

February 13, 2023

MEETING OPENED:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at district headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

Bank statements were not opened at this meeting.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the bills payable as presented were approved. Motion Carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 1 Ryan H. Pritchett – Pending Physical, Pending Arson

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon, this application, pending physical and arson, was approved.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

Station 1 Trey Roberts – upon approval from insurance

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon, this application, pending physical and arson, was approved.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

Station 4 to Station 3 – Stephan Cammarota

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request from Red Cross to do a blood drive on June 8th from 12pm to 5pm.
2. Thank you card from Kathe Kaye.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to rescind the motion to pay Lion 70% of the current bill. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart and carried.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to pay Lion 35% now and 35% when the error issues are clear, and 30% after startup and 60 day trial. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Chairman Shultis to transfers \$39,706.20 from NYClass Reserve for Major Equipment to Tompkins General Fund for the 2nd permissive referendum Commissioner Dixon abstained. Motion was carried.

Motion to drop member David Kaner from Station 1 for lack of physical was made by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Shultis made a motion to set a Public Hearing on February 22nd at 8:00 pm to consider allowing the increase for volunteer firefighter exemptions. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart and carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dixon to allow the Red Cross use of the meeting room for blood drive on June 8th. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to send three members to Montour Falls for a Rope Rescue Operations Level class in July for 2 weekends to include meals and lodging. Motion seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer to change the April meeting from April 26th to April 20st. A notification will be placed in the newspaper.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve Wicopee events as presented and to allow stations to participate in Recruit NY. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer to allow 3-5 members to read to students at Gayhead Elementary School. Motion was carried.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the updated Interior Firefighter Portable Radio Policy in the Operational Best Practices was approved. Motion was carried.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to allow two members to attend High Hazard Training at the NYS Academy on April 29th, to include fees, lodging and meals. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to allow a member to attend the EMS Conference on March 4th and 5th, to include fees, lodging and meals. Seconded by Chairman Shultis and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart would like to make sure the hardware from the door replacement at Station 1 is returned.

Vice-Chairman Dixon advised the Board that he has been in touch with AirClean for the plymovent systems at all stations and someone will be coming to look at what needs to be done. In addition, he has received two quotes for the exhaust system in the ambulance bays and would like to wait and apply for the Dutchess County grant when available.

CHIEF'S REPORTS:

Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that he will be requesting 18 sets of turn out gear. One of the lithium ion battery kits was used at an incident. He has been working on updating the Operational Best Practices document and will continue to do so. In addition, he has four members that would like to attend FDIC in April.

First Assistant Chief Jackson continues to be frustrated with the Bullex system and the error codes. He will speak with Commissioner Jodlowski to see if any contact has been made with Lion. He is also concerned with the length of time it is taking to get the Conex boxes set up to use for training. There was a conversation regarding having a temperature monitoring system and Commissioner Ehrhart feels this needs to be in place. Car 2 reminded the Board that the stairs in the training tower still need to be repaired.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:24 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer