

## **September 2021 New Firehouse Project Update**

The floor was poured and cured and the foundation of the building is complete. Work has begun on erecting the steel superstructure and laying some of the interior block walls.

We are about three weeks behind the initial projected schedule, partly due to weather and partly to material availability. Our contractors have been doing a great job and continue to push to make up time. Our goal is to have the site “closed in” by mid-December, 2021.

We expect to see work beginning on the main entrance on Route 22 in the near future. We have received all of our Department of Transportation (DOT) approvals and have a meeting scheduled with the DOT to review progress on the project.

As of now, the project is within the working budget with no significant changes.

### **Questions we’ve had from public this month:**

#### **What is that sticking up from the foundation?**

The structure you’ve been seeing on the foundation up to this point is the elevator shaft.

#### **Are you going to cover/protect your dirt piles?**

There had been two working dirt piles on the site, now down to one, and it's looking as though we may not have any significant dirt pile left by winter. Our Site Contractor, Montesano, Inc., has a hydro-seeding trailer on site. Dirt piles or areas that are not part of current active work get sprayed with a slope stabilization mix, which are generally grasses that germinate quickly and root deeply to help keep the soil in place during rain and wind. Some of the edges of the site look like lawn right now because of this erosion-control measure.