

**BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2021**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:

John Klosowski
Kenneth W. Clair, Jr.
Steven Kaufman
Martin P. Miller

District Secretary, Mia Tagliaferro
District Treasurer Margaret (Meg) Miller
James DeLawder, Treasurer of Brewster Fire Department
Michael Liguori, Esq., Counsel for District

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting commenced at 7:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James DeLawder mentioned that a bill was submitted for food truck at open house. Wondering what happened.

James DeLawder also mentioned that there is a sign that says you are under surveillance at the fire house, and asked if it included things like lockers as well. The Board said that the gear room is not under surveillance because of changing.

Follow up discussion regarding last month's meeting wherein the Board signed a Contract with Empress/Emstar for ambulance services.

Commissioner Clair is concerned with billing tax payers for BLS and ALS services, and feels as if it is "double dipping" tax payers. The State law says that you cannot bill for BLS services, the contract with Empress states that they will be billed for BLS and ALS.

Kate Frische mentioned that overnight coverage is a concern.

Pattie Frische addressed the Board because she was told that they would get preference in scheduling and that has not happened, and she feels as if this was a decision made in private and EMS personnel was not invited to discuss the matter before a decision was made.

Commissioner Klosowski suggested meeting on the 29th to discuss further.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A Motion to approve meeting minutes of November 10, 2021 was made by Commissioner Clair 2nd by Commissioner Miller.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was read aloud by District Secretary.

COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS/RADIOS

Commissioner Clair reports that the portables will be reprogrammed on Friday.
Commissioner Miller contacted Apple regarding iPads. They can manage IT services by setting up their own “apple store” so there is one place to go and purchase phones/ipads at a government rate. A quote was presented for 2 macbook pros, 7 iPad Pros, 7 iPhone 13 Pro Max (case not included). In order to purchase Apple requires a NYS Organization Exempt Purchase Certificate. After reviewing the form, the State does not allow the District to sign.
The Phone system will be reprogrammed on Thursday.

FACILITIES

The drivers for the roof siren will be tested on December 15. Discussion re: where to get a crane to place siren on roof.

The low oil and coolant light was on in generator after a power outage. The radiator needed to be replaced. A motion was made by Commissioner Klosowski to accept a quote from HO Penn, sole provider, for repair of radiator in the amount of \$6,822.62, seconded by Commissioner Clair, motion carried.

Discussion re: Washer. The washer needs to be bolted to a solid floor. It was a 70lb machine – Chief recommends a 225 lb machine. Will present quote at next meeting from metropolitan and statewide.

During a boiler inspection it was discovered that a valve was not working at substation. Dennis Palmer came and fixed it.. Called state and they recommended we keep the boiler room clear. Do not stack things up in or around the boiler room.

FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT

Nothing to report

FIRE PREVENTION

Nothing to report.

INSURANCE CLAIMS/VFBL

The Cancer bill is due. Law was changed so they have now included exterior fire fighters and EMS workers. Everyone should be covered and it has to be. Will discuss with Commissioner Schramek since this is his committee.

LEGAL CONTACT/REPORTS

Nothing to report.

LOSAP

Commissioner Kaufman reported that everyone got notice in the mail from Envision. Everything

is straightened out.

Paperwork needs to be sent in by February for entitled members to get their increase.

The Member that was on leave in 2019 was taken care of.

FIRE ROADS

Commissioner Kaufman is trying to decide what can be done.

There is a new road by the Saw Mill Exit. He also reports that there is no access to Tonetta Lake and said he needs a town key.

OSHA MANDATES

Next PSS is on Dec 19. Bloodborne, hazmat and harassment is scheduled for Jan 13. Physicals will be done in February and March.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Vehicle	Beginning Mileage	Ending Mileage	Total Monthly Mileage	Work Performed
11-1-1	69679	70036	357	
11-1-2	Out of service			
11-1-3	49918	50400	482	

11-4-2 is scheduled for inspection and service next week

11-5-1 will be done by 29th, will include ladder inspection

Asked Santos for price for muffler extension

11-8-3 got damaged from backing into 7-2

7-2 will go up to Paterson auto body

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Nothing to report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief reported that he is looking to purchase a \$15 adapter to fill cans. Will spend about \$90 and can fill our own foam cans as well.

A quote was presented to the board for a rope system. The Commissioners will review.

Badge No. 535 was moved to class 4 driver.

NEW APPARATUS

Nothing to report.

ADP PAYROLL

Nothing to report.

GRANTS

Will reach out to Grant guy and see if there is anything worth pursuing.

TREASURERS REPORT

Eight 4 five bill. At the request of chairman we broke out the invoice into 3 different invoices for 3 different events.

Discussion regarding transfer of line items.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF BILLS/VOUCHERS

Acceptance of Bills and vouchers motion by Commissioner Miller, 2nd by Commissioner Clair.
Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Clair
2nd by Commissioner Miller.
Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:07

Respectfully submitted:

Mia Tagliaferro
District Secretary