

December 12, 2022

MEETING OPENED:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at district headquarters. Chairman Shultis called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

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

BILLS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner McNamara, the bills payable as presented were approved, to include \$2,298.00 to Roma Electrical. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 1 – Jamie L. Al-Nemri– Pending Arson, Pending Physical

Anne R. Stoll – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

Station 3 – Shawn P. Baker – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, these applications were approved, pending receipt of physicals and arson reports.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

None.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you letter from Valley Nursery School for fire prevention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to accept the updated Instructor Policy as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to use ImageTrend for ambulance billing at a cost of \$20.00 per billable incident. Soft billing approach will be utilized, meaning only the insurance companies will be billed. Any remaining balances will be written off. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to purchase a new drone at a cost of \$3,800.00 to replace the damaged one. All voted yay with the exception of Commissioner Jodlowski who voted nay.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to have the Chairman sign the MobileLife contract for ambulance services. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to purchase ten bags and ten pails of CellBlockEx not to exceed \$900.00, as requested by the Chief. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and carried.

Commissioner McNamara made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Tompkins Checking. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried. Commissioner Dixon abstained.

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner McNamara, the quote from ESO for incident and personnel recording has been accepted for \$9,105.00 initial set up and \$6,725.00 yearly. Motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

Chief Lacalamita questioned the procedure for members who do not have the qualifications to be officer but were nominated by the station. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the election procedures and it was determined that the Asst. Chief will let the Chief know who has been nominated but does not have the qualifications. The Chief will then give the names to the Board for final approval. Car 1 asked about replacing the SCBA compressor since it has been breaking down a lot. The Board advised that this is not an option since it is only three years old and was \$85,000.00.

First Assistant Chief Jackson advised that he is working on having a Lithium Ion Battery Fire class for the February district drill. The teacher will teach free of charge but wishes to be reimbursed for travel and meals. This was approved by the Board. Car 2 also advised that he confirmed the hose to be ordered will be at the 2022 price but will be received in 2023. He also requested ordering additional 1 3/4" Mercedes hose. He requested 10 white lengths and 10 blue lengths at a cost of \$225 per length. Commissioner McNamara made a motion to purchase additional hose at an approximate cost of \$4,500.00. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and carried.

Assistant Chief Saltzburg requested a camera be installed in the EMS hallway to cover the Narcan case. The Board approved this request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:46 PM Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Those present were Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, Commissioner McNamara, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, Car 1, Car 2, Car 5, Attorney MacLeod and Secretary Kaye. Car 5 advised the Board that Fire Fighter #47 has been suspended for 15 days beginning on December 6 and ending at midnight on December 23 for conduct not becoming of a member. She is also suspended from the District for this time period. At 8:47 PM Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion to end executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:47 PM by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Chairman Shultis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer