

Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District #5

180 Old Bloomfield Ave.

Parsippany, NJ 07054

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 8:01 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

Minutes: Posted on the Web Site

Treasurer's Report: July we had our large bond payment in the amount of \$235,805.00, and we received our quarterly check, everything else was our normal operating expense. I will tell Penny how much the insurance reimbursed us so we can add that back to the line item in the red.

Joint Board Meeting: Had a meeting last week, it was the elections, everyone stayed in the same positions and the Line Officers for the Joint Board all stayed the same.

Fire Prevention Bureau: No meeting yet, switched the meeting to every quarter and they have not hired anyone yet to fill the position.

Correspondence: Just normal bills.

LOSAP: Nothing to report.

Insurance: Our Audit of Insurance was done, we received our Universal Life I just have to get the year to date copy, there's people going on and people coming off it went up \$5,000.00 more, we overpaid on our Workers Comp so we will be getting a reimbursement on that policy.

Old Building: Nothing to report.

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New Building: Everything at Station 2 got buffed out it looks nice, while we're on the buildings It's always been a problem here with the mess, the clean up and it's like, it just seems to be getting worse, we have a clean – up, 2 days later we come here and the place is a wreck. The other night we had a little incident. The back door was opened the TV was on there was stuff on the counter.

The building is suppose to be locked down, somebody can go in there and do all kind of damage or vandalism then we're all in trouble. The fact that we have a bunch of guys going in and out of there, I mean, it's not a place to bring your girl friend, it's a firehouse especially when we built it, it's a place where we can operate under extreme weather conditions, we're spending money on computers again because we have people going in there and playing around with the computers, looking up vacations and this and that, I mean now hopefully that won't happened because its locked.

We provide these guys with wireless internet here and there so they can play with their phones if they want to, they shouldn't be in the radio room anyway it's locked down, the back door is always propped open.

Today to the bunker was wide open, how it got opened I couldn't tell you, I had it locked, the only time that was opened was when the guys came to buff the floors, whatever day we went up there I checked and it was locked. It was said that there's keys laying around in someone's locker at Station 2.

If Smitty has a key, he's the only one who has the key box, if he leaves keys out, then that's a problem. If he's leaving keys out, then that's a problem. I'm not just blaming the juniors because there's regular members involved in it to.

We should pick a few guys who we think is responsible, the engineers, guys who are doing their jobs like Pat Calabrese, John Dente, someone that goes in there and checking the truck actually doing their job, go over the list and say okay these guys are

locked out at 10, and if we go there and find them there, then they will be suspended, they have no respect for anything, it's the same thing here, they hang out here and leave their garbage all over.

The Chief talked to a couple of the guys after the drill a lot of them understood that they shouldn't be hanging out here, I told them they are not doing anything but sitting around watching TV and making a mess and trashing the fire house.

The Officers should get the roster and go over it and tell them they are out at 10 pm, let them know they will not have access.

We have a lot of guys who haven't completed Fire Fighter One, they ride, they are still riding, that's a minimum requirement then that's the minimum, if they don't meet that minimum then we have a problem, where are we going with these guys, some of them are going on 2 years without the test.

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New Building continued:

We have to get squared away, we have to make sure they are meeting the minimum requirement, if they are not then they're a liability to us, and again, if they can come here and hang out, they can certainly learn about the apparatus they should be very proficient with what they do. They need the basics.

Dinner: Progress

Good & Welfare: Nothing new the status on Brian Ricci is he may need surgery.

Chief's Report:

- Chief's Fund \$291.27, fuel - \$464.95 for a total of \$756.22 Get Gulf Card or WaWa Gas Cards.
- Terminations – Chuck Talmadge
- Low Percentage letters were sent to 8 guys a couple of them have been picking up and showing up
- Calls 19 day 8 night for a total of 27

- E51 has a broken windshield and that is taken care of and ordered
- Monday the Chief's received a letter from the Chief of District 6 about the double dispatching, Assistant Chief Schwiezer typed up a letter for me to be sent to all the Commissioners, the other Chiefs and the PD, he wants to stop the double dispatching and keep getting cancelled
- Training on the Thermal Imaging will be in September that's roughly around \$4,000.00 I told the Chief to bring it up tonight because of the amount of money that it is.
- The last thing is at the Inspection Dinner in June, some of the Assistant Chief's sat down and ran a list of who needs what, we're going to try and do it in steps, how many guys needed sets and everything:
 - 2 Turnout Gear Sets – Melissa Martin and Thomas Cucchiara
 - SCBA Masks – Ricci, Dente, Patrick Campbell, Peloubet, Umana and a couple of others, but we can take off Ricci because he's going in for surgery, and we just found Glen Peloubet mask out there it just needs the netting so that's only 3 guys.
 - Voice amps – take 2 off of that
 - Amp brackets
 - Leather boots – Paul, Marcus, Matt, and Joe Williamson
 - Gloves and hoods for stock, we used a lot of gloves

You have money in equipment and supplies and money in gear, but again, another pet peeve of mine is, I come into the fire house and there's a glove, a hood and something else over there, I go to Station 2 there's a pair of gloves, a hood on the ground, I don't mind buying stuff, but what are they doing stock piling? I don't understand where it goes, if it's no good and it's ripped.

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Chief's Report continued:

The junk yard fire kind of killed us on that one, a lot of guys gloves got ripped and torn.

They just can't keep their stuff laying around and expect them to be there, if they aren't going to act like adults...

I broke it down into steps and the first step is \$10,117.54, Step Two is \$5,339.54 and Step 3 is \$4,002.54, so your cutting \$...

Step 1 is: 2 sets of Turnout Gear; 2 SCBA Masks, 4 Helmets, 4 Leather Boots, Gloves, Hoods and 7 Suspenders for stock not to exceed \$12,000.00.

If they aren't meeting their percentages then they shouldn't get anything, and they have to pass Fire Fighter 1 in order to get anything.

At the next meeting let's have a test date for the guys that need it.

Truck Committee: Progress

Public: None

Old Business:

- Station 2 new computers were installed not for use by any members not authorized
- Chief and Captain have new computers
- 3 Lap Tops being serviced now
- All have been connected to network and will print from anywhere as long as the Air Card is plugged in
- NetLinks will be sending us a quote on the mounting brackets for the trucks

New Business: None

Resolutions:

Resolution 14-37

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, approve July, 2014 Bill List in the amount of \$52,179.50.

Commissioners Vote:

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Lambert, Umana, Palmieri and Campbell

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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Resolutions continued:

Resolution 14-37 continued

The Resolution was Adopted

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Resolution 14-38

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, authorize the Personal Protective Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Commissioners Vote:

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Lambert, Umana, Palmieri and Campbell

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Resolution was Adopted

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Resolution 14-39

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Parsippany-Troy Hills Volunteer Fire Department, District #5, authorize Safe IR Thermal Imaging Training at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

Commissioners Vote:

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Lambert, Umana, Palmieri and Campbell

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Resolution was Adopted

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Resolutions continued:

Resolution 14-40

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

Commissioners Vote:

Aye: Commissioners: Nazario, Lambert, Umana, Palmieri and Campbell

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The Resolution was Adopted

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Adjournment: Meeting was Adjourned at 8:55 pm

Robert Campbell, Chairman

Annette Maida-Smith, Administrative Assistant

