

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 1, 2015

Members Present:

Francis J. Pandich, Chairman  
George M. Bush, Secretary  
Donald Battaglini  
Ronald Materese  
Carlton Anderson

Others Present:

Jeff Winchell, Chief  
Joe Shoemaker, Asst. Chief  
Rob Holmes, Asst. Chief  
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer  
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am by Treasurer Tony Fiacco who acted as Chairman.

1. Election of Officers:

- a) Member Battaglini nominated Francis Pandich as Chairman. Member Bush nominated Ronald Materese. Member Materese declined. 4-aye; 1-nay (Bush); Member Pandich elected as chairman. At this point Chairman Pandich took over chairing the meeting.
- b) Member Battaglini nominated George Bush as Secretary of the Fire District. All aye; Member Bush elected as secretary.
- c) Member Bush nominated Anthony Fiacco as Treasurer for the Fire District;. All aye; Anthony Fiacco appointed as Treasurer.
- d) Member Bush nominated Mary Bricker as Deputy Treasurer of the Fire District; All aye; Mary Bricker appointed as Deputy Treasurer.

2. Member Bush discussed possibly having the meetings at noon, but not everyone could attend. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to hold meetings the third Thursday of every month; meetings at 6:00 PM, work sessions at 5:30 PM. All aye; motion carried.

3. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to designate the district's depositories the same as last year - M & T Bank. All aye; motion carried.

4. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to authorize the Treasurer to invest funds per the Endwell Fire District investment policy. All aye; motion carried.

5. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to authorize the Treasurer to pay utilities, payroll, credit cards, debt service and special check requests as due. All aye; motion carried.

6. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to designate the Press & Sun Bulletin as the official newspaper of the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.

7. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to approve the following Committee Assignments for 2015:  
Day-to-day operations/Facilities: Materese, Anderson, Bush  
Equipment: Battaglini, Materese, Anderson  
Long term planning/Finance/Budget: Pandich, Bush, Materese  
Personnel/Training: Battaglini, Anderson, Pandich  
All aye; motion carried.

8. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve the following Board Appointments for 2015:  
Life & Honorary: Materese  
Income & Contingency: Materese  
Memorial Fund: Battaglini  
By-Laws: Bush (alternate Materese)  
All aye; motion carried.

9. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve the chief officers as elected by the O. L. Davis Fire Company for 2015:

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Chief- Jeffrey Winchell  
1st Asst. Chief- Joseph Shoemaker  
2nd Asst. Chief - Thomas Palazzo  
3rd Asst. Chief- Kevin Leniek

All aye; motion carried.

Other 2015 officers include:

Day Captain - Jacob Polovchak  
Night Captain - Michael Battaglini  
Day Lieutenant - William Mathis  
Night Lieutenant - Matthew Winchell  
Lieutenants - Brent Soden, Robert Congdon, Matthew Hamzik, Robert Holmes.

10. The Treasurer presented all records for review. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept the records. All aye; motion carried. The Treasurer is still finalizing reports for 2014. As soon as that is complete all records will then go to Esserman & Pelter for the annual report to be completed for the state and then to Mondorf & Fenwick for the mandated state audit.
11. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve payment of bills, vouchers # 12-102 to 12-125 totaling \$7,328.49 and voucher #12-004 from the bond payment of \$67,383.76. All aye; motion carried.
12. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to appoint Oliver Blaise III of Coughlin & Gerhart as our attorney for 2015. All aye; motion carried.
13. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to hold salaries the same for fire district employees for 2015. 1-aye; 4- nay. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Battaglini to approve a 2% pay raise for employees. All aye; motion carried.
14. Member Bush reported that he is trying to watch the cost on the Inspection Dinner, holding this at the Son's of Italy in Endicott should help to reduce the cost.
15. Chief requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to go into Executive session at 11:45 am.
16. Out of Executive session at 11:55 am with no action taken.
17. Discussion of Westover Fire Protection District. We would like to have our attorney come in to help us write up a proposal. We will hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 8, if he is available to meet with us. Time to be whatever is convenient for the attorney. The Town would like the proposal ASAP so they can make a decision prior to June which is when the Village of Johnson City's budget year starts. Proposal should include not only an amount but reasons why we are requesting this. The Town would like to have a determination so Johnson City knows whether they will have this money or not for next budget year. We will have a work session on January 8, if our attorney is available to meet with us to put together this proposal. Time to be determined by Attorney.
18. Discussion of hiring part-time person. We need to check with our attorney to see what the requirements are for this.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush  
Secretary

