

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MAY 23, 2013**

Members Present:

Francis J. Pandich, Jr.,
Chairman
George M. Bush, Secretary
Lewis Hoffer

Others Present:

Jeffrey Winchell, Chief
Joseph Shoemaker, Asst. Chief
Thomas Palazzo, Asst. Chief
Matt Winchell, Asst. Chief
Jake Polovchak, Captain
Mike Battaglini, Captain

John Hussar, Lieutenant,
Brent Soden, Firefighter
Jerry Stout, Fire Police Lieut.
Gil Martino, Lieutenant
Sayword Hover, Firefighter
Jill Stout, Firefighter
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer
Alice Fiacco, Administrative
Assistant

Chairman Pandich called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Bush to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2013, meeting. All aye; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Treasurer's Report. All aye; motion carried.

Hearing of Visitors: None

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to pay May bills, vouchers # 05-001 to #05-066 totalling \$33,551.63. All aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the petty cash report and reimburse \$104.49 to the petty cash fund. All aye; motion carried.
3. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the line transfers submitted. All aye; motion carried.
4. Building report:
 - a) Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Bush to add a guard rail at the north end of the parking lot at st #2. All aye; motion carried. We will contact Don Battaglini at the Town to find out about doing this.
 - b) Climate Control in Endwell is interested in bidding on our HVAC contract. We will get a price from them.
 - c) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to renew the generator maintenance contract with Cummins Northeast for the generators at stations 2 & 3 and the tower. All aye; motion carried.
 - d) Question about status of adding air conditioning to radio room, copier room, hallway, etc. at station #1. Delta is working on this. Member Bush will check on the status of this project.
5. Community room: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following events in the community room:
5/29 - Meeting by UVES local IAEP
6/22- Kyle Ferraro for a graduation party; member - no charge; \$50 security deposit only.
All aye; motion carried.
6. Chief's Report:
 - a) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to allow members to attend the NYS AFC convention in Verona, NY, June 12-15 and pay for admission and lunch. All aye; motion carried.
 - b) Discussion of possibly selling the red trailer. Chief will look into fair market value for this.
 - c) Chief reported there is a new Sutphen mechanic in Syracuse. We may be trying them for service on our Sutphen vehicles.

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d) Chief has spoken at length with Mr. Ron Roma of LK Recovery Group who has a proposal to charge the homeowner's insurance company when a fire department responds for a fire. This company then will turn the fee over to the fire department less a percentage for collecting this. Chief does not feel this is legal and has spoken with some state officials about this. He has told Mr. Roma that even if this is legal, we feel it is charging double as homeowners already pay taxes to cover fire department response and are not interested in signing up for this.

7. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
8. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Support Services Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
9. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Bush to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
10. Members reviewed the bids received for issuance of an \$890,000 1-year bond anticipation note. Bids received: 0.87% from Green County Commercial Bank; 1.250% from Roosevelt & Cross; 1.25% from Oppenheimer & Company Inc. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve issuance of 1-year bond anticipation note to Greene County Commercial bank at 0.87% interest and to authorize the treasurer and secretary to sign all paperwork necessary to close on the bond anticipation note. All aye; motion carried. Note will be payable on 6/6/2014 with interest of \$7743.00 due at this time.
11. Two bids for self-contained breathing apparatus were received on May 17: MES bid \$291,829.00 and Tyler Fire Equipment bid for \$325,900.00. On May 22, MES sales representative Thomas Costello submitted a letter withdrawing their bid due "inconsistencies in my interpretation of the bids specs and subsequent pricing."

Motion by Member Pandich, second by Member Hoffer to table the bids until we get more information from MES. All aye; motion carried.

12. Member Bush expressed dissatisfaction with Tyler Fire Equipment. Felt their bid for air packs was too high. Questioned if we should not consider cancelling the contract with them for the quint. Tyler is the dealer on this, but the contract is with Pierce and it would be difficult to justify cancellation.
13. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve bill for Workers' Compensation and Volunteer Firefighter Law Benefit Coverage with Fire Districts Mutual Of New York for the year June 1, 2013 to June 1, 2014 at a cost of \$82,527.00, a decrease of 4.4% over last year's premium and to authorize the Treasurer to pay premiums on the policy prior to due date. All aye; motion carried.
14. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept a donation from Monica and Mark Meagley of \$50.00 and place this in the AED Fund. All aye; motion carried.
15. Discussion of appointing a new commissioner to replace Scott Costello who resigned last month. We will put the word out to our members and through the media to see if we can find someone who might be interested in this position. Since his term expired on 12/31/2013, the appointee would serve until December and then have to run for election in December for the full 5-year term.
16. Chief recommended that the Board award the bid for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus to Tyler Fire Equipment. Have just learned that the model packs we want will be discontinued as of June 1, 2013, and if we don't order now we will have to purchase a new model that is more expensive and has some features we don't like. Much discussion followed. Do not feel there is sufficient time to rebid this and meet the June 1, discontinuation date.

Motion by Member Pandich, second by Member Hoffer to withdraw tabling of the air pack purchase and to consider it this evening. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Bush to consider a single bid. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Bush to approve purchase of the self-contained breathing apparatus from Tyler Fire Equipment at a cost of \$325,900 per their bid submitted. All aye; motion carried.

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17. Discussion of expenses for fire truck repairs. We have discussed asking the Town to hire a qualified fire truck mechanic to do repairs and then charge back the cost to fire departments. This would be cheaper for fire departments.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Bush to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush
Secretary