

## **Regular meeting July 8, 2015**

Present:

Present: Chairman John Klosowski, CoChairman A. Gerald Schramek, Commissioner Ken Clair, Commissioner Rick Tofte, Commissioner Joe Toscano, Meg Miller, Treasurer, Chief John Leather, Asst Chief Phil McMurray, Assistant Chief Moe DeSantis, Brewster FD President Don Goodwin, Brewster FD Vice President Al Jacobs

Meeting called to order by 7:30 pm

The bills were presented with vouchers for signature and payment. A motion was made by John Klosowski and seconded by Ken Clair to approve voucher numbers 07-01 – 07-72.

Questions on the motion: Gerry Schramek questioned the cost of door signs in the buildings and uniform nameplates for the chiefs. Rick Tofte advised that an inexpensive nameplate has been selected and will be purchased in the future. Gerry Schramek asked why the locksmith bill was high. John Klosowski explained the bill was for security pad locks that are keyed to the District master key system and only carried locally by this particular locksmith. Commissioner Schramek also asked about the cost of the District door signs. Commissioner Clair said the cost of the signs was being shared with the Fire Department fifty-fifty and the District has forwarded a copy of the invoice to the Department Treasurer.

Motion was accepted by all commissioners present.

The correspondence was read.

State insurance fund premium notice received from Bruen Deldin Dedio.

Appraisal associates report was received.

Resignation of BFD member was read. Motion to accept the resignation by Joseph Toscano was tabled pending receipt of all equipment.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

#### **COMPUTER /COMMUNICATIONS**

IT consultant met with Chief Leather and Commissioner Clair and told them the server will be in by the end of August. The kiosk is not yet in at Station 1. Chief Leather cannot resolve issues with Red Alert until the system is up and running.

#### **BUILDINGS/ GROUNDS.**

Commissioner Clair said that the bulbs are in to replace ones that are out on two parking lot light poles. There is a sink hole at the main station. Gravel was dropped in to avoid having to chop up the parking lot and that seems to be holding,

Chairman Klosowski said that anticipated repairs to both stations will need to be overseen by a consultant to ensure satisfactory completion. Clarion Construction management has been approached to obtain quotes and oversee the projects. Among the projects are:

Fuel tanks

Floor under 4-1

Solar power

Flat roof repair/replacement

Gas piping

Hot water units

Upgrading elevator

New floor in day room

Repairing bay floor which is leaking

Roof repair.

Obtain three bids for bay floor (ambulance bay) there are fractures on the floor per Chief Leather

CALRION CONSULTING to get bids and look at buildings, solicit vendor and put package together bid specs, prices and proceed. Clarion can be a consultant to oversee the job if the District proceeds with the work.

Fire roads: There is interest in working on the fire roads to keep them passable and per Commissioner Tofte.

AWARDS/APPRECIATION: Commissioner Toscano reported that the uniform clothing has almost all been distributed to members

INSURANCE CLAIMS: One member who was injured in the line of duty has already returned to service

The commissioners will follow up with insurer on the insurance claim payment for Chief's car accident damage that is not yet paid

LOSAP: Joe Toscano will review a group of individuals who haven't made their points to see if they should be dropped from life insurance death benefit.

More aggressive investment options will be discussed in August.

EQUIPMENT AND REFIRB: Commissioner Tofte is looking into options to replace 11-7-2 which the commissioners would like to try to keep for 5 years passed the time 11-7-1 was purchased. It might be better to consider letting it go earlier in order to maximize trade in or sell value. Putnam Lake FD may be selling their ambulance. There will be a meeting at the end of the month and (29<sup>th</sup>) to discuss the fate of 11-7-2

11-3-1 Commissioner Tofte tried to pump it but it only had 30 seconds of water in tank. Pumped 120 gallons of water in 2 minutes. Commissioner Tofte says "the pump is fine." Tofte will try to find out how to fill the truck on a scene. Commissioner Clair said it needs tires, shocks, springs and is concerned about putting more money into it. The body is rusting and needs to be painted. Commissioner Tofte said it was coated and doesn't know why it's rusting and he will look into it.

Croton Falls brush truck was viewed tonight to look at options.

The Seagrave dealer will look at the fabricated shelf on 11-6-1 for the Hurst tool.

OSHA MANDATES: a list submitted to commissioners by Chief Leather to show deficits.

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Per Commissioner Clair Generator out of service on 11-2-3

11-5-1 Just installed new rear tires

11-2-4 Just installed new rear tires

11-7-1 Just installed all new tires

11-1-1 Lettering needs to be fixed per Chief Leather

11-1-3 Oil change and check noise needed

Chief Leather was asked to have members fill out reports for mechanic when things are wrong even when they are small so that he can track maintenance

Pre and post ambulance sheet is being developed to include maintenance - progress per Chief Leather. There's nothing on the check-out sheet for checking for damage to the body so this will be added.

#### CHIEF'S REPORT:

Football games standbys have been requested by School District and will be posted.

Parade list is posted

Junior Firefighters will be discussed at special meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>

EMS (PAID)

Budget meeting will be scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of August (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) at Station 1

Meg to research the Tax cap percentage for 2016 prior to the meeting.

The secretary will post the special meeting and email all parties

Status of fire pump at station 1: check valve needs to be replaced and air pressure will be in line.

New plates for 11-1-1 and 11-8-3 needed. Commissioner Tofte will obtain.

Motion to accept new member made by Commissioner Tofte seconded Commissioner Schramek. Unanimously Passed. One membership application was returned to membership committee because it was missing paperwork.

Motion to allow 6 members to attend Pulse Check Conference in Rockland County for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 total. Each member must submit an expense report in line with District policies and procedures with a completed voucher and proof of expenditures prior to the September Commissioners' meeting. Each person must only submit their own expenses.

Motion by Commissioner Tofte seconded by Commissioner Toscano. Roll Call vote:

Joseph Toscano – Yes

Kenneth Clair Jr. – No

John Klosowski – Yes

A. Gerald Schramek- Yes

Richard Toftee, III - Yes

The meeting was attended by County Emergency Services Commissioner Sutton and his Deputy Commissioner.

It was noted by Commissioner Tofte that Patterson fire officials bashed Brewster for daytime paid EMS and blamed Patterson Fire Department's problems with responding to EMS calls on Brewster district.

Commissioner Sutton advised the District that TransCare is not paying their employees and it is unknown when they will be paid. He said TransCare is not making payroll and "that is indicative of a much larger problem". Sutton says the county is keeping data in order to determine the situation. Sutton said that once payroll is missed then other issues could ensue like taxing authorities not getting paid, etc. A Certificate of Need is being sought by county possibly. This way, the county would not be limited to only ambulance companies that have Certificates of Need already. There can then be less profit driven models.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Schramek, Seconded by Commissioner Tofte. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Meg Miller