

December 30, 2024

MEETING OPENED:

The East Fishkill Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular board meeting at headquarters. Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Those members present were: Chairman Dixon, Vice-Chairman Shultis, Commissioner Jodlowski, and Commissioner Zboinski. Commissioner Freer was excused.

All motions were unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: For Past President Jimmy Carter, Dennis Gelber from Station 2 and all fallen brothers and sisters in the military, police, and fire and EMS service.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The minutes of the November 25 and December 9, 2024 meetings were accepted on a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for November 2024 was read and accepted on a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski. Motion carried.

BILLS PAYABLE:

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion that the bills from the General Fund totaling \$230,399.63 from the General Fund, all numbered 2330 through 2450, be approved. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 4 – Joseph Curro – Pending Physical

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Shultis, this application was approved, pending physical. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of resignation from Matthew Laverde from Station One.
2. Request for school leave from Aubrie Syslo from Station One.
3. Recap of dropped members from Station 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Dixon stated they are making headway on the conversion to RedNMX. The texting is working, but there is a character limit of 128. People can send texts and they can be read in full in the responder app. He is working with Alpine to increase the AVL for the tablets. The server is not working, but they have switched to the cloud on 12/24 so it is now stable. They need to finish the install on a few of the vehicles. Kathe has been working with Alpine. The

station display boards are being loaded by ACT. Chairman Dixon is unsure what they will look like. This is a learning curve for everyone. He requested the chiefs gather member suggestions and they may be able to make some improvements.

Chairman Dixon stated they did a site visit to Fleet Pride to discuss the issues with 39-51. They were given an estimate of \$27,053.21 for repairs, but there may be additional issues. On a motion by Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, pending the successful completion of a permissive referendum, \$35,000 from the Reserve Fund for Major Equipment has been authorized to be spent on the repairs of the engine for 39-51. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Dixon stated they have reviewed paperwork from VCI regarding a high top van type ambulance. Since it is on contract, they have already gone through the bid process, so the District doesn't have to do that. This would replace the blue ambulance, which has approximately 160,000 miles on it. The thought is to keep that ambulance as a spare down back in case one or both ambulances go out of service. The red ambulance is only two years old and is pushing 60,000 miles. On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, pending the successful completion of a permissive referendum, \$225,000 is authorized to be spent from the Reserve Fund for Major Equipment for the purchase of a 2024 High Roof AWD Medics Ford Transit Ambulance. Motion carried. Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to accept the contract from VCI for a 2024 High Roof AWD Medics Ford Transit Ambulance and authorize the Chairman to sign any contracts needed. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

The District Chiefs were not present at this time, so their reports will be held over until the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMENTS:

Vice-Chairman Shultis stated the electric down back is ready for the propane props. There is a kill switch on the pole if needed. The wires are being draped to a third pole for future expansion if necessary. Chairman Dixon stated they are almost done with the set up and now need to wait to get the training from Lion.

Commissioner Jodlowski stated the Board is now at liberty to discuss the terms of the settlement with Ferrara. They needed to get clearance from Ferrara and Neville before they could say anything. The vehicle was purchased in December, 2014 for \$1,200,000 plus change orders. The litigation costs from 2019 until the settlement were \$157,000.00. The District was paid \$580,000.00 from Ferrara and \$20,000.00 from Neville. Chairman Dixon stated all funds received were deposited back into the Reserve for the Purchase of Major Equipment. The additional legal fees due to the FOIL request are approximately \$20,000.00.

There were no chiefs or officers present to comment.

George Cummaro stated he is looking forward to a good 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:36 PM by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie J Beyer
Secretary/Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	142,402.65
RECEIPTS	\$	14,506.40
PLUS: TRANSFER FROM NYCLASS GENERAL FUND	\$	100,000.00
EXPENDITURES	\$	177,953.38
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	78,955.67

GENERAL FUND

CHECKING ACCT.	\$	71,089.85
SAVINGS ACCT.	\$	7,865.82
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	78,955.67

NYCLASS ACCOUNTS - GENERAL FUND

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	822,714.00
RECEIPTS	\$	3,083.51
LESS: TRANSFER TO TOMPKINS ACCOUNTS	\$	100,000.00
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	725,797.51

NYCLASS ACCOUNTS - RESERVE FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	1,960,420.01
RECEIPTS	\$	7,347.61
EXPENDITURES	\$	0.00
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	1,967,767.62

NYCLASS ACCOUNTS - RESERVE FOR BUILDING & LAND

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	782,288.69
RECEIPTS	\$	2,931.97
LESS: TRANSFER TO TOMPKINS CHECKING	\$	0.00
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	785,220.66

RESERVE FUND - PURCHASE, MAJOR EQUIPMENT

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	680,281.36
RECEIPTS	\$	44.61
EXPENDITURES	\$	0.00
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	680,325.97

RESERVE FUND - BUILDING & LAND

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	5,115.58
RECEIPTS	\$	2.14
EXPENDITURES	\$	0.00
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	5,117.72

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND

BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2024	\$	191.56
RECEIPTS	\$	75,638.62
EXPENDITURES	\$	75,768.18
BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2024	\$	62.00