

Re-Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2023

Meeting Opened:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their re-organizational meeting for the year 2023 at district headquarters. Secretary Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Moment of Silence: All firefighters, EMS, police and military personnel.

Members Present:

Those members present were: Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski and Commissioner Freer. Commissioner Shultis and Commissioner Ehrhart were excused.

Organization for the Year 2023:

Chairman: Secretary Kaye requested nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to appoint Commissioner Shultis as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Jodlowski seconded and motion carried.

Vice Chairman: Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to appoint Commissioner Dixon as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Freer. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to reappoint Julie J. Beyer as Secretary/Treasurer at a yearly salary of \$59,806.12. Commissioner Jodlowski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer: Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to reappoint Kathleen A. Kaye as the Deputy Treasurer/Secretary at a yearly salary of \$47,622.74. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion that David L. Palin, the District's person in charge of radios and knox boxes, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$20.71. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion that Scott M. Birkler, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$21.38. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion that Kevin W. Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$21.38. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion that Thomas E Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$20.26. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Legal Consultant: Commissioner Freer made a motion that Mackey, Butts and Whalen be legal consultants for the Fire District. Commissioner Jodlowski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Publication of Notices: On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the Poughkeepsie Journal was designated as the official publication of the Fire District for notices. All were in favor and motion was carried.

Official Depository: On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, Tompkins Community Bank was designated as the official depository for the East Fishkill Fire District. Motion was carried.

Bank Signatories: On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, bank signatories for the East Fishkill Fire District will be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. Motion was carried.

Meeting Day and Time: A monthly workshop meeting will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM with a meeting to follow, and the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8:00 PM was designated as the official meeting day and time for the Fire District, with the exception of October 9th. A Public Budget Hearing will be held on October 17th, 2023 with a workshop and meeting to follow and the November 22nd meeting is rescheduled for November 29th. This motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer. All were in favor and motion carried.

Association Memberships: The following memberships were approved on a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer: Association of Fire Districts of New York State, Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County, NFPA, NYS Government Finance Officers Association, International Society of Fire Service Instructors, Association of Fire Chiefs, Fire Investigation Association, National Safety Council, Firemen’s Association of the State of New York and Associations of Towns.

Computer Maintenance: On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, ACT, Inc. will maintain the District computer system. All were in favor and motion carried.

Building Maintenance: On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, Cleaning will be done by 24/7 Cleaning, Thomas Jackson will do the lawn care, Longview Pole Landscaping will maintain the gardening areas, Ed Blake – ESS will maintain the radio tower, Black Electric and Roma Electric will be the electricians, Ossenkop Plumbing & Heating will do plumbing, heating and A/C, H.A. Schreck will maintain the generators and O’Tooles Security will do all alarm systems and security doors. TEK Medical will be the District physician for physicals. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Apparatus Storage Rental: Commissioner Freer made a motion to maintain the storage rental fee for main stations and for substations as follows:

- Company 1 \$74,926.32
- Company 2 \$105,766.44 (\$30,840.12 for substation)
- Company 3 \$74,926.32
- Company 4 \$105,766.44 (\$30,840.12 for substation)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments: As per Vice-Chairman Dixon, the committee assignments are as follows:

Co #1 and Co #2 Vehicles And Equipment:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Co #3 and Co #4 Vehicles And Equipment:	Commissioner Freer
Rescue Squad Vehicles and Equipment:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Headquarters Vehicles and Equipment:	Commissioner Ehrhart Commissioner Dixon
Chief Vehicles:	Commissioner Dixon
Apparatus/Vehicle Replacement:	Commissioner Dixon
HQ Buildings/Grounds Capital Improvements:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Ehrhart
District Computers/Programs/ Phones/Tablets:	Commissioner Ehrhart
District Cameras:	Commissioner Ehrhart Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Freer
Physicals:	Commissioner Dixon
Insurance:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski
Banking/Investments/LOSAP:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Shultis
Budget/P&L Review:	Commissioner Freer Commissioner Dixon
ALS Vendor Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Shultis
Town Board Liaison:	Commissioner Ehrhart
Fire Advisory Board Liaison:	Commissioner Freer
Leased Space/Plymovent:	Commissioner Dixon

	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Freer
Purchasing Agents:	Commissioner Shultis Board - Secondary
Surplus Sales:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Ehrhart
Grant Writing:	Board Hire
Policy Updates:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Radio Tower:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Freer
Annual Dinner Committee:	Secretary Beyer Board
County Radio Initiative:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski
Mental Health:	Commissioner Jodlowski

A motion to accept this list was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer. All were in favor and motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the 2023 proposed District Officer list was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the 2023 appointed Company Officer list was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the 2023 appointed District Officer list was approved.

Designation of Reserve Funds: On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the Reserve Funds were designated as follows:

Reserve Fund for the Purchase of Major Equipment with a maximum limit of \$5,000,000.00.

Reserver Fund for Building and Land Acquisition with a maximum limit of \$5,000,000.00

All in favor. Motion carried.

Travel Expenses: On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, mileage will be paid at the rate of \$.655 per mile, all registrations must be submitted one month prior for approval by the Board, and the maximum reimbursement per day for meals will be \$75.00, unless otherwise approved. Receipts must be turned in within 45 days of the event for reimbursement to members. District van 39-68 rules remain the same. Truck rules for 39-69 remain the same. All were in favor and motion carried.

At this point, the re-organizational portion of the meeting was complete and the regular meeting continued.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to approve payables as presented. Commissioner Freer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The bank statements were opened by Vice-Chairman Dixon and everything appears to be in order.

Memberships:

Station 1 – Joel G. Muckatt – pending arson, pending physical

Station 3 – Clarissa M. Virtuoso – pending arson, pending physical

On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, these application were approved.

Membership Transfer:

None.

Correspondence:

1. Letter of resignation from Andre Graham, Station 3.

Committee Updates:

Vice-Chairman Dixon advised that he and Car 4 will be working on inventorying gear, pagers and radios in Halligan. Car 4 will be having a training session on ticketing and inventory in Halligan on Thursday, January 12th at 7 pm.

Vice-Chairman Dixon will be working with AirClean to get the plymovent systems at each station and sub station back up and running. He may go to each station prior, to get a list together of what needs to be done.

Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski to drop the following members from the District Rolls for failure to meet 2022 training requirements:

Station 1 – Steven Zukowski

Station 2 – Benjamin Gormley

Brendan Reed

Rebecka Tompkins

Station 3 – Joseph Simmonds

Seconded by Commissioner Freer and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to increase Longview Pole Landscaping yearly fee for services by \$250.00. They will be paid \$3,750.00 for 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

New Business:

Commissioner Freer made a motion to accept the proposal from Waterway for hose, ladder and pump testing. Vice-Chairman Dixon advised that the Board has a discussion earlier with Waterway and they will be scheduling the testing for September. Motion seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer to approve the following training classes:

- FF Survival 1/7 – 1/8/23 in Putnam for two members at no cost (this had prior verbal approval)

- Lightweight Construction 2/2/23 in Westchester for one member at no cost
- Fire Alarm 1/17 – 1/29/23 in Westchester for one member at no cost
- Fire Sprinkler 2/4/23 in Westchester for two members at no cost
- Principle of Instruction 1/23/23 in Westchester for one member at no cost

Motion was approved.

Chief Report:

1. Car 1 is working on getting the list of members that will be attending FDIC in April. He will need to know how many Commissioners will be attending. Since the full Board was not present, they will have to give him the count at a later time.
2. Car 1 advised that he has talked with HiTech and MES regarding Honeywell gear. He will be getting pricing on different types.
3. Advised that on 1/6 he met with an engineer regarding the Carol Drive hydrant. The bridge will be wider but the hydrant will be kept the same. He asked if they might be able to make it deeper and was told it would not be a problem.
4. He asked if the Board still plans on putting something out regarding radio issues on the Taconic. The Board will take care of that.
5. Car 1 questioned the status of the 6-wheeler. Commissioner Jodlowski advised he is working on coming to an agreement with Teixeira Polaris regarding the damage sustained when it was there for repair. The estimate to repair is \$2,000.00. It was decided that in order to get it back in service, it will be repaired at another shop and then seek reimbursement from Teixeira Polaris.
6. Advised the Board that Tom Cirrincione will no longer be Parade Chairman and Danny Keane will be taking over that position. He also requested that an order for Class A uniforms be placed. Vice-Chairman Dixon requested he get submit to the Board a total number of uniforms and a quote.
7. He still doesn't have the substation 2 cameras and the new training building cameras on the software program on his computer. O'Toole's will be checking on his computer and was advised by the Board that the cameras in the new training building are a different system.
8. Car 1 expressed his disappointment that the Town held a Proclamation Ceremony for Tom Cirrincione and the Fire District was not advised or invited.

At this point, Commissioner Jodlowski introduced new Town Board member, Craig Arco, who will be the Fire District Liaison. Councilman Arco stated that the ceremony was put together quickly and it was not intentional to not invite the Fire District. He also told those members present about himself and how he plans to assist the Fire District.

1st Assistant Chief Report:

1. Car 2 advised that Lion has been in last week to run the Bullex system. They had a fire going and it seems to be working at this point. Training will be planned for March.
2. Car 2 will be requesting to send some members to a Truck Skills Seminar in Westchester at a cost of \$35.00 per member.

Car 4 advised all present that Station 2 has organized a meals program to help out Tom Cirrincione and his family during his difficult time. Attorney MacLeod advised Car 4 to provide any work details for the Cirrincione family to the District so they will be covered under insurance.

Captain Paraskeva requested the Board consider helping the Rotary with a fundraising effort by allowing them to have a clothing drop off shed placed on the property. Information was given to the Board and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to rescind the motion to drop Joseph Simmonds from the District rolls, as an email requesting school leave was submitted via email to Secretary Kaye. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

At this point Vice-Chairman Dixon swore in all 2023 Officers that were present.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer