

Regular Meeting: September 14, 2016

PRESENT:

Commissioners:

G. Schramek
K. Clair
J. Toscano

M. Liguori, Counsel
T. Leather, Chief
M. DeSantis-2nd Assistant Chief
D. Goodwin, President

M. Miller, Treasurer
R. Tassani, Secretary
Carrie Ratajack
Bruce Colombraro
Fred Santi
James Delauder
Roger Austin
Edward O'Hara

Meeting called to order by Renee Tassani at 7:40 p.m.

Mrs. Carrie Ratajack addressed the Board voicing her concerns as to why former Commissioner Tofte had resigned. M.ichael Liguori told Mrs. Ratajack that he resigned on his own Mrs. Ratajack also reported rumors surrounding Mr. Tofte. Mike Liguori informed Mrs. Ratajack that the Rick Tofte case is being investigated by the Putnam County Sheriff's office. She then requested a copy of a report which indicates the percentage calls where mutual aid departments assisted Brewster within the last 2 years. Gerry Schramek told Mrs. Ratajack that the District does not collect that statistical data. Chief Leather will look into this and have the information for the October meeting.

A MOTION was made by J. Toscano, 2nd by K. Clair to go into Executive Session regarding a personal matter at 7:50 p.m. The MOTION passed unanimously.

At 7:55 p.m. Executive Session ended and the meeting resumed.

Fred Santi approached the Board regarding the issue as to why members are not covered by insurance when they go on calls for Special Teams. G. Schramek explained how members on not covered by the Brewster Fire District and because it is a County Team it should be covered by the County. As of this moment, the The County will not cover their members.

Bruce Colombraro discussed the upcoming elections. The rate of pay will be the same as what state law states. This member will do the elections again this year.

Mr. Edward O'Hara approached the Board and distributed a packet containing two personnel issues. The Board accepted Mr. O'Hara's paperwork and is reviewing both of them. Chief Leather replied that one of the issues has already been addressed and appropriate action taken.

The bills were reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE READ:

A letter from Jeff Bergstrom requesting the use of the Main Station for Sunday, October 23, 2016 beginning 1 p.m. For the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Chief Leather G. Schramek, 2nd by K. Clair to approve this request, a rollcall was taken and all approved.

A letter from Daniel Economico regarding his state points for 2015.. J. Toscano is going to reach out to AIG to see about getting that information to that member.

A letter was received from a past fire fighter requesting any patches we might have as he is a collector. This was handed to the Chief.

COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS/RADIOS

There was a Comcast issue from the line to the street at the Main House (interruption), A1 is working with computers. There was a discussion about some members having difficulty getting online and perhaps A1 could write up an instruction sheet.

Chief Leather reports that only 40% of the Red Alert calls are dropping into the system.

FACILITIES:

No new business.

FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT

We received a delivery of turnout gear that is not ours. This will be sent back.

Chief Leather asked about Tif Meters, K. Clair will look into this.

FIRE ROADS

No new business.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Prevention begins on Sunday, 9/18/16.

GRANTS/AWARDS

J. Toscano will look into this next year.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The Fire Department will take the lead. The Installation Dinner is currently scheduled for April 1 however, G. Schramek will look into changing the date due to a scheduling conflict.

INSURANCE CLAIMS/VFBL

Nothing to report.

LEGAL CONTACT/REPORTS

Nothing to report.

LOSAP

J. Toscano is working on this.

G. Schramek requested on behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners that we have a resolution to have a 2nd Tier to the LOSAP Program. M. Liguori will develop a ballot for referendum that may change entitlement age from that point on.

EQUIPMENT/FABRICATION

Progress.

OSHA MANDATES

Nothing to report.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

11-4-1 was fixed

Vehicle	Beginning Mileage	Ending Mileage	Work Done
11-1-3	125,209	126,530	(oil change and inspection)
11-1-1	30,950	31,475	
11-1-2	101,048	102,872	

Request from the mechanic:

Scan Pad to check the computer to the truck.

Two quotes were received, Medco for \$3395 and Protocol \$1899 (free updates and 2 year warranty).

K. Clair made a MOTION to purchase this tool, 2nd by G. Schramek, a rollcall was taken and all agreed.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Nothing new to report.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Nothing new to report.

EMS

The RFP for Paid Ambulance Service is to be done Michael Liguori.

TRAINING & TRAVEL

G. Schramek reported that we have an agreement in place with the City of Danbury Fire Department to use their fire training center.

FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS

R. Davidson from KG&D will do a conceptual drawing.

NEW APPARATUS

Two new command cars are in.

G. Schramek made a MOTION to award the proposal from Specialty Warning Systems in the amount of \$13,181.64 which will include materials and labor, J. Toscano 2nd, a rollcall was taken and all approved

New Aerial apparatus, Tanker and Brush Truck specs are in.

TRAINING & TRAVEL

Fire Training Center Agreement Status: M. Liguroi will set up a meeting with the Fire Department's attorney, Tom Kelly's, Commissioner Schramek, Commissioner Sutton of the Bureau of Emergency Services and Putnam County Department of Law to negotiate this issue as well as the insurance coverage for Special Teams.

Live Burn training is this Friday and can still , 9/16.

NEW BUSINESS

There have been no bids for the trucks or the Snow Plow Removal. We will place the Snow Plow notice in the papers again.

A MOTION was made by G. Schramek, 2nd by K. Clair to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.