

Regular Meeting: April 13, 2016

PRESENT:

Commissioners:

J. Klosowski

K. Clair

G. Schramek

R. Tofte, III

J. Toscano

M. Miller, Treasurer

D. Goodwin, President

A. Jacobs, Vice President

T. Leather, Chief

P. McMurray, Jr., 1st Assistant Chief

M. Desantis, 2nd Assistant Chief

David Bruen, Bruen, Deldin Insurance

The bills were presented and approved by the Commissioners

Five membership applications which were voted on at the Brewster Fire Department were presented to the Commissioners. A MOTION was made by K. Clair to accept and 2nd by J. Klosowski. A rollcall was taken and all Commissioners approved.

The resignation of Richard Lawson was read and Chief Leather confirmed that all District equipment had been returned by Mr. Lawson.

A motion was made by Ken Clair, seconded by John Klosowski to accept the resignation. A rollcall was taken and all Commissioners approved.

David Bruen from Insurance Agency, Bruen, Deldin, Dedio presented the renewal of the property, casualty, auto, umbrella and management responsibility policies. The policy will be renewed at 8.8 % increase in premium. VFIS has not taken an increase in a long time according to Mr. Bruen but it will now increase due to insurance claims in the prior years. Mr. Bruen has researched to see if there are any less expensive alternatives and was unable to find one. He cautioned that a nearby Fire Department is facing the need to do a bond because they were underinsured.

COMPUTERS, COMMUNICATIONS, RADIO:

New computer company, A-1 doing well and charging per contract . Ken Clair said that two Dell Octiplus state contract computers are needed to replace two extremely old computers: One for EMS company and one for radio room.

Motion made by Ken Clair, seconded by Gerry Schramek to purchase two Dell Octiplus computers with Monitors, Microsoft Office suite and Wired mouse from Dell USA government for \$1841.04 each set to replace main station radio room and EMS office computers. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was adopted unanimously.

FACILITIES

Gerald Schramek asked the commissioners to set a date to meet with K, G and D to discuss the status of District facilities. He will offer the following dates to them: May 9, May 10, or 16 or 19th. The meeting will take place at 7:00 PM at Headquarters and will take between 1 and 2 hours.

Ken Clair said that the Recreation room at Station One is being renovated by the members. The District has been given a donation of sheet rock by Home Depot. Home Depot has also provided a 20 percent discount. The members will also do the drop ceiling in the recreation room. This will save about \$3200.00. The electrical and plumbing permits were issued after inspection by the Town and the plumbing inspection fee was waived. Tile floor will be paid for by commissioners. Ken Clair met with Carmel suspended ceiling company to do bays only and will replace ceiling tiles with new materials. They have indicated that the cost to rip down the current grid and replace the tiles will be \$21,500. If current grid is used then just replacing the tiles will be about \$10,000.00. Ken Clair will obtain additional information.

Richard Tofte III reported that the generators have both been serviced. The generator needs radiator. There is squirrel damage to generator at headquarters. R. Tofte will get prices.

Vincent Sicocolella from 845 Landscaping appeared before the Board to give a landscaping update

The contract for snow clearance for snow anticipated 15 events. Since there were only 11 events, Mr. Zicocolella will provide lawn maintenance including mulching as needed at no charge. He will mulch around Flagpoles. He will also level out a spot where the 9-11 memorial will be placed. Tiger lilies will be taken out to improve site line when pulling in and out of parking lot.

FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT

A 5-man ready rack is needed for station 1 to store gear.

A motion was made by John Klosowski, seconded by Ken Clair to purchase racks for the cost of \$1140.00. A rollcall vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Fire gear for FF Rob Fox has expired. An inspection will be done by T. Leather and he will report back to the Commissioners.

T. Leather reported that 5 gas meters are needed to replace the 12 year old models on 11-1-1, 2, 3 and 25 and 83. The sensors are no longer available for the older models.

A Motion was made by Gerald Schramek, seconded by Joseph Toscano to purchase 5 gas meters. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

A Registered letter which was sent to former FF Thomas Tuoeu was never picked up. The Commissioners have determined they will go forward to obtain equipment.

FIRE ROADS

Nothing new to report

FIRE GRANTS

Joe Toscano reported that Kevin at the Grant Company believes that the District would not be able to receive the grants which are currently open. There will be a new Grant open in November which might be used to purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras. There is no word yet on whether or not we will receive the grant for the scot pacs which was applied for at the end of 2014.

FIRE PREVENTION

Nothing new to report.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The 2016 Installation Dinner was good according to Gerry Schramek.

INSURANCE CLAIMS/VFBL

Nothing new to report.

LEGAL CONTACT/REPORTS

M. Ligouri reported that G. Schramek had substantive comments on policies that he distributed. The Fire commissioners' policies which have been in place for years are now updated to reflect recent changes. For example, the cell phone policy now reflects whoever is entitled to receive a cell phone can elect to reject the District phone and receive compensation for amount district would have paid toward their cell phone to conduct District business.

A Motion was made by John Klosowski seconded by Richard Tofte III to adopt policies as amended. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

LOSAP

R. Rofte III discussed possible changes with Eric at VFIS and R. Tofte III will research costs and report back to commissioners.

EQUIPMENT/FABRICATION

T. Leather reported that the new pagers are working. T. Leather will be getting all pagers in and doing an assessment and will report back to the Commissioners as to what can be repaired. T. Leather reported that the repeater channel is on the portables. Scene engines should have repeaters (890's) so there can be direct communications. Four cars and commissioners' car have them already. T. Leather will reach out to Metrocom to obtain quotes.

John Klosowski reported that the 1992 ladder truck needs to be replaced. Lisi's will give estimate. Hudson valley Fire and Ruscon have given estimates ranging from 11-5-1 has a cracked head.

Lisi's to tow to Middletown, Atlantic Diesel \$130 per hour. The estimate was roughly \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00

R. Tofte will get an evaluation from Red truck sales and Hudson Valley Seagrave. John Klosowski recommends that the Commissioners appoint a truck committee. Seagrave will loan ladder for however long it takes to build a truck for us. Truck committee for three trucks will be held on May 9, 10, 16 or 19 depending on when Gerry's meeting on when the facilities is set

OSHA MANDATES

A Motion to reduce officer qualifications, Return to Service and OSHA mandate policies to writing was discussed and will be adopted at a later date.

Only 5 or 6 Firefighters need OSHA classes per chief.

RPI class will have two instructors for a train the trainer class. This was approved but not yet done.

The live burns and physicals are set for the year. There will be a Live Burn drill on April 17th.

T. Leather said that he is researching whether or not special teams like Fire Police and HazMat as well as county cars are covered by the County insurance. The Fire Commissioner will bring the issue up at the County Chief's meeting. Gerry Schramek will contact the county executive.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Ken Clair started service on trucks. Hudson Valley did three trucks and are competitive with Ruscon. Ruscon will be doing inspections next month. Rear end repair completed on 11-1-2; transmission being done in Croton Falls for \$2700 at ATK transmissions on Rte 22 (emergency repair) They will give a nationwide warranty 3 years/100k mile.

Oil changes and brakes done on 11-1-3

11-1-1 needs alignment

11-6-1 compartment needs repair. Hudson Valley fire looked at it.

EMS

The Stryker EMS stretchers will be installed on April 25th. The old stretchers will be sold if possible.

TRAINING & TRAVEL

No new information

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

There are Five new members voted in this month.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Paid EMS continuing without interruption in the wake of TransCare pulling out of the County. Gerry Schramek reported that there will be no additional cost. The EMTs will be covered under EmStar.

Ken Clair will reach out to Polaris to get information on a quad.

A motion was made by Ken Clair, seconded by John Klosowski to obtain a credit card from First Niagra. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Gerry Schramek reports that he was able to obtain three Dodge Durango Chief's cars at a cost of approximately \$19,000.00 each by piggybacking on a bid with Chattaqua County. He was able to arrange for trade in value with the old chief's cars as well as \$2400. off for destination charges since the department will be picking up the cars. He stated that after investigation he found that the cars had no recalls, defects or complaints. According to NHTSB the crash safety rating is higher than the alternative Dodge. There are no active investigations on serviceability.

Gerry contacted service manager at Meadowland Chrysler and he confirmed that the Durangos were similar to Jeep Cherokees and he was not aware of any issues with them. Gerry also spoke briefly to people in NJ who said the Explorer was a little larger but that was really the only difference.

Gerry reported that he is waiting to find out cost of lighting package.

A motion was made by John Klosowski, seconded by Ken Clair to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter with Chief Leather. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously. The Commissioners went into Executive session at 9:00 PM.

A motion was made by John Klosowski, seconded by Ken Clair to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:15 PM A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by John Klosowski, seconded by Ken Clair to adjourn the regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Meg Miller