

October 18, 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 7:51 P.M.

**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.

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, the bills payable were approved. Motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

None.

**TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:**

None.

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Thank you note from the family of James Dotter.
2. Letter of resignation from Kenneth Boyd.
3. Request to use the room by NYSBOC 11/9, 1/11/23, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/17, 6/14, 9/13 and 10/11/23.
4. Request from the EFPS to use the building on 11/19 for a Stop the Bleed class for St. Columba.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to accept the 2023 Budget as presented at the Public Hearing in the amount of \$3,765,747.00, of which \$3,723,387.00 will be raised by taxes. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Chairman Shultis asked to poll the Board:

Commissioner Dixon – aye

Commissioner Ehrhart – aye

Commissioner Jodlowski- aye

Commissioner McNamara – aye

Chairman Shultis – aye

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion allowing NYSBOC's use of the meeting room on 11/9, 1/11/23, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/17, 6/14, 9/13 and 10/11/23. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion allowing 10 Fire Police to attend a seminar on 11/5 at Highland Fire Dep. for \$20.00 each. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to allow the PD's use of the building 11/19 for a Stop the Bleed class for St. Columba. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

**DISTRICT CHIEF:**

1. Hose testing is not done yet. Commissioner Dixon asked if it was just the spare hose and Chief Jackson said there are still a few rigs to be done as well. Commissioner Dixon stated the owner should be called in to sit with the Board and discuss the timeline for this going forward since it has taken so long this year.

2. Chief Lacalamita thanked the Board for allowing any required assistance in the moving of the train depot caboose but in the end, the fire district was not needed. John Paraskeva stated he is a member of that organization and they did appreciate the fire district's availability if needed.

3. Chief Lacalamita asked for an executive session at the end of this meeting.

4. He asked Secretary Beyer to contact Station 2 to have them pick up their TIC until the boots arrive.

5. There is a downed tree by the water tower. He asked if the Board had plans to get rid of it. The Board instructed the Chief to get rid of it.

6. Chief Lacalamita stated he was not fond of the notices for the washers/dryers and felt that the washers wouldn't be an issue. Commissioner Dixon stated that the smaller washers at the stations didn't have the water buffer that the larger unit at HQ had, so they could be damaged. The Board decided to put the signs up.

7. Open house here went very well and so did the school events. He thanked everyone for their help.

**1<sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

1. Chief Jackson thanked the Board for the invitation to join them in the budget workshop.

2. He thanked the Board for their constant approvals for training classes as well as approving almost everything that gets requested.

3. The Chief's Council dinner is here Thursday night.

4. He has received an update on Lion and they will be here this Thursday and Friday and next week as well.

5. He had a request for two people to attend a Large Scale Battery Safety Training in Orange County on 10/19 at no cost. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon this was approved.

6. Chief Jackson spoke about morale and trying to make things better. A lot of people are doing a lot of work to make things go better. Vice-Chairman Ehrhart stated the Support Group does a lot of work behind the scenes as well as at drills and incidents too.

Captain Paraskeva stated the MCI drill went very well.

Firefighter Howell had a question on the pickup truck bid minimum price. The Board stated the dealer had given a price of \$25,000 and if no bids are over that, the truck will go to the dealer. He asked about the tv going in the new classroom and suggested a projector instead. Commissioner McNamara stated it was \$3000.00 to get the one projector in so a tv screen is more fiscally responsible. Firefighter Howell also commented on morale and thanked the Board for being open.

At 8:26 PM Commissioner Dixon made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

At 9:21 PM Commissioner McNamara made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried. There were no actions taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:41PM by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie J Beyer  
Secretary/Treasurer