

August 9, 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 8:13 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 Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the bills payable, to include the ACT renewal, were approved. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 2	Max Sanchez – Pending Physical/Pending Arson
Station 3	Jerald Blair – Pending Physical/Pending Arson
	Jodie Castanza Sandstrom - Pending Physical/Pending Arson

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

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATIONS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from Hopewell Hose dropping Madison Brodie and Dakota Smetana from their rolls.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Ehrhart to allow the Treasurer to transfer \$17,798.15 from NYClass Reserve for Major Equipment to Mahopac General Fund. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to make the following payments out of the General Fund: \$7,574.96 to Chester Betz and \$2,390.90 to M-Tech. Chairman McNamara asked that the Board be polled:

Commissioner Dixon – Aye
Commissioner Ehrhart – Aye
Commissioner Jodlowski – Aye
Vice-Chairman Shultis – Aye
Chairman McNamara – Aye

The motion was carried.

Chairman McNamara advised the Board that he will be working with M-Tech to do work in the classroom of the new building.

Chief Lacalamita inquired about getting all of the apparatus DOT inspections on a yearly basis. The Board agreed and will look into who would be able to do them. Chief Lacalamita also advised that MES has dropped off a 30 minute bottle to try on 39-45 until October, as discussed at the last meeting. The Chief spoke about the need for a new ladder truck soon than later, with all of the new construction going on in our area. He requested the Board come to Appreciation Day on August 21st and advised he will be ordering less food than prior years so there is no waste. The Chief also advised that he spoke with Superior Signs about making recruitment signs for the District. They will be \$12.00 per sign and he would like to order 100. This was approved and he will be placing the order. He also advised the cost for the past Chief plaque, discussed at previous meetings, will be \$330 and can hold 48 names. Each name plate is \$13.00 and he will be ordering 30 to start. The Board approved this purchase. Lastly, he advised that he tried the Bullex system yesterday and it didn't work. The Board will be moving forward with legal action.

1st Assistant Chief Jackson advised that he will be happy to assist the Board with any Town issues and with the Fire Advisory Board. He feels that FAB should be renamed Fire 'Review' Board. Commissioner Shultis stated that when the Board and their attorney meets with the Town, Car 1 and Car 2 will be invited.

Rescue Captain O'Rourke spoke about the ongoing issues with Emstar not having an ambulance available and questioned whether another meeting with Emstar is planned. Chairman McNamara stated that they are in the middle of merging with Empress and hopefully things will be getting better. He also advised the Board of a letter LaGrange Fire District sent to mutual aid companies regarding not being used to fill other Districts' EMS voids. Car 1 stated he has already spoken with Car 8 regarding this and it is not necessarily a problem for East Fishkill, as the letter was geared towards the City of Beacon.

Lt. Fernandez thanked the Board for the renovations that are being done for the Rescue Squad's new room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:44 PM by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Dixon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer