

October 15, 2024

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 7:18 PM.

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.

Bids received for fuel from Taylor and Petro were opened. The results are as follows;

Taylor - .19 over rack for gas, .19 over rack for diesel

Petro - .29 over rack for gas, .29 over rack for diesel

On a motion by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski, the bills payable were approved. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Station 1 – Matthew V. Laverde – pending arson, pending physical

Station 2 – Anthony J. Vitanzo – pending arson, pending physical

Station 3 – Robert H. Sykes-Bidwell – pending arson, pending physical

On a motion by Vice-Chairman Shultis and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, these applications were accepted pending arsons and physicals.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

None.

DRIVER/TRAINING APPLICATION:

Station 2 – Tom Depole

Joseph Hickok

Station 3 – John Magnotta

On a motion by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, these drivers were approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Thank you letter from Lower Hudson Valley Haz Mat Partnership for use of the facility.
2. Letter of resignation from Station 3 member Frankie Burgos.
3. Request from EFPD to use the meeting room on Nov 4th and Dec 2nd at 3:15 PM.
4. Letter of intent from Justin Schuman to run for the position of 39-4.
5. Memo from Secretary Kaye to drop Tyler Kisslinger, Station 1 member, from district rolls due to not getting a physical.
6. Letter from Vasudah Kilambi, Station 4 member, requesting Academic Leave.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Dixon made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget as presented at the Public Hearing in the amount of \$4,143,346.00, of which \$3,999,298.00 will be raised by taxes and Pilot. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski. Chairman Dixon asked to poll the Board:

Commissioner Jodlowski – aye

Commissioner Shultis – aye

Commissioner Zboinski - aye

Chairman Dixon – aye

Motion was carried.

On a motion by Chairman Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski, the following changes will be made to the remaining meetings in 2024; from October 23rd to October 30th, from November 11th to November 12th, from November 27th to November 25th and from December 25th to December 30th. These changes will be posted on the District website. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to transfer \$30,000.00 from the NYClass B&L to Tompkins B&L. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried. Chairman Dixon abstained.

Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve budget transfers dated September 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Chairman Dixon made a motion to approve the amended budget to account for increases in ambulance billing income and allow for additional purchases. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis to purchase the following; one RAM tool \$9,393.35, one Rescue Jack \$2,557.00, and Batt Fan with two batteries \$6,117.00 from New Equipment and one Batt Fan with two batteries \$6,117.00 from Replacement Equipment. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to drop Station 1 member, Tyler Kisslinger, from the District rolls. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to allow the EFPD use of the meeting room on November 4th and December 2nd. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski to allow two members to attend the NYS Arson Seminar on November 19th to 21st in Watkins Glen. Costs to cover the seminar, two of the three nights for rooms, meals and travel. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion to allow Ben Howell to attend Fire Officer III at Montour Falls October 28th to November 1st. Seconded by Commissioner Vice-Chairman Shultis and carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski for fire company attendance at the following events; Trunk or Treat at Gayhead school on October 19th, Touch a Truck at Valley Church on October 22nd, memorial participation with ladder truck at Barton Orchards on October 25th, requested by Beekman Fire District and Truck R Treat at Heritage Square on October 25th. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Shultis and motion was carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jodlowski and seconded by Commissioner Zboinski to go out to bid for a UTV per specs. Bids to be received by November 12th at 3:00 PM and will be opened at the November 12th meeting.

DISTRICT CHIEF:

1. The Chief thanked the Board for the equipment purchases approved tonight and for the forward movement in the purchase of the UTV. In addition, for the prop simulators and continuing to stay on top of the Bullex system situation.
2. Chief Jackson thanked Station 1 for the many events that they cover.

3. The Chief advised that he received an email from the Chief of Beekman about new run assignments and change to a new radio frequency effective November 1st. We will need to add an additional frequency to our radios with Station 1 and Station 2 being priority. This will need to be done by Goosetown.
There was additional conversation regarding the switching of the radio banks. Goosetown advised Vice-Chairman Shultis that this will not be covered under the contract with them.
4. There was discussion regarding Emergency Decon Services. Chairman Dixon will be reaching out to them for additional information. He will also be looking into the company that does gear repairs on-site.
5. The Chief advised that the straps for the harness on the new gear cannot be placed inside, as requested. There was discussion regarding gear and the placement of straps.
6. There will be a Ladder Truck Committee meeting on October 29th. The Chief asked that all or some of the Board be in attendance.
7. The Chief would like to schedule a Commission/Chief quarterly meeting after the next Commissions meeting on October 30th.
8. He appreciated all of the effort put into this year's Open House. He commended Asst. Chief Saltzburg and the committee. Chairman Dixon said it was a huge success and thanked Lt. Lecker for his efforts.

1st ASSISTANT CHIEF:

In the absence of Car 2, Car 1 advised that there are two drills coming up that the Board may be interested in attending. The one in October will involve the Sherriff's Department and the one in November will involve the EFPD

Commissioner Jodlowski made a motion for 39-46 attend the Memorial Bike Ride at St. Columba on October 27th. Seconded by Commissioner Zboinski and carried.

Chief Conti thanked the Board for allowing them to attend the yearly 9/11 memorial on Long Island. He advised that Station 1 hung the flag on 9/11 and had mostly positive comments from the community. He also advised that they will be needing a new flag in the near future. Chairman Dixon thanked them for all of the flag details that they participate in. Chief Conti also thanked the Board for the new Ram tool approved tonight.

Chief Tom Jackson advised that he has just attended the Public Hearing for some changes at the Amazon site. He spoke to the Planning Board about the call volume that has been created that the Fire District has to deal with. The Planning Board would like to meet with the Commissioners to discuss operations. There was discussion involving the Amazon site, as well as additional businesses that are being added to iPark. Chief Conti mentioned the housing unit on Joe's Mothers Road and that it may cause a problem with EMS calls.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 PM by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

At 8:06 PM Chairman Dixon called the meeting back to order.

A motion was made by Commission Zboinski to accept the bid for gas/diesel from Taylor. Seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski and carried.

Motion to adjourn was made again at 8:07 PM by Commissioner Zboinski and seconded by Commissioner Jodlowski.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathe Kaye
Secretary/Deputy Treasurer