

**BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS:

John Klosowski
A. Gerald Schramek
George Durmer
Kenneth W. Clair, Jr.
Martin P. Miller

District Secretary, Mia Tagliafierro
District Treasurer Margaret (Meg) Miller
James DeLawder, Treasurer of Brewster Fire Department
Chief Thomas Giambattisto
Asst. Chief Michael Miller
2nd Asst. Chief Steven Miller
Edwin Alvarez
Eric Cyprus
Tommy Regan

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mia Tagliafierro, District Secretary opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James DeLawder asked who he should give insurance forms to. The Board told him to give them to Commissioner Miller.

Mr. DeLawder also addressed the board regarding the ambulance service. Mr. DeLawder stated that we as a District are supposed to serve the Town of Southeast, and we need to consider residents and tax payers. He also believes there should be some way to improve EMS service. It was great until the end of December when EmStar was no longer to service of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District.

Tom Regan, Vice president of Fire Department addressed Board about the last election. Due to covid people were required to wear masks and were squished 6 inches from each other or asked to wait outside in the cold. Asks the commissioners to address the procedure next election.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A Motion to accept the minutes was made by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Clair. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was read aloud by District Secretary.

Bids for truck light and graphics specs were opened. Discussion regarding same.

A Motion to accept lighting package from Specialty Warning Systems, LLC out of Danbury, Connecticut in the amount of \$27,062.65 was made by Commissioner Schramek, seconded by Commissioner Clair. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the quote for ghost graphics from Extreme Designs in the amount of \$11,000 was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Durmer. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF INSURANCE PROPOSAL

A motion to accept the insurance proposal from World Insurance Associates, LLC in the amount of \$59,453.00 plus estimated surcharge for \$63.36 for a total of \$59,516.36 was made by Commissioner Schramek,
Seconded by Commissioner Clair.
Motion carried.

Regular business was suspended at 7:36PM to discuss EMS.
The Chiefs presented 4 proposals for EMS service.
Carmel Ambulance 2 EMTs at 25/hr 24/7 \$441,696
Westchester – 2 EMTs 24/7 do not provide CFR \$631,865
EmStar – 2 EMTS \$604,440
Ambulance – 1 EMT, 1 CFR \$394,200 (2 EMTs 473,400)

Discussion regarding possible options for Ambulance Service.
Michael Liguori suggests the Board should explore with town and village.
Commissioner Miller stated that one of the root causes of this issue is Putnam Ridge Also walk in medic clinic (caremount medical) is using volunteers as transport service.
John O’Lannon asked if issue with Putnam ridge was ever addressed with town board. The Board said it was addressed years ago, and it was the Town Board’s opinion that there could not be another ambulance.

Tom Regan further clarified concerns with Caremount Medical (having 4 floors and urgent care) sending patients in volunteer ambulance to hospital.
The Chief’s proposal is 1 EMT and 1 CFR from Ambulance 24/7 care in Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District’s equipment. The Chiefs feel it is more cost effective and allows monthly payments. All policies and guidelines of the District/Dept. would be implemented.

Lengthy discussion regarding increase in taxes and ask for more money next budget. Michael Liguori suggested exhausting all other options before raising taxes and asking for more funding.

A Motion to make an emergency expenditure for ambulance service pending counsel’s review of contract for \$32,850 for one month made by Commissioner Miller 2nd by Commissioner Clair.
Motion carried.

A Motion to continue to search all other cost-effective options for EMS including the Town of Southeast Town Board made by Commissioner Schramek, 2nd by Commissioner Durmer. 5-0

COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS/RADIOS

Commissioner Miller received a proposal from Winslow Technology for kiosk replacement. Will hold off for now and present at a later date.

The Board will establish account with Goosetown Communications in Orange County for supplies.

Nothing to report on radios.

FACILITIES

. Motion to do RFP for washer and gas dryer made by Commissioner Klosowski, seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried.

Dutchess Doors repaired the doors.

Pump has been fixed and safety has been put on.

The engineer said the weight of the siren is not an issue.

FIRE AND EMS EQUIPMENT

Request for equ

FIRE PREVENTION

Nothing to report.

INSURANCE CLAIMS/VFBL

Nothing to report.

LEGAL CONTACT/REPORTS

Michael Liguori reported that Pine Street Brokers has agreed to take back the Milltown property.

LOSAP

Nothing to report.

OSHA MANDATES

Makeups are 90% done.

Remainder of Physicals are being done in March.

Annual hose testing is being done in September.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Vehicle	B e g i n n i n g Mileage	Ending Mileage	Total Monthly Mileage	Work Performed
11-1-1				
11-1-2	50,608	50,790	182	Oil change at Frank's Automotive

11-1-3	70,130	70,666	356	
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RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Nothing to report.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Members need gear. 6 sets, 3 sets are expired and 3 sets for probationary members. 14ft ladder, helmet and halogen were burned in fire last week. The Chiefs will get the prices of the items to Commissioner Schramek for insurance claim.
 A quote from Somers Metal Works for \$800 for prop base for drill ladder.
 Members are asking for smoke machine for training. Commissioner Klosowski believes there is one in the shed. The cost for the machine, fluid and pvc is \$334.94.
 Chiefs presented a quote for tire chains from St. Pierre of Connecticut Tire Chains & Traction Devices for \$6,389.40.
 A motion to purchase the chains from St. Pierre of Connecticut Tire Chains & Traction Devices in the amount of \$6,389.40 was made by Commissioner Clair, seconded by Commissioner Durmer.
 Deputy Chief DeSantis needs fire house for plant sale in April. Ok with all Commissioners.

NEW APPARATUS

UTV 11-8-1: 2 weeks delivery date, just needs radios installed

FIRE ROADS

Commissioner Durmer reports that there are some overgrown fire roads and Marvin Avenue is blocked by a fallen tree. He will work with the Highway Supervisor.

ADP PAYROLL

ADP Payroll has been adjusted to reflect raises.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

ACCEPTANCE OF BILLS/VOUCHERS

A motion to accept all of the bills and vouchers was made by Commissioner Miller 2nd by Commissioner Schramek.

Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Schramek
2nd by Commissioner Durmer
Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:49PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mia Tagliaferro
District Secretary