

JOINT BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION MEETING
March 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m. – 10 Troy Hills Rd, Whippany

PRESENT: Fire Commissioners & Commissioner-elects:

From District No. 2: Gethins, Kitchell, Quinn, Willans, Ehrich, Cobane

From District No 3: Waldron, DiSimone

Absent: Cornine, O'Hare, Dugan

Also Absent: Chief Perrello, District 2, Chief DiGiorgio, District 3,

Also Present: Brian Cahill, Township Liaison, and Jim Schulz, Board Secretary, District 3

Commissioner Cobane welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced any new Board members.

He then read the following statement: Adequate notice of the meeting was provided by law to the Daily Record, the Star Ledger and/or the Hanover Eagle.

Minutes of the Last meeting: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting by Comm. Cobane. It was seconded by Comm. Kitchell. Comm. Waldron abstained from voting and the motion passed.

Reorganization: A nomination was made by Comm. Waldron that Comm. DiSimone be appointed Chairman for the year 2022-2023. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed unanimously.

A nomination was made by Comm. Cobane that Comm. Waldron be appointed Treasurer. It was seconded by Comm. Willans and passed unanimously.

A nomination was made by Rob Cobane to appoint Steve Willans as Secretary of the Board. It was seconded by Comm. DiSimone and passed unanimously.

- A resolution was made to accept the new Board and approve the meeting dates for the upcoming year as follows. It passed unanimously.

Chairman: Mary Lou DiSimone

Treasurer: Shawn Waldron

Secretary: Steve Willans

Meetings:

2022

Thursday, June 2, 2022

District No. 3, 82 Ridgedale Avenue

Monday, September 12, 2022

District No. 2, 10 Troy Hills Road

Monday, December 1, 2022

District No. 3, 82 Ridgedale Avenue

2023

Thursday, March 13, 2023

District No. 2, 10 Troy Hills Road

Thursday, June 1, 2023

District No. 3, 82 Ridgedale Avenue

All Regular Meetings shall take place at **6:30 P.M.** at the locations noted above.

Correspondence: Nothing at this time

Treasurer's Report: We have brought the balance in the bank account to an even \$1000. We will have to add to it when needed, as the "After the Fire" costs \$1000 by itself.

Chief's Report: Nothing at this time as both Chiefs were absent.

Township Liaison: Brian Cahill stated he had nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business: District 2 cannot use the ambulance parked here because of insurance reasons. There is a car being donated in memory of someone but it is unsure where it will be located – the antique wing at District 2 or at District 3. The family will be invited to a ceremony as it is donated.

The talks about merging the 2 districts are ongoing. Jim Davidson is heading up the Committee to coordinate everything. The new Board members were filled in on what is being planned. The township has to come up with a plan to proceed and present that to the Local Finance Board. There are 2 questions that need to be answered.

1. Can the new district absorb the debt of the old districts?
2. Will the new district provide equal or better service to the community?

The answer to both of these is yes.

Then each Board makes their resolutions. The Town Council approves and then it goes to the Local Finance Board. There is still a lot of work to be done and it's in the early stages yet.

Comm. Waldron – District 3 budgeted for promotions. They are short a lieutenant for 4 months now and want to proceed with filling that position. He has spoken to Jim Davidson about it. He is going to ask that they not approve any other appointments besides that one lieutenant.

Brian Cahill stated that he has been answering questions from the public already.

Jim Davidson has been reaching out to everyone involved – from the Fire Company and the FMBA President Ben Bradley as well as other members.

There are definitely duplications in our costs and savings to be had.

Comm. Waldron – We just want the ability to protect our residents and not be killed by taxes. He also said there are parking spots that should have been donated long ago.

New Business: Should there be a set of by-laws or something for the Joint Bureau? Something the Board is governed by? Janet looked into the records left to her and found the origination paperwork from 2003 but no by-laws. Comm. DiSimone will look into appropriating general by-laws for our use.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Comm. Waldron. It was seconded by Comm. Cobane and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Gant-Hammond