

September 9, 2019

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 9:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 4 – Kiernan J. Ryan – Jr. Member, Pending Physical

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

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

None.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resignation letter from Carl Bohnenkamp.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stuart made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2020 in the amount of \$3,447,326.00 with \$3,427,326.00 to be raised by taxes. Seconded by Commissioner Post. Chairman McNamara asked that the Board be polled:

- Commissioner Ehrhart – aye
- Commissioner Post – aye
- Vice-Chairman Shultis – aye
- Commissioner Stuart – aye
- Chairman McNamara – aye

Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to amend the policy for Leaves of Absence. Seconded by Commissioner Post and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to reschedule the October end of month meeting to October 30th, the November end of month meeting to November 20th and the December year end meeting to December 30th. Seconded by Commissioner Stuart and approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Stuart the Treasurer was authorized to transfer \$10,000.00 from Mahopac Business Builder to Mahopac Checking. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart and carried.

Commissioner Stuart made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$150,000.00 from

NYClass Equipment to Mahopac Reserve for Equipment for the two Chief vehicles. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart and carried.

Commissioner Post made a motion to make the financial changes recommended by Morgan Stanley as follows; add \$50,000.00 to mutual funds, remove BlackRock Multi Asset Fd, reduce BlackRock from 11% to 8%, increase John Hancock Bond Fd from 9% to 15% and invest \$225,000.00 into CD's. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

Chief Geysen advised the Board that they are starting to get ready for Fire Prevention and would like to do more advertising in attempt to get more of the public to attend the event. They will be printing up color flyers and will offer hot dogs and other refreshments at the Open House on October 20th. Captain Bryan Conti will be involved. He also advised that the money in the turn out gear budget line will be enough to purchase the requested and approved turn out gear. Bullex was in last week to do a repair on the first floor ventilation switch. There is an additional problem with the cook unit and they will be back this week to do the repair. The system remains out of service. Appreciation Day will be October 12th.

First Assistant Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that he will doing car extrication on the skating rink for Community Day. He also advised of two subdivisions with 300 houses being proposed in Stormville.

Assistant Chief of Rescue Saltzburg has concerns with doctors signing off on the District physical forms when the member cannot actually perform some of the requirements listed. Commissioner Ehrhart stated that if the doctors sign off, there is nothing we can do about it. Chief Saltzburg also recommends that the Board consider no longer giving Officers LOSAP points for their positions. He feels that if the Officers are doing their jobs, they should have no problem earning the points. He was advised to bring this matter up at the year-end LOSAP meeting. Chief Saltzburg requested the framed flag presented to the Rescue Squad be hung at District Headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:25 PM by Commissioner Post and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer