

Regular meeting March 12, 2014

PRESENT: Commissioners:

J. Klosowski
G. Schramek
R. Tofte
K. Clair
J. Toscano

D. Silverblade, President
Chief Bill Rieg
R. Tassani, Secretary
M. Liguori, Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Klosowski at 7:05 pm.

A MOTION was made by G. Schramek and 2nd by K. Clair to accept February 12 meeting minutes.

Vouchers #0301-0367 were presented by J. Klosowski on behalf of Meg Miller. Vouchers were accepted.

Letters from Dean Silverblade to Tom Tuohy and Patricia McAdam with regards to them being dropped from the Brewster Fire Department for failure to live up to their commitment were reviewed and approved pending the return of equipment. John Klosowski gave the motion to approve and Rick Tofte 2nd that motion. Ken Clair will draft a form to check off what equipment needs to be returned for the future. After that is complete, Joe Toscano and Renee Tassani will draft a letter on Letterhead.

Public Referendum to Reduce Firefighters Pension Plan: A motion was made by Gerry Schramek, seconded by Kenny Clair to authorize the district's attorney to draft a resolution for a public referendum to reduce firefighter pension plan in the Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District. This will only effect new applicants after the resolution is passed by the public. This will not effect current members. Motion was passed unanimously.

Replacement of the Chief's Car—Options:

- Go to Bid
- County Bid (Chautauqua County bid price: \$35,207.20, Emerling Chevrolet, Boston, NY)

A motion was made by Gerry Schramek, Seconded by Rick Tofte to authorize Board of Fire Commissioners of the Brewster Southeast Joint Fire District to participate in the Chautauqua County Bid to purchase a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe as a replacement for the Chiefs car 11-1-2 that was damaged in a car crash. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gerry Schramek, Seconded by Rick Tofte to authorize the fire district to purchase a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe from Emerling Chevrolet of Boston, New York for the bid price of \$35,207.20. Motion passed unanimously.

An updated letter is needed for the bank with the proper names of the individuals that have access to the safe deposit box (names as they appear on driver's license). Renee Tassani will draft this letter.

A letter was read from Dominic Buono stating that he needs to resign. A motion was made by Rick Tofte, Seconded by Gerry Schramek that the commissioners accept this letter, pending the return of equipment. The motion was passed unanimously.

A letter was read from Cherry Davis who needs to go on a Leave of Absence for 6 months.

Medical Releases were reviewed and accepted for Kate Frische, Philip McMurray and Dawn Pasquala. Meg will put the "Medical Release Form" on the Ice Pond website.

As of February 18, 2014 the MetroCom has informed us that Motorola will not be making low band pagers. We have 10 Monitor V Pagers at a unit cost of \$394, total cost of \$3940. Delivery will take place within 30 days. The commissioners decided on eDispatch to try it on a month to month basis. For 25 members, the cost is \$79/month.

The motion was made by John Klosowski and 2nd by Kenny Clair authorizing this expenditure. Motion passed 5-0.

Buildings: Kenny Clair
Repair EMS Door Transmitter
Kitchen Hood Service
Radiator on Generator Mainhouse
Elevator \$336.53
Ice Machine Fan Motor: \$879 (Bill's Refrigeration)
Replace Siron in the Spring
Get the floor guy in to look at the Main House (the leak needs to be identified first)
Get RFP's on Flat Roof
Annual Preventative Maintenance,, Overhead Doors, total cost \$1200

Rick Tofte will look into price on grass cutting for fire roads.
Kenny Clair will look into price on snow plowing for fire roads and firehouse.

Fire Roads: Rick Tofte wants to authorize spending \$1000 for 5 signs.

Uniforms for Explorers were discussed. Commissioners decided that they should be wearing light blue.

Joe Toscano has taken over this responsibility for Rick Tofte.

A letter requesting the use of the firehouse on 4/5/14 from Jeff Bergstrom from noon-4 p.m. was read and approved. Renee Tassani will prepare a letter to Jeff.

M. Liguori spoke about Amendment to LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program), May 13 from 6-9 p.m. Bruce Colombraro, Don Goodman and Renee Tassani will be tellers that day.

Motion to amend eligibility of LOSAP Program was made by Rick Tofte and Seconded by Kenny Clair as follows:

- Delete Section C
- Amend "D" to say "complete 1 year of probation to be consistent with the bi-laws

Motion passed 5-0.

Equipment Refab: Rick will meet with Joe Dexter on this.

- Scot Packs on 11-2-3
- 11-6-1 Eric putting together a price for ladder
- Chassis is coming in pre-painted

Projected to be complete by mid-May

Vehicle Maintenance: Kenny Clair

- Transmission on 11-5-1 is still leaking, getting prices
- 11:1:1 mileage: 72,819
- 1:3 mileage: 71,155

Recruitment and Retention Committee: Gerry Schramek

- Reported the committee met on March 10th and decided that we will develop a 30 second commercial to be aired on cable channels during Sept., Oct., and Nov. at a cost of \$5000 for recruitment purposes. The Fire District will share the cost with the Fire Department. District money is in 2014 budget.

Training-Will look into Baltimore this year. Will recap next month.

Paid EMT-Gerry Schramek spoke with Bob Cuomo of Putnam Ridge BES regarding the Putnam Ridge ambulance issue. Putnam Ridge is currently under new administration. Gerry Schramek and Bob Cuomo will meet with them as soon as possible to resolve the outstanding issue.

Kate Frische couldn't make the meeting to discuss Medical, Rick Tofte presented on her behalf. The Department needs to purchase new equipment: glucometers, both ambulances need to be NY State Lab certified (\$200 per ambulance) since blood is involved.

The Commissioner Training has been scheduled for April 2 at 4pm in Valhalla. Attending: Joe Toscano, Gerry Schramek and Kenny Clair

New Policy: John Klosowski reported that receipts must accompany any charges need to be on a credit card. Charges appearing on the district credit card without the needed receipt will be paid by the individual making the purchase. No exceptions will be made.

Chief Rieg spoke about Blood Born Hazmat, Physicals are scheduled for 3/29 and 3/30.

Kenny Clair spoke about OSHA Mandates: 50 firefighters had physicals, for interior it's \$233/guy. Kenny Clair also spoke about phone service now being changed over to Verizon Wireless. Account has been completely updated.

Insurance Company for 2011 loss of Chief's Car...need title signed, payment of \$28,475 will be issued upon receipt.

Kenny Clair spoke about the Annual Hose Testing: 23,340 feet of hose, cost \$5601.60

Motion was made by Rick Tofte and 2nd by Gerry Schramek to authorize the hose testing. Motion was passed 5-0.

Motion by Gerry Schramek, Seconded by Kenny Clair to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.