

September 9, 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 8:52 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 Freer and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the bills payable as presented were approved. Motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:**

None

**DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Academic leave letter from Jake Jodlowski.
2. LOSAP information from Firefly.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Zboinski made a motion to accept the resolution for Firefighter 63, which was read by Chairman Dixon and is attached to these minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried. The Board was polled:

- Chairman Dixon – Aye
- Commissioner Freer – Aye
- Commissioner Jodlowski – Aye
- Vice-Chairman Shultis – Aye
- Commissioner Zboinski – Aye

Commissioner Jodlowski commented that John Ryan has resigned. His resignation has been accepted by the Board and this will end all disciplinary action.

On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis, the Drone Program policy has been accepted and will be posted on the District website. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Zboinski made a motion to proceed with switching from ESO to RedAlert for administrative use. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Commissioner Zboinski made a motion to accept the settlement agreement with Ferrara, along with the confidentiality clause, which was read by Chairman Dixon. Seconded by Commissioner Freer and the motion was carried.

- The Board was polled:
- Chairman Dixon – Aye
  - Commissioner Freer – Aye
  - Commissioner Jodlowski – Aye
  - Vice-Chairman Shultis – Aye
  - Commissioner Zboinski – Aye

Chairman Dixon commented that the Ferrara truck is now gone and the four year long legal process is over. He appreciates all of the time and effort that was put into this lawsuit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis to make the following adjustment to the proposed 2025 budget; increase Pager Replacement from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and to decrease both Utilities and Physicals by \$2,500.00. Motion was carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Freer made a motion to go out for pricing for gasoline and diesel for 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Freer and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski to accept the updates to both the Election of Officers and Service Award Program Point policies. Motion was carried.

Commissioner Freer made a motion to accept the strategy changed recommended by UBS for the LOSAP funds. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

A motion was made to go out for Permissive Referendum in the amount of \$24,000.00 for the purchase of one certified refurbished Life Pak portable EKG from the Reserve for Major Equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

#### **DISTRICT CHIEF:**

1. Chief Jackson inquired about the status of the grant and was informed there were no updates.
2. He informed the Board that Station One has formed a ladder truck committee and has asked them to come up with a list of requests for the ladder truck.
3. Chief Jackson thanked the Board for all of the work that was put into the lawsuit on the old 39-46 and their consideration of a new 39-46.
4. He thanked the Board for supporting Appreciated Day this year. He tried to make it different and more enjoyable for everyone. He also advised that he would like some of the purchases he made to come out of the Chief budget instead of the Commissioner budget, such as the donuts and coffee purchased for the morning crew and the prizes. Commissioner Jodlowski thank him for trying to improve Appreciation Day and felt he saw more people there this year. Commissioner Freer thank him and all of the other Chiefs for their time and hard work.
5. There was discussion regarding the large scale gas explosion incident. Chief Jackson is considering appointing a Public Information Officer, for events such as this. He would like to meet with the Town Board, East Fishkill Police and possibly the State Police to discuss how this incident was handled. Commissioner Dixon stated he was a witness to the incident and felt it seemed well controlled and handled professionally.
6. There was discussion regarding minor EMT's. Car 1 was informed that after speaking with both the lawyer and insurance company, the Board will be keeping the policy that no one under 18 can respond to incidents on I84.
7. Car 1 informed the Board that the Fire Advisory Board did a walk thru at the Frito Lay building. The building failed as none of the recommendations the FAB made were corrected. Commissioner Jodlowski would like to see a 'non-negotiable' list that could be given to the Town Planning Board for future buildings.
8. There was discussion regarding the UTV and Chief Gallo is waiting on pricing. Chief Gallo was asked by Chairman Dixon to come up with a spec sheet of what he is looking for.
9. Car 1 would like to schedule the quarterly Chief and Commissioners meeting.
10. A letter was read regarding attendance at the Fallen Firefighter Ceremony. Commissioner Jodlowski asked for an update on Dutchess County Weekend and was informed that it will be discussed at the meeting he will be attending on Friday night.

**1<sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

Chief D. Jackson and Commissioner Zboinski gave a description of the recent training that was done with the East Fishkill Police Department.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:25 PM by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye  
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer