

August 12, 2024

MEETING OPENED:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at district headquarters. Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 8:24 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the bills payable, to include ACT, were approved. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 1 – Jes M. Mukkatt – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

Station 3 – Dane Ferreira – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

Danielle Ferreira – Pending Arson, Pending Physical

On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, these applications, pending arson and physical, were approved.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Request from the PBA to use the facility on Monday, August 19th for their meeting. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion to continue the suspension of Firefighter 63 until the August 28th meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Shultis seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to transfer \$160,000.00 from NYClass General Fund to Tompkins Checking. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski. Chairman Dixon abstained. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, the electric step with curbside switch from VCI was approved for purchase and installation, not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to drop Eddie Ismail (CO 2) and Alexandra Bloomer (CO 4) for no physicals, and place Anthony Federici (CO 2) and Ginger Kohanek (CO 3) on administrative leave for no physicals. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and carried.

CHIEF COMMENTS:

1. Chief John Jackson stated they have been working on the propane simulator installation. The drainage is in and the concrete pads are being formed. He met with the assistant chiefs regarding the Lion purchases. There was discussion regarding how much has been spent and what is left in the grant funds and from the Permissive Referendum. There was also discussion regarding the distance required for some of the lines that are being put underground. On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the propane props, up to \$100,000 will be purchased and paid from the Reserve Fund.

2. Appreciation Day plans are underway. Chief Jackson would like to consider some changes to the program to include scheduled activities so people come for more than just the meal and leave. He is also considering extending the invitation to outside agencies. Chairman Dixon asked him to invite the Town Board. The Chief would like to pull the expenses for the last two years to see what is normally spent as he would like to possibly do something different next year.
3. There are some items that stations have asked him to consider for purchase and the Board discussed what budget lines still have funds left and what the foreseeable expenses may be. The Chief was asked to have specific items and prices so the Board can see what can be done this year.
4. On a motion by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, a tandem axel truck will be purchased thru Arthur Trovei & Sons, Inc. not to exceed \$6,900.00. Chief Gallo will supply information for this.
5. Chief Jackson discussed a problem in the Jr. Firefighter Policy. Our policy states Jr. Members cannot go on calls on the TSP or I-84, but now people can get their EMT at 17. They will not be able to roster if they can't respond to either of those locations. The Board will have to look into this further and discuss it with the attorney.

Town Councilman Marinaro stated that on July 22nd Mike Lawlor hosted a press conference in Putnam County to discuss the OSHA proposed changes. He is willing to do the same thing here, as this is something that needs attention and support.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:49 pm by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Freer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Beyer
Secretary/Treasurer