September 27, 2023

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**:

Those members present were: Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, Commissioner Ehrhart, Commissioner Freer, District Chief Lacalamita, 1st Assistant Chief Jackson, Attorney MacLeod, John Ryan, Attorney Abissi, and Secretary Beyer.

Executive session was called to order at 6:24 PM on a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. The purpose is discuss the employment of a specific employee.

At 6:36 PM Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to adjourn executive session. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon and carried. Firefighters Valentine and Perrotti will be suspended until the outcome of their criminal charges.

**MEETING OPENED**:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at headquarters. Chairman Shultis called the meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**:

Those members present were: Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, Commissioner Ehrhart and Commissioner Freer.

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Sal Provenzano – Station 1, and for all fallen brothers and sisters in the military, police, and fire and EMS service.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

The minutes of the August 22, 2023 and September 11, 2023 meetings were accepted on a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The corrected Treasurer’s Report for August, 2023 was accepted on a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart. Motion carried.

**BILLS PAYABLE**:

Commissioner Freer made a motion that the bills from the General Fund totaling $146,373.78, and $3,200.00 to be paid from the Reserve for Building & Land, numbered 944 through 1058, as proposed, be approved. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon and carried.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Station 2 – Joanna S. Finger – EMS physical – Pending Arson

Station 4 – Yasudha Kilambi

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon, these applications, including the one pending arson, were approved.

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Request from EFPD to use the building 10/2, 11/6, and 12/4 for the PBA meetings. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**:

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer the Image Trend Contract is approved with the Chairman authorized to sign it.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, Lion is authorized to do the repairs/replacements at the Burn Tower, not to exceed $10,000.00.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to accept the Sexual Harassment Policy for the East Fishkill Fire District as proposed by NSAFD and presented to the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the MIG grant contract was approved and the Chairman authorized to sign it.

Commissioner Jodlowski make a motion to extend the suspension of Firefighter John Ryan until the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Freer made a motion to accept the new Intake form for Prospective Members. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

On a motion by Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski 1 member has been approved to attend Firefighter Self Rescue, at no cost in Westchester on 12/6.

Chairman Shultis made a motion to transfer $150,000 from NYClass Gen Fund to Tompkins Checking and $10,000.00 from NYClass Gen Fund to Tompkins MM. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. Commissioner Dixon abstained. All others voted aye and motion carried.

Up to 15 people attending a Fire Police Seminar at the Ulster Fire Police Educational Seminar was approved on a motion by Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

**DISTRICT CHIEF:** see report

1. Community Day has been postponed until October 8th.
2. Fire Prevention will be at HQ on Sunday, October 16.
3. Hose testing is done. There were some safety issues in regard to couplings and these will be discussed with the vendor. Vice-Chairman Dixon stated safety issues have to be addressed but if it is just a matter of hose not being racked correctly, it is something the members will need to work on. Commissioner Ehrhart reminded everyone that this vendor was not the low bid because of prior issues with that bid. It is difficult to find a vendor that does everything we want one vendor to do.
4. Vice-Chairman Dixon stated the camera installation down back is being worked on. Chairman Shultis stated it needs more trenching for the wires and some additional small things.

**1st ASSISTANT CHIEF**: see report

1. The landing zone drill was very good and well attended.
2. The members and himself appreciate the dumpster that has been provided down back.
3. The burn cribs have been picked up from Ortiz for the conex boxes and he hopes Lion get all the issues worked out with the burn tower.
4. Chairman Shultis said the blacktop company will there next Thursday to do the prep work and then the following Monday and Tuesday to do the paving. They are blacktopping the circle, the stone area and the road to the new building.

Chief Conti thanked the Board for allowing members to go to Ladder 25 on September 11.They will be doing a dedication/memorial for Firefighter Healy who just passed from 9/11 issues.

Chief Gallo stated that at the company meeting they discussed going to various schools for fire prevention. On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Freer, all stations are authorized to participate in fire prevention activities at schools or other day cares.

Firefighter O’Mara stated his father had an auto accident last week and Gary called in ALS due to his medical history. The ambulance responded Code 1, no light or sirens and took 15 minutes to get there. His dad was loaded into our ambulance with a medic and they left. No one from Empress rode with EFRS and yet he received an invoice. The Board said they would have Gary look into it.

Commissioner Jodlowski said there is a stretcher in our bay. If we purchase it from Stryker, then DCC can purchase it from us at the same cost. Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to purchase the stretcher from Stryker for $2,500.00 and sell it to DCC for $2,500.00 Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:32 PM by Vice-Chairman Dixon seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie J Beyer

Secretary/Treasurer