

March 14, 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 6:07 p.m.

At 6:07p.m. Executive Session for a personnel matter was called to order by Commissioner McNamara. Those present were: Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, Commissioner McNamara, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, District Chief Lacalamita, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jackson, Company Chief Jackson, Taylor Valentine, Attorney MacLeod, and Secretary Kaye.

There was discussion regarding the suspension of member Taylor Valentine. The Board will uphold the suspension at this point. On a motion by Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Dixon, the executive session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

At 6:33 p.m. a second Executive Session for a personnel matter was called to order by Chairman Shultis. Those present were: Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, Commissioner McNamara, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Jodlowski, District Chief Lacalamita, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Jackson, Company Chief Jackson, Kieran Ryan, Attorney MacLeod, and Secretary Kaye.

There was discussion regarding the suspension of member Kieran Ryan. The Board will uphold the suspension at this point. On a motion by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, executive session and meeting were adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

At 8:21 p.m. the regular board meeting was call to order again by Chairman Shultis.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

Bank statements were opened by Chairman McNamara. There were no issues.

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

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

Station 2 – Anthony Federici – pending arson, pending physical

Gregory Gallo – pending arson, pending physical

Station 3 – Frankie Burgos – pending physical

On a motion by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart, these applications, pending arsons and pending physicals, were approved.

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

Station 3 – Frankie Burgos – pending insurance review

On a motion by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, this member was approved for driver training, pending insurance review.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner McNamara made a motion to transfer \$547,898.96 of the 2021 carry over funds as follows: \$100,000.00 to the Reserve for Building and Land and \$447,898.96 to the Reserve for Major Equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner McNamara to transfer \$2,896,113.00 from Mahopac BB to NYClass General fund, \$600,000.00 from Mahopac BB to NYClass Major Equipment per 2022 Budget and \$118,119.00 from Mahopac BB to NYClass Building and Land for 2022 Budget from the 2022 tax receivable. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. Commissioner Dixon abstained. Motion was carried.

On a motion by Commissioner McNamara and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, pending the successful completion of a permissive referendum, \$60,000.00 has been authorized to be spent out of the Reserve for Building and Land for the new training building currently under construction. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made motion for one member to attend the ICS300 class on-line at a cost of \$250.00, send up to five members to Lightweight Building Construction Calls in Ulster County on March 23, 2022 and for two members to attend Chaplain training, in Norwalk, CT, at a cost of \$200.00 per person, to include hotel and food. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

District Chief Lacalamita advised the Board that he recently attended the Fire Police monthly meeting and they had a request to put more of their supplies on equipment, which the Board felt they had their own vehicles for supplies. They also requested a Defensive Driving course, which was just offered in August of 2021 at District Headquarters.

Chief Lacalamita told the Board he has the 2022 budget request list for Stations one and three. Stations two and four would like to wait a little longer to submit their requests. The Board advised that the deadline to spend their budgets would be by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

FIU would like to leave the new 39-56 in the spot it is currently in at the OTF. The Board agreed this is a better spot for them. FIU also requested some space in the locked cage in the basement for some of their supplies. The Board asked for a list so they know how much space they will be needing.

There was some discussion regarding the 10% reduction of property tax that is offered to volunteer firefighters from NYS. Attorney MacLeod advised that members must choose between the \$200.00 workers' credit and the 10% reduction off the assessed value of your home. He said the \$200.00 workers' credit works out to be more of a deduction.

First Assistant Chief Jackson requested a Drive to Survive Class for up to 100 people at a cost of \$30 a person. On a motion by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon, this class was approved.

Vice-Chairman Ehrhart made a motion to allow up to six members of the Rescue Squad to attend Gayhead Elementary School on March 31, 2022 to read to the students. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to allow a member to attend an EMS conference in Lake Placid on April 7 – 10, 2022 at a cost of \$320.00. The District is only paying for the class and will not reimburse for hotel, food or transportation. Seconded by Commissioner McNamara and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:51 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Ehrhart and seconded by Commissioner McNamara.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer