

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 19, 2015

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jeffrey Winchell, Chief
Joseph Shoemaker, Asst. Chief
Thomas Palazzo, Asst. Chief
Kevin Leniek, Asst. Chief
Matt Winchell, Lieutenant
Corey Weyant
Nate Leonard
Tony Fiacco, Treasurer
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Pandich called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015, regular meeting, March 10, 2015 special meeting and March 12, 2015 special meeting. All aye; motion carried.

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

Hearing of Visitors: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. LOSAP/Life insurance: E-mail went out to all active members requesting feedback on the LOSAP program. So far only a couple of replies.
2. Bathroom remodeling: Watson Engineering received two bids: Marchuska Brothers: \$99,500 and Bionco Builders : \$76,800. These are much more than we had estimated. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to reject the bids and have Watson Engineering re-bid the project. All aye; motion carried. A smaller contractor had complained to us that by requiring the 5% bid bond they were not able to bid, but we feel this is necessary to protect the fire district.
3. Fire protection districts: We need to finalize the proposal for Westover and get this to the Town Board so they can make a decision.
4. Endicott water: They need new central mains from Roosevelt Ave east. Since the Davis Ave. Pump station has gone off line wondering if this has affected flow rates in the area. Endwell residents are paying for water but are not getting good service. Constant problems with water main breaks and poor pressure.
5. Painting: On hold until spring.
6. Floor study: We are getting quotes on floor coatings.
7. Grant status: Chairman Pandich also was concerned that we have not received the New York State grant that Senator Libous had obtained for us. It has been about five months and we have not received any paperwork on this. We have already completed most of the projects for this grant. He is going to call the Senator's office and try to find out about this.
8. St #3 roof repairs: As soon as the weather improves CFE will get this taken care of.
9. Uniform closet: This is being worked on.
11. Vines: On hold until spring.
12. Tablets: Member Anderson is working on this.
13. Siren timers: Will work on these.
14. ATV: Asst. Chief Palazzo has researched this and came in with a quote:
ATV: SSR Powersports: \$15,005.00 for a Polaris Ranger 900 crew, 5 seater. Also a trailer: 83' x 14' PJ Tandem Utility Trailer, \$2700 and a skid unit from Northern Tool at a cost of \$1699.99. Payment for the ATV must be

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made to SSR Sports as soon as the vehicle is received. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Battaglini to purchase ATV, trailer and skid unit and authorize the Treasurer to pay for the ATV as soon as it is received. All aye; motion carried.

15. We have received a contract from HGAC to participate in their competitive bidding program. Our attorney has reviewed their contracts and advised that they meet the New York State requirements for competitive bidding and we can piggyback on to their contracts to purchase vehicles. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Anderson to approve and sign the contract with HGAC. All aye; motion carried.

16. Engine and rescue purchase: Board members had reviewed the specifications for the vehicles at a special meeting on March 12. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to sign contracts with Pierce for purchase of a Pierce Arrow XT800 gallon pumper for \$566,980 and a Pierce Velocity heavy non walk-in rescue \$740,256. Purchasing through the HGAC competitive purchasing contract, contract # FS12-13. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to make payment of \$1,307,236.00 in advance to take advantage of pre-pay discounts of \$34,442.00 on the pumper and \$64,860.00 on the rescue. Pierce will issue a performance bond to insure completion. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Bush to establish the maximum speed for the vehicles at 65 mph. All aye; motion carried.

17. Alternative energy supplier: Member Anderson has quotes from one supplier and is waiting for some other quotes on gas and electric pricing.

18. Sale of Vehicles: One has been sold to Campville Fire Department. We will post the other three on our website and County website and see if there is interest. We are working on setting prices for these.

19. Bond sale: Bids for bond sale are expected to be received by Fiscal Advisors on April 9. Bond closing is scheduled for April 16.

20. Part-time position: We have the job description written. We will be sending this to New York State to get it posted on their job website.

21. A/V Equipment for training room: Waiting for a quote on this.

New Business:

1. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve:
• February bills voucher numbers 03-001 to 03-075, March payroll and debt payments totalling \$143,222.00.
• February supplement, voucher numbers 04-001 to 04-015 totaling \$13,263.75.
All aye; motion carried.

2. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve the petty cash report and reimburse petty cash for \$113.06. All aye; motion carried.

3. Motion by Member Bush second by Member Battaglini to approve line transfers submitted. All aye; motion carried.

4. Purchase requests: Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Anderson to purchase a monitor arm for the district office at a cost of \$162. All aye; motion carried.

5. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to approve the following events in the community room:
4/10/15 Patrick Spisak, party \$200 security deposit
5/2/15 Luigi Di Russo, party \$200 security deposit
5/9/15 Mike Nimmons, party \$200 rental + \$200 security deposit (will not use the kitchen)
All aye; motion carried.

6. On occasion Endwell Family Physicians has asked to park some additional employee vehicles in our lot for a few hours; usually when the Galley or Atrios has a daytime event and they are short on spaces. Board members discussed and said this was okay, provided we do not have any events at the fire station.

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7. Chief's Report:

8. a) Chief reported that we recently experienced some problems with a thermal imaging camera and got a quote for \$3400 to repair. He called the manufacturer and found out that, rather than this being a brand new camera, it was a demo unit that belonged to Tyler. Tyler had taken ours for software upgrades, substituted their demo unit and never returned our much newer camera. The chief has sent registered letters to Tyler requesting that our camera be returned.
- b) Chief submitted a draft of the proposal to the Town Board for Westover Fire Protection District. We will hold work sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week- March 25, 26, and 28 - to finalize this and get it to the town.

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept the Chief's Report. All aye; motion carried.

9. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to accept the Support Services Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

10. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

11. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

12. Company Report:

- a) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to accept Jennifer Lasher as a new member of the fire company. All aye; motion carried.
- b) The company has moved all of their sports plaques to the wall in the community room.
- c) The fire company dinner dance will be on March 28.

13. Our insurance will be renewing soon. NBT-Mang has sent a list of vehicle replacement values for us to review and make any changes if we want to.

14. New legislation regarding firefighters who stop to help at an emergency out of their district prior to the "home" fire department being on the scene. Members wanted to know if this will cause an increase in our VFBL premium if this is approved. We will contact Mang to find out.

15. Should we raise the coverage amount on the chiefs vehicles to \$50,000 because of the cost of the lights, sirens and radios?

16. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept donation of \$25 from J. E. Hoffer for a fire call, \$50.00 from Southern Tier Bicycle Club for use of hall, and Kimberly Kile-Lofstrom Jobe for use of the hall and put them in the AED Fund. All aye; motion carried.

17. Discussion of date for 2016 Inspection Dinner. This will be January 30, 2016, at Sons of Italy.

18. Discussion of new legislation regarding volunteer firefighters with sex offender convictions. We should discuss this with our attorney before we have an applicant with this type of conviction. We should write up an SOG to address this.

19. Reported problems with our wireless repeaters; sometimes we cannot access the wireless network. We will contact Pyramid to check into this.

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Anderson to adjourn at 7:40 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush
Secretary

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