

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
September 4, 2014

Members Present:

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

Other Present:

Jeffrey Winchell, Chief
Matthew Winchell
Brent Soden
Alice Fiacco, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer

Chairman Pandich called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

1. We have set up a meeting with the Village of Endicott Water Board on Wed., September 10, at 6:30 pm at the Village of Endicott. Members Pandich and Materese and Chief Winchell will attend. We need to have a hydrant in our fire district that we can use with training. Currently the only hydrant they allow us to use is at the Tri-Cities Airport which puts us way out of our fire district.
2. Westover Fire Protection District: Chief asked if the letter has gone out to the Town about us bidding on fire protection on this area. This is only an additional mile or two for us to cover. Other fire departments have much longer response distances than this. Discussion of East Maine Fire Protection area in Town of Union. This is a small area that East Maine covers in the Town of Union, we should look at this also. A letter will be sent to the Town Board asking to discuss these two fire protection areas.
3. Discussion of engineering bids for station #2 roof replacement. IBI's bid only included about \$1,500 for reimbursable expenses. Felt this was very low and they would probably exceed this. Watson engineering's \$8,000 bid included all expenses. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to award the bid for engineering services for roof replacement at station #2 to Watson Engineering for \$8,000. All aye; motion carried.
4. Station #1 floor study: We received a bid from O'Brien and Gere for \$9,800 to do the station #1 apparatus floor study and a bid of \$11,800 from Delta Engineering. Discussion followed. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to award the contract to O'Brien and Gere to do the study for \$9,800. All aye; motion carried.
5. Discussion of proposed Traditions Casino: We have concerns over water supply, if there is a fire, the chief does not feel there will be sufficient water for fire operations. Chief has been talking to them and Town Codes about this.

Current Community Host Agreement offers us up to \$60,000 if we can prove that their operation has caused us to incur additional cost. Felt that might be difficult to prove, especially since our labor is volunteer. Members felt this put a burden on us. We cannot foresee what changes might come about when the casino is in operation. Discussion of a "per call" charge, perhaps total budget/total number of calls to get a "per call" amount - possible \$2,000 or \$2,500. Need to discuss this further with our attorney.

We also have learned that they may apply for a community development grant which means we could end up getting no tax money for many years. Members felt the fire district should get Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) if they get this agreement.

6. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to approve two bills that need to be paid prior to our meeting to avoid penalty and interest charges:

Chase bills:

Voucher #	Amount	For
09-009	\$113.36	new monitor for station #2
09-010	\$115.22	reflective tape for barricades

All aye; motion carried.

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7. Truck committee report: One truck that we want to purchase is available on a New York state contract, the other is available on a municipal contract from Houston. New state regulations say we can "piggyback" onto other municipal contracts that are competitively bid. We will have our attorney review before going forward with this.
8. We currently have about 30 helmets that we cannot use because they are not NFPA compliant. There is a vendor who sells these out of the country. He will sign a waiver releasing us from any liability. We will have our attorney look at this to be sure it covers us. Instead of throwing these away we will get some money back if we sell them.
9. State bid pricing is out on vehicles. Looking at pickups with a cap or Tahoes; cost is similar.
10. Chief advised our members will be taking the ALS ice bucket challenge in the back parking lot on Friday, September 5, at 7 pm. We hope to have a good turnout for this.
11. Discussion of Safety and Health Committee Policy. We need to have Oliver review this before approving.
12. Exterior doors are in need of paint. Rear east door needs to be totally replaced. We will get a quote to paint these.
13. Members reviewed budget projections for the 2015 budget.

Motion by Member Hoffer, second by Member Materese to adjourn at 8:35. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush
Secretary