

Re-Organizational Meeting  
January 8, 2024

**Meeting Opened:**

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their re-organizational meeting for 2024 at district headquarters. Secretary Kaye called the meeting to order at 8:03 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

**Members Present:**

Those members present were: Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, Commissioner Freer, Commissioner Shultis and Commissioner Zboinski.

**Organization for the Year 2024:**

**Chairman:** Secretary Kaye requested nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to appoint Commissioner Dixon as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Freer seconded and motion carried.

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

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to reappoint Julie J. Beyer as Secretary/Treasurer at a yearly salary of \$61,600.30. Commissioner Zboinski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Deputy Treasurer:** Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to reappoint Kathleen A. Kaye as the Deputy Treasurer/Secretary at a yearly salary of \$49,051.42. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

**Laborer:** Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Scott Holmes, the District's person in charge of radios and Knox boxes, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$22.02. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

**Laborer:** Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Scott M. Birkler, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$22.02. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

**Laborer:** Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Kevin W. Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$22.02. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

**Laborer:** Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that Thomas E Jackson, the District maintenance person, would be paid at an hourly rate of \$20.87. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

**Legal Consultant:** Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion that Mackey, Butts and Whalen and Roderick MacLeod, Esq. be legal consultants for the Fire District. Commissioner Jodlowski seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Publication of Notices:** On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, 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 Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, Tompkins Community Bank and NYClass were designated as the official depositories for the East Fishkill Fire District. Motion was carried.

**Bank Signatories:** On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, bank signatories for the East Fishkill Fire District will be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. Motion was carried.

**Meeting Day and Time:**

The following is a list of Workshop dates. A regular meeting will be held at the conclusion of the workshop:

Monday, February 12	Monday, March 11	Monday, April 8
Monday, May 13	Monday, June 10	Monday July 8
Monday, Aug 12	Monday, Sept. 9	
Tuesday, Oct. 15 - Budget Hearing followed by workshop and meeting		
Tuesday, Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, December 9	

Regular meetings will be:

Wednesday, Jan. 24	Wed. Feb 28	Wed. March 27
Wed. April 24	Wed. May 22	Wed. June 26
Wed. July 24	Wed. Aug. 28	Wed. Sept. 25
Wed. Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> (5 <sup>th</sup> Wed)	Mon. Nov. 25	Mon. Dec. 30

This motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Freer. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Association Memberships:** The following memberships were approved on a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski: 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 Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, ACT, Inc. will maintain the District computer system. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Building Maintenance:** On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, Cleaning will be done by 24/7 Cleaning, Thomas Jackson will do the lawn care, Longview 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, O'Tooles Security will do all alarm systems and security doors and Ulster Overhead Doors will maintain garage doors at all stations and headquarters. TEK Medical will be the District physician for physicals. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Apparatus Storage Rental:** Commissioner Freer made a motion to maintain the storage rental fee for main stations and for substations as follows:

- Company 1 \$77,174.16
- Company 2 \$108,939.60 (\$31,765.44 for substation)
- Company 3 \$77,174.16

Company 4 \$108,939.60 (\$31,765.44 for substation)

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Radio Tower Rental:** A motion was made by Commissioner Zboinski for radio tower rental to Jocelyn Lessard in the amount of \$19,406.88. Seconded by Commissioner Freer. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

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

#### 2024 COMMITTEE REPORT

Co #1 and Co #2 Vehicles And Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Zboinski
Co #3 and Co #4 Vehicles And Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Freer
Ambulance Vehicles and Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Headquarters Vehicles and Equipment Repairs:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Zboinski
Chief Vehicles Replacement:	Commissioner Dixon
Apparatus/Vehicle Replacement:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski
HQ Buildings/Grounds and Capital Improvements:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Dixon
District Computers/Programs/ Phones/Tablets:	Commissioner Freer
HQ, Station and Vehicle Cameras:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Freer
Physicals:	Commissioner Zboinski
Insurance:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski
Banking/Investments/LOSAP:	Commissioner Freer Commissioner Shultis
Budget/P&L/Reserve Review:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Freer Board

Legal:	Commissioner Dixon
ALS Vendor Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Shultis
Town Board Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Dixon
Planning Board Liaison:	Commissioner Jodlowski
Fire Advisory Board Liaison:	Commissioner Freer
Leased Space/Plymovent:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Zboinski
Purchasing Agents/Cooperative Purchasing:	Commissioner Dixon Board
Surplus Sales:	Commissioner Freer Commissioner Zboinski
Grant Writing/Reporting:	Board Ben Howell Julie Beyer Hire
Policy Updates:	Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski Board
Radio Tower:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Freer
Annual Dinner Committee:	Secretary Beyer District Chief Jackson Board
County Radio Initiative:	Commissioner Shultis Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Jodlowski
County EMS Initiative:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Dixon Commissioner Freer
Mental Health:	Commissioner Jodlowski Commissioner Zboinski

A motion to accept this list was made by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski. All were in favor and motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the 2024 proposed District Officer list was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, the 2024 appointed Company Officer list was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the 2024 appointed District Officer list was approved.

At this point Chairman Dixon swore in all 2024 Officers that were present.

**Designation of Reserve Funds:** On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, 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 Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Freer, mileage will be paid at the rate of \$.67 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 \$75.00, 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. Rules for 39-91 and 39-92 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.

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

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to approve payables as presented. Commissioner Freer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried

**Memberships:**

None

**Membership Transfer:**

None.

**Correspondence:**

1. Estimate from Dutchess Overhead Doors for damage to Station 1 door.
2. Letter of resignation from Jordan Freer from Station 3.
3. Letter of resignation from John and Kathy Magnotta from Station 3.
4. Request from the EF PBA to use the meeting room on February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Unfinished Business:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski to drop the following members from the District Rolls for failure to meet 2032 training requirements:

Station 1 – Bret Friedman

Station 2 – Ayush Patel  
Sean Burke  
Michael Ciliberto  
Dwight Scott  
Station 3 – Mauro Palomba  
Nicolette Panettiere  
Station 4 - Brian Intravaia

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski to drop Jeremy Totis from Station 2 for not completing his job specific physical. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and motion was carried.

Chairman Dixon made a motion to continue the suspension of FF63 until the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

**New Business:**

Commissioner Freer made a motion to send up to 18 members to FDIC 4/15-4/20/2024; to include travel, meals, lodging and registration. Seconded by Commission Zboinski. All were in favor and motion was carried.

Vice-Chairman Shultis made a motion to send up to five members to Pinsky EMS Law Management seminar at Turning Stone 4/4/-4/7/2024; to include travel, meals, lodging and registrations. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

A motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis was made to allow the EF PBA to use the meeting room on February 5<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor. Motion was carried.

**Comments and Updates from Commissioners:**

Commissioner Jodlowski gave an update of the firefighter tax exemption. He has been in touch with the assessor's office and it seems the process will be through the Company, not the District. Members will be required to submit a letter from the company chief, along with the application. Members must live in the town where the assessor collects taxes. He believes if a member lives outside of East Fishkill, they will not be able to take the exemption. The District will work with company chiefs and presidents. The exemption will appear on next year's tax bill. Members should be advised that they can either take this exemption or the \$200.00 income tax deduction. It should be made known that the 10% exemption comes off the assessed value of their property.

**Chief Report:**

District Chief John Jackson is looking forward to serving as Chief. He shared his appreciate for past District Chief Lacalamita, who he learned a lot from.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Dan Jackson, Jr is looking forward to working with everyone.

Assistant Chief Kuhl wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Board.

Skip Thela thanks Secretary Kaye for her help with the newsletter he puts out. He also requested a Board member attend the next Rescue Squad meeting to explain and answer questions regarding billing for BLS transports. Commissioner Jodlowski will attend on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer