by the end of August, they will be either asked to take a leave or shown the door.
6. Truck 605 is going for service, all other trucks just serviced Chief's truck has to go in for an oil change. The front suction on E52 isn't working and on E55 the Federal siren on the squad is broken so both will have to be fixed.
7. We're hosting a training session on swift water ops class on June 27th and 28th we'll be sending six guys to the class, we will be using Rutgers Village pool to take the swimming part of the test, Saturday will be here at station 1 and Sunday we'll be down in (indiscernible) Falls.
8. Expenditures: I have a price for 15 members for their Station Wear, they discontinued the Nomex line, they have 100% cotton, so for 15 guys, short sleeves, long sleeves, and the four pocket pants is \$2,975.00 through Safe-T Equipment. That includes everything including the embroidery we will be giving them the flag patches.

Truck Committee: There will be a meeting on June 18th at 7:00 pm to go over the prices for a new ladder truck. I would like to get rid of Engine 52, if everyone is in agreement I would like to actively pursue the sale of Engine 52.

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Public: None

Old Business: Would like to remove some of the unnecessary stuff from the radio room. Some members stated that there's something wrong with the charger in Ladder 5 isn't working let's try to see what's wrong with it.

New Business: A former member wrote a letter to the Editor of the Focus

Resolutions:

Resolution 15-28

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, hereby approves the May 2015 Bill List in the amount of \$40,147.42

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Umana, Lambert

No: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolution 15-29

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, hereby authorizes an Amendment to LOSAP to increase the CPI increase to \$1,669.00.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Umana, Lambert

No: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolutions continued:

Resolution 15-30

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, hereby approves the purchase of Station Wear for 15 members which includes 15 shirts, pants from SAFE-T in an amount not to exceed \$2,975.00.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Umana, Lambert

No: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

Resolution 15-31

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, hereby approves the Normal Operating expenditures.

Yes: Commissioners: Nazario, Palmieri, Umana, Lambert

No: None

Absent: Commissioner Campbell

Abstain: None

The Resolution was Adopted

The Meeting was Adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Kenneth Lambert, Vice Chairman

Annette Maida-Smith, Administrative Assistant