

September 13, 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 9:39 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Those members present were: Chairman McNamara, Vice-Chairman Shultis and 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 Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon, the bills payable, to include \$768.15 for carpet deposit, were approved. Motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

None.

**TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:**

None.

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

Station 3 – Joseph Simmonds

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter of resignation from Michael Roberts from Hillside Lake.
2. Letter of resignation from Bryan Conti from the position of 39-3.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion that pending the successful completion of a permissive referendum, to purchase 2-one ton 4x4 pickup trucks, the amount not to exceed \$100,00.00 for both, to be paid from the Reserve Fund for Major Equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion that pending the successful completion of a permissive referendum, to purchase a used tower ladder truck, the amount not to exceed \$300,00.00, to be paid from the Reserve Fund for Major Equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$50,000.00 from NYClass Equipment to Mahopac Reserve for Equipment and transfer \$4,169.88 from NYClass B & L to Mahopac General Fund for Damac invoice. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried. Commissioner Dixon abstained.

There was some discussion regarding member Bryan Conti injuring his ankle while at a call but not wanting to report it to Workers Comp.

**CHIEF'S REPORTS:**

Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that there is progress being made on the outfitting of 39-56 FIU van. Commissioner Dixon added that the furniture and cabinets would be ordered soon and installed and then the lettering.

Chief Lacalamita again spoke about having DOT inspections for all vehicles. Chairman McNamara will work on finding out where to send them for the inspections.

Chief Lacalamita has been looking into used tower ladder trucks. He found a Pierce with low mileage for \$170,000.00. Commissioner Dixon would like to reach out to Command Fire Apparatus to see if they have any used trucks for sale.

Chief Lacalamita requested the Board encourage members to follow the chain of command. He feels some members go directly to the Board instead of the Chief.

39-21 is out of service. The repairs are done and it will be pump tested. The Chief also requested a \$25.00 check for the pre-approved seminar he will be attending.

Finally, Chief Lacalamita requested the Board purchase four of the SCBA 30 minute bottles from MES, as he likes the one he has on loan better than the ones currently being used. It was requested that he contact MES to see if they would do some sort of trade for the older bottles.

Assistant Chief Saltzburg requested a direct mailing for recruitment. He would like to send out a flyer in October and November for \$275/month. If he gets a good response, he will continue in the new year. Commissioner Dixon mentioned there is an advertisement on channel 22 that is not a flattering representation of the Fire District. Commissioner Ehrhart will discuss this with the Town Supervisor.

Assistant Chief Saltzburg advised the Board that he will be bringing an ambulance to the marathon at Dutchess Community College on Sunday. He also advised that there have been three successful CPR calls because of the LUCAS.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:06 PM by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer