

October 13, 2020

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 8:46 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 2 – Joseph J. Hickok – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

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

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

None.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request from Hopewell Hose to remove Eric Williams from the District rolls due to failing probation.
2. Letter from Cathy Salerno regarding her medical leave.
3. Letter from Commissioner Post – attached to these minutes.
4. Letter from Firefly Admin Inc. regarding LOSAP Administration.
5. Letter from Office of People with Developmental Disabilities with a housing update.
6. Letter of intent from Martin Kuhl to run for the position of 39-5.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept the proposal from EMS Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$29,850.00, for heating and a/c in the classroom, bathroom and kitchen areas of the new building. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to drop member James Donovan, Sr., for not completing his 2019 OSHA training requirements. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon, the motion from 9/23/20 to purchase a new rescue boat was amended to the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. This is due to the original boat being out of stock and a better, safer boat being available immediately. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon to move forward to replace RedAlert with Emergency Reporting, Halligan and Spotted Dog at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 in the first year. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to purchase a Scott V320 Thermal Imaging Camera in the amount of \$2,565.00. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and approved.

Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$100,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Mahopac General Fund. Seconded by Chairman McNamara and carried. Commissioner Dixon abstained.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

Chief Conti inquired about whether the new drone had been ordered. Chairman McNamara, Vice-Chairman Shultis and Commissioner Dixon all believe that this had been discussed at a previous meeting and it was decided to put it off until next year. This will be discussed again at the next meeting when all Commissioners are present.

Chief Conti requested permission to order 50 multi-use tools for Officers out of the Chief budget. These are a useful tool and therefore should not be considered as gifts.

A tanker/pumper truck committee meeting will be held on October 21st. The new pumper meeting went well.

Chief Conti will be working on a new form for homeowners to sign when they will not allow firefighters into their home at an automatic fire alarm call. This is becoming a very common problem.

Chief Conti advised the Board that Chief Saltzburg requested something be done to prevent the chairs in the ready room from hitting the wall and causing damage. The Board will look into a solution for this problem. Chief Saltzburg also advised that EmStar is not interested in purchasing the old 39-72. Commissioner Dixon stated that he has been working on getting the value of both 39-72 and the old FIU van and thinks we may be able to get \$15,000-\$20,000 each for them.

1st Assistant Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that he has 11 members attending the next Firefighter One class at DC911. He also advised that five out of seven hydrants at Devon Farms are out of service. The Town will be notified of this.

Assistant Chief Gallo advised that the concrete slab and paving at Station 2 is being put off until April and they will be filing the DEC permits now.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Shultis to move to Executive Session at 9:07 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chief Conti advised of a personnel issue that he had handled. No action was taken by the Board. Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to end the Executive Session at 9:14 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:14 PM by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer