

April 12, 2021

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 9:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 2 Katherine Drake – pending arson
 Brendan Reed – pending arson, pending physical

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to accept these new members, pending clear arsons and physicals. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Motion carried.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

Station 3 Mathew Smith – pending insurance approval

On a motion by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, this member was approved for driver training.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter regarding change of ownership of Waterway.
2. Letter from EF Democrats requesting use of the building for blood drives on June 16th and September 25th.
3. Resignation letter from Alan-Michael Magnotta from Hillside Lake.
4. Letter from Wicopee Fire Co. regarding member Anthony Provenzano.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the proposed changes to Article 19 - Operational Best Practices pertaining to vendor procedures. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

Chairman McNamara made a motion to transfer the 2020 carryover funds as follows: \$181,661.08 from NYClass General Fund to NYClass Building and Land Reserve and \$600,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to NYClass Equipment Reserve. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the East Fishkill Democrats were approved to use the meeting room for a blood drive on June 16th and September 25th. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to accept the Minimum Qualifications from the Administrative Policies, with recommended edits. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion to go out to bid for ready room and custodian area renovations with bids being due back May 10th by 3:00pm. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ehrhart made a motion that pending the successful completion of a permissive referendum, \$285,000.00 will be spent from the Reserve Fund for Major Equipment for a 2021 ambulance and any incidental costs associated with it. Seconded by Commissioner Dixon and carried.

Chief Lacalamita notified the Board that Lion had been working on the Bullex system today, but it is not working correctly for training tonight. He also advised that he is working on updating the CO Policy that is currently in place. It was decided that there will be a group in Rover called 'Vendor Repairs' that will include all Commissioners, all Chiefs and the District secretaries. Vendors will be able to use this group to notify when a piece of equipment has been repaired and is back in service. Chief Lacalamita notified the Board that the FIU budget requests would be late as they are waiting for their new vehicle, 39-56, to be in service so they can see what is needed for it. Goosetown is almost done with the radio swap and has four or five more vehicles to complete. There will be a sizing for new turnout gear on May 3rd. Yorktown Fire Department has requested use of the training tower. The Board approved this request.

Chief Jackson also advised of the problems with Bullex. Commissioner Ehrhart would like to see the Board pursue legal action against Lion as it has been over eight years and there is no consistent track record of it working properly. Attorney MacLeod advised the first step should be a letter telling them to come and take it out as it does not work properly and we don't want it. Chief Jackson also advised the he has four members for the previously approved ISO 400 class and three members for the ISO 300. There will be a 25% discount and the total should be under the \$2,000.00 that was approved. Chief Saltzburg asked the Board for permission to put two classes on his credit card. The Board approved this request. Chief Jackson requested use of the OTC for a Chief Counsel meeting when they start up again. There will not be a meal and everyone will socially distance. The Board approved this request and would like to see it happen later rather than sooner. Chief Jackson has come up with a solution for filling the bottles on the upgraded packs on 39-67. He was advised to reach out to MES to get a price on adjusting the regulator so the bottles can be filled.

Vice-Chairman Shultis advised that he was told by the Town that the Stormville Flea Market will start up again on April 24th and 25th. Because they are unsure of the amount of people who will attend, the Town has approved that they do not have to contract to have a private ambulance there.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:39 PM by Commissioner Ehrhart and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer