

September 14, 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 8:13 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 Dixon, the bills payable as presented were approved. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 3 Joseph Giancaspro – Pending Physical/Pending Arson

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

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resignation letter from Jorge Caraballo from Station 4

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to purchase two 2021 Chief vehicles, pending successful completion of a permissive referendum. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon, pressure and undercarriage washers will be purchased for the stations, not to exceed \$8,200.00. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to create and advertise for a full-time laborer position. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart to begin recording the Board meetings and keeping the tapes for one year. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to purchase a Lucas Device with matching AED not to exceed \$20,000.00. He will look into the grant we applied for to purchase two devices and see where it stands. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart to allow the Treasurer to transfer \$350,000 from NYClass General Fund to Mahopac General Fund. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and the motion was carried. Commissioner Dixon abstained.

Chief Conti thanked the Board for allowing them to travel to Ladder 25 in NYC on September 11th. They were well received and appreciated. Next year he would like to get the original 20 members that went down to all attend. He also stated that the convoy that was arranged in Dutchess County was not well attended. Commissioner Dixon stated he was at the church service and felt they did a nice job and they were all made to feel very much appreciated.

Chief Conti also advised that the response to call numbers continue to be good and that EMS has been staffed 100% and are looking to take back another day. There was a big turnout to the Fishkill fire, from the Support Group as well.

Chief Conti reported that Andrew Mitchell has fully recovered and is back in service.

He would also like to start the committee for the mini-pumper and has talked to Commissioner Post about this.

There was discussion about moving the gas system in the cage to a secure and locked area outside of the cage to make it more accessible.

Chief Conti advised he would still like to have some sort of appreciation day for the members. He is considering having Company level celebrations if the 50 person gathering law continues.

1st Assistant Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that Station 2 has been offered a house donation to use for training. They will need to provide the necessary paperwork, including a copy of the deed, before they can use it for training. There will be no live fires. Chairman McNamara requested Chief Lacalamita visit the structure first to make sure it is sound to use for training.

Chief Lacalamita also advised that training is going very well and the Bullex system is up and running.

Assistant Rescue Chief Saltzburg reminded the Board that there are many back boards in the basement that are not being used and could be sold. Maintenance is using the straps on some of them.

He also advised the Board that both 39-71 and 39-72 came back from EmStar with the same problems they were sent for. They were not repaired properly.

Skip Thela advised the Board of his thoughts on having Rescue members on the next committee for a new ambulance. He also advised that 39-72 needs an intercom system, as when you are driving with the siren on you cannot hear anything from the back. Skip also thanked the Board for once again allowing EmStar use of the building during their shifts.

At 8:52 Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

There was another discussion regarding Firefighter #27. A phone call will be made to C5 regarding this personnel issue.

There was discussion regarding use of the Assistant Chief vehicles by other officers in their absence. No action was taken.

At 9:15 a motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:15 PM by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer