

June 12, 2023

**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 8:04 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Those members present were: Chairman Shultis, Vice-Chairman Dixon, Commissioner Ehrhart, Commissioner Jodlowski and Commissioner Freer. All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

Bids were opened from the following vendors for the proposed sealcoating and striping of the parking lot:  
Dutchess Sealcoating \$16,250.00, Horizon Striping \$15,000.00, Sealcoating Solutions \$16,500.00

Bids were opened from the following vendors for the proposed paving at the new training building:  
Intercounty Paving \$115,978.00, Clove Excavators \$144,900.00

Bids were opened from the following vendors for the proposed concrete work at the new training building:  
Landwork Concrete \$72,800.00, Dion Concrete Group \$61,000.00

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer, the bid for paving was awarded to Intercounty Paving in the amount of \$115,978.00. This work is associated with the permissive referendum for the new building and will come out of the Reserve for Building and Land.

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the bid for the concrete work was awarded to Dion Concrete Group in the amount of \$61,000.00. This work is associated with the permissive referendum for the new building and will come out of the Reserve for Building and Land.

The bids for the sealcoating and striping need further review and will be awarded at the next meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 – Michael A. D’Orazio – pending arson, pending physical  
Jill M. Nolan – pending arson, pending physical

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Dixon, these applications were approved, pending physicals and arson checks.

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

Station 2 – Matthew Rusinko – pending insurance review

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Letter from Hopewell Hose dropping Anthony Rapa.
2. Letter of resignation from Kayla Flores from Hillside Lake.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to approve the date change of the Rope Rescue class in Montour Falls from June to September. Two members have previously been approved to attend this class and there is no difference in the cost. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Freer to allow up to five members to attend BEFO in Putnam County on August 12<sup>th</sup> at no cost. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to include in the present insurance policies the additional Cyber Policy at a cost of \$2,530.00 for June 2023 to July 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski to drop Station 2 member Matthew Alfultis from the District rolls for not having a valid physical on file.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Tompkins MM Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Ehrhart. Vice-Chairman Dixon abstained. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve the 2023 parade schedule as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Assistant Chief Saltzburg advised the Board that the County will be using the meeting room at HQ on June 20<sup>th</sup> to present the new EMD system. He asked permission to purchase some light refreshments, which was approved by the Board.

He also spoke about an Empress program where older teens interested in EMS are allowed to ride along on their ambulance. He would like to start a similar program at EFFD with John Jay High School students 17 years old and older. Permissions from parents would be necessary and this must be checked with the insurance company

There was discuss with First Assistant Chief Jackson regarding the Town using our water tank for vendors. This will be discussed with the Town at the meeting on June 28th.

Chief Jackson was advised that the Board will be making arrangements with MES to take 20 air bottles at a time for hydro. This will take place over several months so they all will not be due at the same time again.

Chief Jackson advised the Board that he has been receiving daily estops again from the Bullex system over the last few weeks. Lion has been called and they are looking into this. Commissioner Jodlowski advised that he has called as well.

Chief Jackson would like to use the convex boxes for a live burn next week. The Board will need to see how far along maintenance is in preparing them for burning.

Attorney MacLeod advised the Board that a bill was recently passed allowing Fire Districts to authorize Fire Companies to pay firefighters a small stipend for training. The bill is still unclear and he will be looking further into this.

The Board asked for an update of the Ferrara lawsuit. Attorney MacLeod advised that he will follow up on this request, but thinks they are still waiting on the Judge to make a decision to exclude the expert witness. He advised this is Federal Court and things tend to drag on.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 PM by Vice-Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer