

February 8, 2021

**MEETING OPENED:**

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at district headquarters. Vice-Chairman Shultis called the meeting to order at 8:28 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

Bank statements were not opened at this meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart, the bills payable as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Station 1      Nicholas Sabatini –Pending Physical

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart, this application, pending physical, was approved.

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter of resignation from William Rizzo from Hopewell Hose.
2. Letter from Laura Hussing regarding minimum calls.
3. Letter from Alice Christ regarding minimum activities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Ehrhart advised that the new Chief cars have been issued VIN numbers but are not yet in production. It is estimated they will begin production on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and we can expect to receive them sometime in May.

Commissioner Dixon advised that there will be a pre-construction meeting for the three pumper/tankers on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. He also advised there is a lot of surplus equipment in the basement that should go out to AAR for auction. Commissioner Ehrhart will be in touch with AAR.

Commissioner Ehrhart advised that the computer cabinet in the meeting room, which holds the AV equipment, has been looked at by the Pete from CES. It has been decided to lock the cabinet and install ports on the outside of it so personal computers can be plugged in and no one can touch any of the wiring inside.

Commissioner Dixon questioned what was happening with the lettering on the FIU van. Chairman McNamara is handling that.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to send two members to Montour Falls 4/10-4/11 and 6/7-6/11, to include travel, meals and lodging. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski to transfers \$15,000 from NYClass B&L to Mahopac Reserve for B&L for payables. Commissioner Dixon abstained. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart to purchase hose from NY Fire in the amount of \$2,390.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to schedule hose testing with Waterway. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to sell the old FIU vehicle to the East Fishkill Highway Department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Chief Lacalamita questioned whether Bullex had been contacted. Commissioner Ehrhart said he will be contacting them. Vice-Chairman Shultis advised the Board that Kevin Jackson will be measuring the water pan for the Bullex system and Ortiz welding will build it.

Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that there was a cold water ice rescue last Saturday. Vice-Chairman Shultis questioned the memo regarding replacing two ice rescue suits. Chief Lacalamita advised that one suit is over 25 years old and the other is only 10-12 years old but leaking.

Assistant Chief Gallo, Jr. advised that he has started the training on the new Halligan system for repairs/problems/request with equipment and stations. Car 1 and Car 2 are currently being trained and he will be training officers shortly.

Chief Lacalamita has an Officers/Training meeting schedule for Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and is planning on limiting it to approximately 21 people.

39-34 is out of service. A steering box has been ordered and it will take a week or two.

Chief Lacalamita told the Board of the great job that members did at the recent car fire and chimney fire. Commissioner Jodlowski mentioned a mess he noticed was left behind by firefighters at the chimney fire. He would like to see a discussion had with membership as he doesn't want something like that to diminish the positive outcome of the fire.

Rescue Lieutenant Fernandez advised the Board that the Lucas device is working great and the Rescue Squad would like to see the Board purchase a second unit. Vice-Chairman Shultis said it is being worked on.

Assistant Chief of Rescue Saltzburg said that the East Fishkill Rescue Squad was recognized by the County with a certificate. He would like to have a Commissioner at the next Rescue Squad meeting to present it to the Squad. Commissioner Ehrhart will attend the next meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Saltzburg also requested a second Lucas device for the Squad.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:47 p.m. by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer