

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to thank everyone for attending our informational meetings regarding the proposed cell tower on the Lincroft Fire Company property. I hope you found the meetings informative and all your questions answered. If you have additional questions, I will gladly have them answered for you. Please send them in a reply to this e-mail or address them to [msanpietro@verizon.net](mailto:msanpietro@verizon.net).

Some key points that were discussed were:

Proposed tower - The tower will be a 100' monopole designed as a flagpole

Health concerns – One of the main reasons we held the meetings was to address the health concerns because at the Department Meetings it has been deemed illegal to discuss the topic of health regarding cell towers.

Operating deficit – Based upon the funds allotted by Middletown Township , we operate with a deficit of approx \$70,000. Our annual fund drive and other fund raising efforts are run to alleviate this deficit. This is not to say we are operating year-to-year. In an attempt to answer the question of financial need, do we have some savings? Yes, we prudently have funds should any economic catastrophe affect the fire company, the communities or municipal government's ability to donate and thus our ability to deliver your fire protection. Those funds are also used to replace apparatus that MUST be replaced every 20 years to meet Nation Fire Protection Regulations (NFPA) which feeds into the insurance premiums for our area. This figure historically has been in the \$125K area. Engine 201 (the 1992 pumper) is approaching this milestone. So it is not just a simple question of how much do we need to run for the year, we are in the emergency business and must have contingencies for events that might compromise your safety.

Operating costs – Some of the costs associated with training and outfitting our fire fighters are Scott Air Pack (SCBA) unit - \$3,500 per unit, Turnout Gear (Jacket & Pants) - \$1,800, Helmet - \$150 each, Boots - \$250 pair, Gloves - \$30 pair & Hood - \$20

Maintenance of equipment – Parts & labor for our brush truck, engine and ladder - \$\$\$ Fuel - \$900 (last month)

Maintenance of Building & Grounds

Also, we must remain compliant with PEOSHA standards as it pertains to our building & equipment.

I will pass along any information relating to our proposed cell tower as I receive it. If anyone does not want to be included in the e-mail distribution, please reply to this effect.

Thank you,

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Vice President