

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 20, 2015

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jeffrey Winchell, Chief
Joseph Shoemaker, Asst. Chief
Thomas Palazzo, Asst. Chief
Jerry Stout
Jillian Stout
Nate Leonard
Jed Whitmarsh
Mike Battaglini
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer
Erika Pereira, Clerk
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

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

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2015, meeting. All aye; motion carried.

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

Hearing of Visitors: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bathroom remodeling: Our attorney has altered the contract with Bionco to make in contingent upon receipt of our grant and has added a 60-day requirement for completion after project start date. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve this and have Watson Engineering have this signed by Bionco. All aye; motion carried.
2. Westover Fire Protection District: The Town has awarded this contract to Johnson City at the same price we had bid, plus an additional \$30,000 for the Johnson City Fire Department to provide EMS first response.
3. Endicott Water: Nothing to report.
4. Floor coating, st #1: Watson Engineering is working on this.
5. SAM/DASNY grant: We received more paperwork for this. It has been completed, signed and returned to them.
6. Uniform closet: No report.
7. Apparatus floor painting: We are getting quotes on this.
8. Thermal imaging camera: Still working with Bullard on their "Good will Clause".
9. Fire district study: Les Adams and two others from PSSi were in to talk to board members, chiefs and others. They are currently gathering information and documents for their study.
10. St #1 CCTV: The new DVR is up and running and our system is back in service.
11. Board members reviewed insurance replacement costs for vehicles and felt these were satisfactory.
12. 2006 Jeep: This will be posted on Auctions International soon.

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13. AV equipment for training room: This was approved last month but we were waiting for a NYS Contract price. The NYS Contract has expired, but we can piggyback on to a Pennsylvania Contract so the PO has been issued for this. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to make this purchase and make a 30% deposit when the purchase order is issued. All aye; motion carried.
14. Sex offender policy: We are waiting for something from ESIP or our attorney Mark Butler.
15. ESIP and our consultants are both going over our bylaws.

New Business:

1. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to approve the following vouchers for payment:
 - Vouchers #08-001 to 08-068 totaling \$36,381.08
 - Vouchers for 2014 bond fund #08-001 for \$11,140.00
 - Vouchers #09-001 to #09-005 for \$1499.25All aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to approve the list of transfers submitted. All aye; motion carried.
3. Building report:
 - a) Vegetation spraying: The weeds at station #3 have been sprayed by Commissioner Battaglini.
 - b) Discussion on st #3 weed area. We should look at paving this as well as patching current black top. Member Battaglini will get someone quotes on this.
 - c) Received a quote from Jeff's Painting for additional painting:
 - Inside of exterior doors \$450
 - Exterior door frames \$350
 - Paint exterior posts \$450
 - Paint rusted pipes on est side of building \$100Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve painting; 50% deposit to be paid prior to painting, remainder upon completion; All aye; motion carried.
 - d) Our janitor will be on vacation the first week of September. Rob Brady has volunteered to take care of cleaning and trash while he is on vacation. Rob will bill us for his services.
 - e) Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Bush to approve a quote from Pyramid for \$89 to improve coverage for our wireless network. All aye; motion carried.
 - f) Noted that the curb in front of station #1 is cracked.
 - g) Discussion of smoking policy. Feel that it is being violated. Finding cigarette butts all over outside and not just on the east side where smoking is permitted. Should we consider banning entirely on our property? We will post signs and remind our members about the designated smoking area on the east side of station #1 only.
4. Motion by Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve the following use of the community room:

9/12/15	Briana Winchester for a baby shower	\$200 for hall plus \$200 security deposit
10/3/15	Alice & Tony Fiacco, for parking for those taking bus to a wedding, no charge	
12/6/15	Jennifer Lasher, family party	\$200 security deposit only.

All aye; motion carried.
6. Chief's Report:
 - a) Would like to start advertising Engine 1 for sale. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to start advertising sale of engine 1 and consider it as surplus for sale as soon as the Chief is ready to sell it. All aye; motion carried.
 - b) The Chief reported that he has applied for a DEC grant, but has been turned down.
 - c) The Chief advised that there has been interest among the membership to form a Med Team and also in creating a "Bunk-in" program to provide a place for college students to live in exchange for their service as volunteer firefighters.

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d) The Chief advised that the County's Radio study is going forward. Once the radio study is implemented the County will pay for some radios for us but we will likely need to purchase additional mobiles and portables; he estimates about \$150,000 for this radio purchase. Suggested we start looking at putting this aside over the next few years so we are ready when the County starts the changeover to the new system.

e) The Chief has submitted to the Board "best practices" policies for the auxiliary and mutual aid response for their review.

f) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini requesting the company bylaw committee to begin changes to the company bylaws for proposed creation of a med team and a bunk-in program. These bylaw changes need to be implemented before the Board can go forward with any planning for these. All aye; motion carried.

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

7. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept the Support Services Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
8. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
9. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to accept the Training Division report. All aye; motion carried.
10. Fire company report: The fire company advised that Steve Kolcun has resigned as a member of the fire company and Matthew Winchell has resigned as Lieutenant. All aye; motion carried.
11. Discussion of boiler repairs needed before winter. Board asked that we get a second quote due to the cost.
12. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve participation with members and vehicles for the September 11th Memorial Service at Highland Park. All aye; motion carried.
13. We will hold a budget meeting on Tuesday, August 25, at 4:30 pm.

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to go into Executive Session at 7:05 pm to discuss personnel issues. All aye; motion carried.

Out of executive session at 7:20 with no action taken.

Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Bush to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush
Secretary

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