

October 12, 2021

MEETING OPENED:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at district headquarters. Chairman McNamara called the meeting to order at 8:38 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

Bank statements were opened by Chairman McNamara. There were no issues.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the bills payable as presented were approved. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 1 – David M. Kaner – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

Station 2 – Rebecka L. Tompkins - Pending Arson, Pending Physical

John J. Vicente - Pending Arson, Pending Physical

Nicholas J. Zoda - Pending Arson, Pending Physical

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, these applications were approved.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

None.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

Station 1 – Michelle Petrucci

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, this application was approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resignation letter from George Lawrence from Hopewell Hose.
2. Change of address letter from Anthony, Patrick and Connor Cirrincione.
3. Letter from Beekman Fire District regarding ALS transports.
4. Letter of resignation from Jennifer Werner from Hillside Lake.
5. Letter from H.A. Schreck no longer offering off hours service.
6. Letter of resignation from Logan O’Callaghan from Stormville Fire Company.
7. Request to use facility on Sunday, November 7th or Sunday, November 14th for a Veterinary Vaccine Clinic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Mahopac checking and \$20,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Mahopac Business Builder. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried. Commissioner Dixon abstained.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to wire transfer \$488,528.00 to Marion once the new 39-52 is accepted. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to allow 13 Fire Police to attend training on November 6th at a cost of \$15 per person (to be prepaid). Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to allow Veterinary Vaccine Clinic to use the OTF on Sunday, November 7th or Sunday, November 14th. They must provide an insurance certificate. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept the proposal from EmStar/Empress for ALS coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the amount of \$564,840.00. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shultis to change the November meeting date from Wednesday, November 24th to Monday, November 29th. Seconded by Chairman McNamara and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to purchase a 2001 ladder truck from New Hyde Park Fire Department in the amount of \$170,000.00 upon acceptance by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to transfer \$170,000.00 from NYClass Major Equipment to Mahopac Reserve for Major Equipment. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

1. Chief Lacalamita advised the Commissioners that he would like to move the six wheeler to Station 3. He would like to keep 39-65 with spare bottles and purchase 40 - 30 minute SCBA bottles. Commissioner Jodlowski stated he would like the Board to look into a trailer with a compressor to fill bottles.
2. Chief would like to see air primers put on the new 39-14 and 39-22.
3. Chief recommended moving the old six wheeler, which needs work as it is overheating, to Station 2 for EMS to use on the rail trail. Vice-Chairman Shultis advised that maintenance uses it around headquarters often.
4. Chief would like to spend six months looking for a used pumper/tanker for Station 4 and if nothing used can be found to form a committee for a new one. Commissioner Jodlowski advised he saw one on the line for under \$300,000.00 and would look into this.
5. Chief asked about whether the vehicles are scheduled to receive their state inspections, as he recommended. He was advised inspections are set to begin in November.
6. At the Chief meeting, the company chiefs requested a meeting with the Commissioners. Chief Lacalamita will set this up.
7. Chief questioned keeping the fire prevention trailer, as only the awning has been used in the last few years. The Board felt this was due to COVID and it will be utilized again in the future.
8. Member, Michael DeRobertis, requested a letter authorizing him to be a daytime member while he attends college. The Chief will be sending the letter.
9. Chief advised that the new FIU 39-56 is moving along.

1st Assistant Chief Jackson questioned whether the members who are taking the EVOC class can use the vehicle they take in the class. The Board declined this request.

Captain Paraskeva had questions regarding equipment coming and going in the District. There was discussion about the plan to replace equipment and the timetable. He also requested a new vehicle or an old Chief car to replace 39-66. Commissioner Dixon advised the Board is considering keeping the old Chief cars for District use.

Rescue Chief Saltzburg was not present but gave Commissioner Jodlowski a list of additional items they would like for the new rescue room. One request was to put a ballard in front of the bay door. The Board agreed with this. Commissioner Jodlowski will discuss the rest of the list with Chief Saltzburg.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to move to Executive Session at 9:30 PM.
Seconded by Chairman McNamara.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chief Lacalamita advised of two personnel issues that he had handled. No action was taken by the Board. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to end the Executive Session at 9:40 PM. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:40 PM by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer