

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 17, 2014

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jeffrey Winchell, Chief
Joseph Shoemaker, Asst. Chief
Thomas Palazzo, Asst. Chief
Michael Battaglini
Rob Brady
Matt Winchell
Jed Whitmarsh
Paul Spisak, Jr.
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Pandich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2014, meeting. All aye; motion carried.

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

Hearing of Visitors: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Roof for fuel island: Waiting for a material list and estimate.
2. ESIP Risk Management Recommendations: The board reviewed the response to the ESIP recommendations. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to approve the response and send it to ESIP. All aye; motion carried.
3. Corrective Plan for OSC Audit: The board reviewed the Corrective Action Plan for the State Comptroller's audit. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to approve the response and send it to the State Comptroller's office. All aye; motion carried.
4. 2014 Projects/planning: The board is working on this.
5. LOSAP/Life Insurance: Included in planning meetings.
6. Furniture stations 2 & 3: Carpeting and furniture have been selected and installation will begin soon. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to approve \$1,000 for carpeting at each station and \$4,000 for furniture per station. All aye; motion carried.
7. Uniform storage area: Working on estimates for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the following bills for payment:
Vouchers #04-001 to #04-071 totaling \$25,703.35
Bond payments # 04-001 to 04-004 totaling \$15,195.73
April supplement: 05-001 to 05-014 totaling \$8500.31.
All aye; motion carried.
2. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the petty cash report and reimburse petty cash \$176.84. All aye; motion carried.
3. Building report:
 - a) Members reviewed vegetation agreements with Ehrlich at st #1 & 2. Would like to see about having the bushes on Doyleson that weakened our fence sprayed, but this would require permission of the homeowner.

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Will have to contact them or perhaps have our attorney draw up an agreement allowing us to spray these. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to approve the vegetation agreements with Ehrlich. All aye; motion carried.

b) Discussion of overhead doors - water is coming in under them. May need to have Gates come and look at them and replace seal under the door. Also there are new safety devices for overhead doors that replace the eye that automatically reverses the door when something breaks the beam.

c) Service tech is telling us the 30 amp breaker on the compressors at stations 2 & 3 is not sufficient. When they start up they need heavier breakers, like 60 amps. Electrician said they are rated for 30 amps, but the tech feels that is not correct. We will contact the electrician to get the circuits on these changed.

d) Thanks to Jed Whitmarsh for installing the compressors and air lines.

4. Chief's Report:

a) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to permit interested members to attend a training conference in Watertown on April 19. All aye; motion carried.

b) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the SOG on traffic safety vests as submitted by the Chief. All aye; motion carried.

c) Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to permit participation with vehicles and personnel in the Harpursville Parade on July 12, 2014. All aye; motion carried.

d) The Town of Union has several houses on the southside that were flooded and are slated to be torn down. The Town wrote up an agreement allowing us to use these for training prior to demolition. We must sign the agreement and provide them with an insurance certificate with them as co-insured. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to sign the agreement with the Town of Union and provide insurance to permit us to use some of the acquired structures for training, conditionally upon approval of our attorney. All aye; motion carried.

e) We have a lot of old gear that does not meet standards but can be sold outside of the U. S. Have a vendor interested in buying some of this for sale in other countries. The vendor can provide waivers to protect the Fire District from liability. We should forward the waiver to our attorney to review before we sell any of our old gear.

f) Our new policy of flushing hydrants at every call has already uncovered some problems and we are notifying Endicott water of them.

g) Recent problems with tower likely caused by hard water. Discussion of sending bill for damage to Village of Endicott to reimburse us for the repair.

5. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried. Asst Chief Holmes thanked the board for sending him and Captain Battaglini to the Legal Issues Seminar. They learned a lot at the classes.

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

7. Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Materese to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

8. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to accept Zachary Soloninko and Emily Pontin as new members of the fire company. All aye; motion carried.

9. Members reviewed bond resolution submitted. \$1.72 million dollar resolution includes funds for new rescue, new engine and replacement of chiefs vehicles. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to approve the resolution. Discussion followed. All aye; motion carried.

10. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to call for a special election on Tuesday, June 3, to vote on the referendum approving bonds for the purchase of vehicles. All aye; motion carried.

11. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to appoint the election board: Patricia Vesely, Election Chairperson, Charlotte Bush, Chief election inspector, and Caitlin Costello. All aye; motion carried.

12. Members reviewed the insurance summary and replacement vehicle coverage. They wanted clarification on what the damage has to be for the vehicle to be replaced for full value. Bill Van Gorder will be contacted about this. Renewal is in July, so they will review the values.

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13. Chief Winchell and Member Materese recently met with Lourdes Occupational Health to discuss some problems with firefighter physicals which have now all been straightened out. Lourdes advised they can do drug testing for \$42. We might want to consider for new members. We already have an SOG in place that calls for this when there is a serious accident.
14. Discussion of Traditions at the Glen's bid for casino. This will bring a lot development and greatly increase tax base. Discussion by board members as to whether it would be appropriate for them to endorse the project.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Hoffer to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:35 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Out of executive session at 7:50 pm with no action taken. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush
Secretary

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