

Re-Organizational Meeting
January 10, 2022

Meeting Opened:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their re-organizational meeting for the year 2022 at district headquarters. Secretary Kaye called the meeting to order at 8:04 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Members Present:

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

Organization for the Year 2022:

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

Vice Chairman: Chairman Shultis made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ehrhart as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion to reappoint Julie J. Beyer as Secretary/Treasurer at a yearly salary of \$58, 064.19. Commissioner McNamara seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion to reappoint Kathleen A. Kaye as the Deputy Treasurer/Secretary at a yearly salary of \$46,235.67. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart 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 \$20.10. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion that Scott M. Birkler, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$20.75. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion that Kevin W. Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$20.75. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

Laborer: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion that Thomas E Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.67. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

Legal Consultant: Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion that Mackey, Butts and Wise be legal consultants for the Fire District. Commissioner McNamara seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Publication of Notices: On a motion by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner McNamara, 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 Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner McNamara, Tompkins Mahopac Bank and NYClass were designated as the official depositories for the East Fishkill Fire District. Commissioner Dixon abstained. 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 10th. A Public Budget Hearing will be held on October 18, 2022 with a workshop and meeting to follow. This motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart. All were in favor and motion carried.

Association Memberships: The following memberships were approved on a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart: 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 Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, ACT, Inc. will maintain the District computer system. All were in favor and motion carried.

Building Maintenance: On a motion by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, Thomas Jackson will do the lawn care, Long 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 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 McNamara made a motion to maintain the storage rental fee for main stations and for substations as follows:

- Company 1 \$72,744.00
- Company 2 \$102,685.92 (\$29,941.92 for substation)
- Company 3 \$72,744.00
- Company 4 \$102,685.92 (\$29,941.92 for substation)

The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments: As per Chairman Shultis, the committee assignments are as follows:

2022 COMMITTEE REPORT

Membership Committee:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner McNamara
Town Board Liaison:	Commissioner McNamara Commissioner Ehrhart

Fire Advisory Board Liaison:	Commissioner McNamara
Physical:	Commissioner Dixon
CO #1 and CO. #2 Fire Equipment:	Commissioner Jodlowski
CO #3 and CO #4 Fire Equipment:	Commissioner Dixon
Rescue Equipment: Ambulance 1 and 2	Commissioner Jodlowski
Other Equipment: All District equipment at Headquarters and all Chief's vehicles	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Ehrhart
Insurance:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner McNamara
Banking:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner McNamara
Empress ALS Liaison:	Commissioner Ehrhart Commissioner Shultis
Purchasing Agents:	Commissioner Ehrhart Commissioner Shultis Board - Secondary
Radio Tower:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner McNamara, Car 1
Annual Dinner Committee:	Secretary Beyer Commissioner Shultis
Headquarters Bldg Coordinator:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Ehrhart Board - Secondary
Apparatus Committee:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Shultis

A motion to accept this list was made by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart. All were in favor and motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, the 2022 proposed Officer list was approved.

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

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

Reserve 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 Dixon and seconded by Commissioner McNamara, mileage will be paid at the rate of \$.585 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 \$50.00, 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 Dixon made a motion to approve payables as presented. Commissioner McNamara seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The bank statements were opened by Commissioner McNamara and everything appears to be in order.

Memberships:

Station 1 – Bill H. Posch – pending arson, pending physical

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

Membership Transfer:

Michael Stallone from Station 2 to Station 3

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

Correspondence:

1. Request from EFPD to use the meeting room on Tuesday, January 25th at 2pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner McNamara made a motion to allow the EFPD to use the meeting room on January 25th. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and motion carried.

Commissioner McNamara made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from NYClass General Fund to Mahopac General Fund for payables and \$60,000 from NYClass Building and Land to Mahopac Reserve Building and Land. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and carried. Commissioner Dixon abstained.

Motion was made by Commissioner McNamara to set the SAC meeting for February 14th at 6:00 PM with a Chief/President meeting to follow to discuss transfer policies. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and carried.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to allow up to ten members to attend Montour Falls March 4th pre-conference at a cost of \$15 and \$40, and March 5– 6th at a cost of \$105.00 per person. Thursday dinner and transportation to be included. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and carried.

Chief Report:

In the absence of Chief Lacalamita, 1st Assistant Chief Jackson gave his report:

1. Car 1 thanked the Board for the purchase of the three Thermal Imaging Cameras for 39-41 and 39-52.
2. There was discuss regarding Car 1's request to not purchase the air trailer but to purchase 20 of the smaller 30 minutes SCBA bottles. Commissioner Jodlowski would like to see a plan showing the cost, where they would be placed, what they would do with the spares, where all of the bottles we currently have are and the possibility of selling some of the 45 minutes bottles we currently use. Car 2 advised they will submit a proposal at the next meeting.
3. Car 1 advised that Sean O'Toole was in to repair the camera system problem he was having on his computer.
4. 39-52 is completed and in service.
5. There was a problem with the FOB on the classroom door where the fill station is located. This has since been repaired. Chief Lacalamita requested a key in a knox box on the side door to unlock the door in the event there is another issue with the FOB.
6. The list of members who would like to attend FDIC in April has been submitted to Secretary Kaye. They are; District Chief Lacalamita, Chris Calamari, Danny Keane, Chief Gallo, Jr. and Chief Kuhl. In addition, Commissioners Jodlowski, Dixon and Ehrhart are planning on attending.
7. 39-46 is ready to go into service.

1st Assistant Chief Jackson requested permission for two members to attend April classes at the NYS Fire Academy. Commissioner McNamara made a motion for this request. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Commissioner McNamara, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer

