

**BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
MEETING 6-12-24**

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner John Klosowski
Commissioner A. Gerald Schramek
Commissioner Martin Miller
Chief Michael Miller – Via Zoom
2nd Assistant Chief Andrew McMurray
District Treasurer Donald Goodwin
District Secretary Maurice DeSantis
Brandon Liberati (District Counsel Asst.)
Department Treasurer James Delawder
Keith Rusinko

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 19:00hrs by Commissioner Klosowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Department Treasurer Delawder inquired as to the completion of sealcoating of the parking lots at station 1. Commissioner Klosowski responded the sealcoating will be completed next week. Delawder inquired about the status of the blacktop being replaced in front of the fire police/utility bays at headquarters. Commissioner Klosowski advised the blacktop would be replaced once the ground settles. Lastly Delawder inquired who supervises Brewster Southeast EMS funds. Commissioner Miller advised the funds are managed by the Brewster Southeast EMS executive board.

CORRESPONDANCE: One letter, a records request which was handed to the chiefs secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS: Commissioner Miller states he met with Goosetown Communications to examine the high band repeaters at headquarters as well as at Independent Way, he reports they are working good however the units are 30 years old

and parts would be an issue due to the age. Commissioner Miller stated he is looking into the possibility of utilizing the county radio towers to rebroadcast dispatches which would allow the use of the new pagers.

District Council Asst. Liberati states NYCOMCO has had no response on the radio lease issue. Commissioner Schramek inquired about council bringing resolution options on the matter to the next district meeting.

FACILITIES: Commissioner Klosowski states the hallway light circuit had tripped as a result of the previous bathroom leaks and some of the wiring burned up, Eagle Eye Electric was able to rewire and repair. Parking lot sealing was taking place up at station 1. The generator at headquarters started the past Monday and ran all night, it was stuck in test mode it was looked at and reset by the district mechanic.

FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT: 2nd Assistant Chief McMurray presented 2 quotes for equipment from MES for the quartermaster. Quote 1 was for 250' of forestry hose, 2 nozzles and 4 sledgehammers for a total of \$2300. Quote 2 was for 3 Halligan bars, 4 - 6' hooks, 13 pairs of structural fire fighting boots, 6 BEN 2 structural firefighting helmets and 3 pairs of rain pants for a total of \$13,574.47. Both quotes from MES were on state bid pricing.

A Motion to approve the purchases was made by Commissioner Klosowski – Seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion Passed 3-0

FIRE ROADS: Progress

FIRE PREVENTION: Commissioner Klosowski states the event at the high school was productive with several possible applicants. Next event would be this Saturday at the new Brewster Subaru grand opening.

INSURANCE CLAIMS/VFBL: Commissioner Schramek states he is still working on the benefit appeal on behalf of a member.

LEGAL CONTACT/REPORTS: Progress

LOSAP: Commissioner Miller states the issue with William Rieg was not that he was dropped from LOSAP for 2 years. The issue was due to a resolution that was made in 2008 changing the program. In 2008 the entitlement age was changed, however they put in there was no post entitlement. So in 2006 and 2007 William Rieg and Harold Opher did not receive those years of credit. Commissioner Miller met with Rieg and explained the issue, to which he agreed with it.

OSHA MANDATES: Progress

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE:

UNIT	BEGINNING MILEAGE	ENDING MILEAGE	TOTAL MILEAGE
11-1-1	13401	13963	562
11-1-2	8472	8990	518
11-1-3	11014	11926	912

11-7-1 Had a check engine light on went to Lisi's

11-2-3 Needs annual service and inspection

11-5-1 rear step is in and needs to be scheduled with HVFE

Frank Thomas of Frank's Automotive is retiring 7/1 and closing up shop. Thank you for the many years of service. Vehicles will now go to Preferred Automotive for small vehicle repairs.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION: Commissioner Klosowski reports the high school event well.

CHIEF'S REPORTS: Chief Miller reports the sheriffs were thankful for the use of the firehouse for their car seat safety check, the event went well. June 28th is the Mamaroneck parade, Port Chester is looking for an engine to provide coverage for their district. Chief Miller stated he would handle.

2nd Assistant Chief McMurray states the eDraulic tools came in but needed mounting still. 1st Assistant Chief Miller wants to do some research before mounting the eDraulic tools, they are being inventoried now.

EMS REPORT: Commissioner Miller reports the 2nd staffed ambulance (0800-2200hrs 7 days a week) went into service June 1st. Since going into service, the 2nd ambulance has covered 24 transports month to date and the 1st ambulance has covered 45. This equates to about a 25% increase in additional transports.

Commissioner Miller reports for the month of May there were 188 calls for service, 124 patients were transported.

Future plans for EMS include upgrading stretcher on Ambulance 11-7-1 to a powerload stretcher like Ambulance 11-7-2.

FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS: Commissioner Schramek states the next meeting with KG&D Architects is July 1st.

NEW APPARATUS: Commissioner Klosowski reports there have been no updates on delivery date.

TRAINING AND TRAVEL: Progress

ADP PAYROLL: Progress

TREASURER REPORTS: Treasurer Goodwin reports that he along with the bookkeeper and Jeff from PKF O'Connor Davies moved \$60,278 from capitol projects to the general fund. They are also working on charter accounts which will be reviewed and possibly adopt a resolution at the July district meeting.

FOOD: Progress

GRANTS: Commissioner Miller states we have 2 grants filed and awaiting response.

PLANNING: Progress

LIASON TO LEGISLATURE: Progress

OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner Klosowski inquired as to when the FRS system would be up and running. Chief Miller replied they are working on issues with the MDT with FRS, but there has been a lot of progress. Chief Miller states there has also been issues with the separation of fire and EMS calls due to different agency numbers being used by the county.

Commissioner Schramek inquired on the status of the 5-year plan. Chief Miller replied the plan has a lot of detail on it, however there should be an update on it in the coming months and is planning on a formal release in January.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Miller proposed reviewing district policies starting at the next regular meeting.

A Motion to approve and pay the bills was made by Commissioner Schramek – Seconded by Commissioner Miller

Motion Passed 3-0

Commissioner Schramek advised that Ralph Fallon from the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services would be present at the July district meeting.

Chief Miller states he has meeting with the county and the sheriffs regarding the town fireworks on July 7th.

A Motion to enter executive session on a personnel matter was made by Commissioner Klosowski – Seconded by Commissioner Schramek.

Motion Passed 3-0

Executive session entered 19:53hrs.

A Motion to end executive session was made by Commissioner Miller – Seconded by Commissioner Klosowski.

Motion Passed 3-0

Executive session ended 20:01hrs.

There were no actions taken as a result of the executive session.

Chief Miller requested up to \$500 for programming cables for the new radios and pagers.

A Motion to allow up to \$500 for the purchase of the programming cables was made by Commissioner Klosowski – Seconded by Commissioner Miller

Motion Passed 3-0

A Motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Klosowski – Seconded by Commissioner Schramek

Motion Passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 20:00hrs.

Next meeting: 7/1 with KG&D

Respectfully submitted by:

District Secretary DeSantis