

April 13, 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 8:03 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Those members present via video conference were: Chairman McNamara, Vice-Chairman Shultis, Commissioner Ehrhart, Commissioner Post and Commissioner Dixon. Also present were District Chief Conti, Rescue Chief Saltzburg, Attorney MacLeod, and Secretary Beyer.

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

OPENING OF BIDS:

Bids for the Rescue Vehicle were due and the only one received was from Marion Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$790,084.00. On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart, this bid was accepted with the Chairman authorized to sign the contract.

Bank statements were opened by Vice-Chairman Shultis. There were no issues.

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

None.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

Station - Mike Novak

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, this application, will be approved as long as the insurance report comes back favorably with only the disclosed issue.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you note from Claudia Post.
2. Hurst tool maintenance notices from MES.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion that pending the successful completion of a Permissive Referendum, \$850,000.00 will be spent out of the Reserve for Major Equipment for the purchase of a new Rescue Vehicle and the necessary equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the Treasurer is authorized to transfer \$50,000.00 from NYClass Reserve of Major Equipment Fund to Mahopac Reserve for Major Equipment Account. Commissioner Dixon abstained. Motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart to cash out the last \$100,000 Jumbo CD with Morgan Stanley and have the funds sent directly to UBS. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried. Chairman McNamara stated that the estimate/specs from Ossenkop doesn't include the HVAC and there is only 1 boiler. The Chairman will contact the vendor tomorrow to see if all requested portions can be put together on one estimate.

CHIEFS' REPORTS:

Chief Conti wanted to make sure the hose had been ordered. Secretary Beyer said it was. Chief Conti will be working with some of the senior guys tomorrow on 39-45 and hopes to have it in service on Monday night. There are 2 suction valves needed. Company 2 had items not ordered on last year's budget that they would still like to get. The Board decided it was ok to order these items at this time. Company 3 has been notified that 2 interiors will not be getting new gear as they did not qualify, but if there are two others that need it, they can be submitted. All the wood for training has been received except the stuff ordered from Meltz, so the secretary will check into that tomorrow. The Rescue Squad has had the ambulance staffed every hour since the pandemic has begun.

Chairman McNamara asked if anyone had shown interest in the old 39-45. Chief Conti said no, and they should send the video to the sales place they had spoken to. Commissioner Post said he will contact Red Truck. There was some discussion regarding starting a truck committee for 39-21. Commissioner Post said it won't take as long as the rescue truck did, so on a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon, this committee will be started.

Rescue Chief Saltzburg asked if the plumber had been contacted regarding the EMS urinal and Chairman McNamara said he will contact them tomorrow. He asked if everyone had all the supplies they need and Chief Saltzburg said they are still doing good. Commissioner Dixon asked if all the stations had gotten hand sanitizer and Chief Conti said it has been offered, but very few have been taken.

Commissioner Ehrhart suggested having their additional workshop on hold for now until they can meet in person again. Commissioner Dixon is still working on the SOP's and if anyone has suggestions please get them to him so he can continue to work on them. Commissioner Ehrhart stated there are a lot of things that have been cancelled, like the inspection and dinner, so when this is over something special should be planned. Commissioner Dixon stated the communication from everyone has been great during this time. Commissioner Ehrhart thanked 39-1, 39-2, and 39-8 for all their hard work during this time.

Attorney MacLeod stated the legislation is working on some issues to address LOSAP for the year, as training, meetings, and call participation is all being affected. Commissioner Dixon stated the information given during the Coffee with the Commissioners webinar had a lot of great information, including LOSAP issues. They also suggested keeping track of COVID-19 expenses for possible reimbursements at a later point. There is \$100,000,000 in grants through the Cares Act available as well.

Chairman McNamara asked if there were any exposures and the chiefs said no. Vice-Chairman Shultis said GlobalFoundries is making face shields. Chief Saltzburg said there have been many donations made already.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:34 PM by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Post.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie J. Beyer
Secretary/Treasurer