

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia Frische  
Secretary, BSEJFD

PRESENT:

Commissioners:

J. Klosowski

K. Clair

R. Tofte

G. Schramek

T. Palmer

M. Liguori, Counsel

P. Frische, Secretary

M. Miller, Treasurer

A representative, Mr. Purcell, from MedTec Ambulance Company was present with one of the Med Tec Ambulances. The vehicle was looked at by the commissioners present as well as Capt. Frische and Lt. Zagajewski. The vehicle brought as a sample is 16" shorter than the ambulances we currently use. The representative states that modifications can be made in regard to cabinets, seating, etc.. Lt. Zagajewski requested that a schematic be generated and the possibility of additional cabinetry be explored. There was some discussion regarding the e350 as opposed to the e450 engines. All vehicles are custom built with a six month delivery time. On site servicing is available. Ambulances are available for lease or sale and Mr. Purcell states that if one of our ambulances is out of service for seven days or more, leasing is available. Med Tec supplies NY Presbyterian Hospital with about 25 ambulances per year.

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REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2012

PRESENT: Commissioners:  
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G. Schramek  
T. Palmer

P. Frische, Secretary  
M. Liguori, Counsel  
M. Miller, Treasurer  
Chief O'Hara  
Asst. Chief Ratajack

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Klosowski at 7:00 PM. Minutes of the February 8 meeting were read and accepted by all commissioners present.

Next, the correspondence was read. The bills included vouchers #'s 03-01 to 03-69 A400 totaling \$145,537.28 , and A500 totaling \$593.60. After reviewing all the bills presented by the treasurer, all bills were approved for payment by all commissioners present.

A **MOTION** made by T. Palmer and seconded by K. Clair to approve minutes. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Jeff Bergstrom has asked to be allowed to attend recruitment and retention workshops.

K.Claire states there is a portable radio missing from the ladder truck.

K.Claire states there are still ongoing issues with the computers. Tom Lannon has been unable to get here to fix them.

RTofte there is also a problem with the cameras at HQ and states that Tom Lannon would like to get a brand new computer for the camera system. RTofte is waiting for a price from T.Lannon on the computer.

Tom Lannon is not paid for his services.

RTofte states that a representative from a smart board company will be contacted regarding a demo.

K.Claire states that both Envirostar and Gagliardo Excavating state there needs to be a French Drain to run out to storm drain between the old patio and the building and headquarters.

R.Tofte advised that HO Penn came to headquarters on March 13 to fix the generator main house. They will give a price on a service contract, R.Tofte asked that members try not to fix the generator.

Regarding the back room at headquarters, R. Tofte stated that the department does not have money for architect fees. Discussion took place regarding the hose cart storage.

RTofte states that in regard to the awning at the substation, Tyndall will be here March 15 to empty the tank for footings. ExhaustSystems for the apparatus needs to go out to bid next month.

In regard to the Substation, T.Palmer received an estimate from R.Taylor for \$9,825.00 to demo the floor and install composite drains. T.Palmer also spoke to EPS in Fishkill. Their estimated was \$900 for materials only. J.Klosowski stated that three formal bids are needed.

TP will get another bid for CV Trees.

The Service Contract for Dutchess Overhead doors was discussed. Last maintenance done was in 2010.

J.Klosowski states that the foam is mostly expire and that 10 kegs can be purchased for \$1350.00 Chief O'hara will see how much is there now before any is purchased.

K.Claire states that while the county does have a stock, the BFD should have some on hand as well.

T. Palmer stated progress in regard to fire roads.

K.Clair states the Fire Extinguisher Simulator costs \$10,000 and they will take a payment plan.

Discussion took place regarding an hooded sweatshirts as an appreciation gift. Prices are also being looked at for raincoats for next year

Invitations have gone out for the Installation Dinner and the design on the glasses was discussed.

K. Clair states that, regarding insurance claims, the company did not get a price from Durkin. J.Klosowski states there also needs to be a claim for the fan and that there were no injuries.

M.Liguori states there is no formal discipline policy in place and has sent out a proposed policy. The Board of Fire Commissioners also has no formal policy. M.Liguori states Board of Commissioners should have a policy before passing it down to Board of Directors A **MOTION** made by G. Schramel and seconded by K. Clair to accept the discipline policy for the district. Motion was approved by all commissioners present. The Board of Directors addresses discipline and then refers it to the Board of Commissioners.

A **MOTION** made by T. Palmer and seconded by K. Clair to suspend normal business 7:55 to meet with Dave Bruen regarding insurance policy.. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Mr. Bruen presented adjustments regarding replacement of vehicles.

A **MOTION** made by T. Palmer and seconded by K. Clair to increase premium by \$1,358.00 . The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

M. Liguori asked for a clarification on the replacement value of the vehicles. Mr. Bruen stated the replacement amount is an agreed value.

Mr. Bruen suggests a blanket public bond at an increase of \$943.00 per year for the entire fire department.

R.Tofte asked if the Explorers are covered. A **MOTION** made by T. Palmer and seconded by R. Tofte approve the increase amount of coverage for a blanket public bond. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Mr. Bruen states there needs to be an inspection of the two properties. J.Klosowski will meet with him. Mr. Bruen states the shed and contents were added. G.Schramek asked about the replacement value of the rehab vehicle and some discussion ensued regarding this. Value is placed at \$60,000 and Mr. Bruen will bring back a quote. Mr. Bruen states the deductible will remain the same. He will look into an agreed value of \$60,000 on rehab vehicle and if the Explorer group is part of the bond.

Mr. Bruen states that there is coverage of \$150,000 for a line of duty death. Accidental dismemberment coverage is \$150,000 ;visual impairment 150,000; disfigurement from burns 150,000. There is a schedule for injuries and Mr. Bruen will supply that. Discussion took place regarding disability payments. Partial/total disability depends on salary and level of disability. Range is \$50 to \$200 per week. G Schramek expressed concern regarding these amounts. Mr. Bruen states this is a supplemental income. He will look into higher limits. There is also a medical expense in excess of Workers Comp. M. Liguori stated there is also coverage by VFBO. He will look at total coverage for a member. J.Klosowski states that this should be reviewed to be sure members are covered.

A **MOTION** made by G. Schramek and seconded by R. Tofte at 8:30 to resume the regular meeting. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

T.Palmer discussed a quote for the refurbishment of 11-4-2 in the amount \$168,000.00 The cost for a new one would be \$450,000.00. Chief O' Hara states this is a difficult vehicle to drive and that a smaller vehicle would suffice. J. Klosowski states we need to have a replacement policy.

The rehab vehicle now has kights and will be set up as a rehab vehicle.

11-2-3 is leaking antifreeze as per Ruscon.

K.Clair states 47 physicals have been done. Chief O'Hara states the cut off is April 1. One more date is scheduled. Hazmat training has been completed. K.Clair states a letter will drawn up to be sent to member who are out of service explaining why. J.Klosowski states this needs to be posted. R. Tofte states our rules and regulations state a member who is suspended cannot participate in active firefighter and ems duties, but can still attend meetings, drills, etc.

Regarding vehicle maintenance , K.Clair Ruscon has serviced 11- 2-1, and 11-2-2 and will be here two weeks. They are doing every truck this year.

Special Projects: G.Schramek states Nan Hayworth's office has submitted the paperwork regarding acquisition of a piece of steel from ground zero to be used here as a memorial.

K. Clair states there is money put aside for awning, but the rec room needs to have some upgrades for morale. Awning has not gone out to bid yet. The hall and the bathroom are updated and are being taken care of by the members. The department will pay for the furniture, but the hose cart is still an issue.

R. Tofte discussed an email from B.Colombraro regarding the purchase of badges. Chief O'Hara submitted company drill reports. There will be a meeting with the captains at the end of March. Red Alert is not on Chief O'Hara's computer. J.Klosowski will speak to Mr. Lannon regarding this. Equipment inventory is being completed. Live Burn dates may be scheduled for May.

A **MOTION** made by J. Klosowski and seconded by R. Tofte to approve spending \$950 for hybrid vehicle training for a department drill. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

Asst. Chief Ratajack discussed an issue with EMS being dispatched to "transports." The Chiefs are invited to the district work sessions. Asst. Chief Ratajack thanks the Board for their support. G. Schramek states equipment should be surrendered if a member is OOS. The letter to the member needs to state this. Sean Goodwin will be sent another letter.

Meg Miller requests we move \$75,000 to be moved to capital reserve fund, A **MOTION** made by J. Klosowski and seconded by R. Tofte. The motion was approved by all commissioners present.

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