

ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 21, 2016

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Joseph Shoemaker, Chief
Kevin Leniek, Asst. Chief
Mike Battaglini
Robert Brady
Nate Leonard
Mike Major, Watson Engineering
Matt Lee, President IAFF Local 921
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer
Erika, Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Alice Fiacco, Executive Assistant

Chairman Pandich called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Anderson to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015, meeting and January 4, 2016 organizational meeting. All aye; motion carried.

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

Hearing of Visitors: Matt Lee, President of the IAFF 921, representing Johnson City firefighters, asked whether the Fire District would again be bidding on the Westover Fire Protection area. Members stated they had not made any decision about Westover as of yet. In bidding on Westover the Fire District's intent was not only to obtain additional funding for our Fire District, but to help residents in Westover Fire Protection area reduce their taxes. Because Johnson City Fire lowered the amount of their contract for fire protection for Westover to match our proposal, we were at least successful in lowering the tax rate for the residents in Westover by about 35% from \$64.73 per thousand of assessed evaluation to \$41.55 per thousand of assessed evaluation. Mr. Lee also indicated that he had obtained a draft version of the Study Endwell recently had done by Public Service Safety Associates and disagreed with some parts of the study. Members were surprised that he had obtained a copy of the study, since it was an internal draft document and had not been released. They advised they were still reviewing the study themselves.

Nate Peson asked the board about the possibility of using the community room for a rock band concert/fundraiser for Maine-Endwell band. We have had problems with events involving high school age people so there were security concerns.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bathroom remodeling: Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to approve changes to bathroom plans to include a janitorial sink near the bathroom on the second floor: \$3970 for a new electrical feed to area plus \$4997 for sink construction. All aye; motion carried.
2. Endicott Water: No report.
3. Floor coating: Watson Engineering has supplied samples of the floor coating.
4. Air Conditioning for east part of station: No report.
5. Uniform closet: Discussion of adding a ceiling to help keep items cleaner. The board will take a look at this and decide what needs to be done to get this completed.
6. Thermal imaging camera: Bullard has promised us a brand new TIC to replace the one that Tyler Equipment took for updates and did not return. The cost of repairs on the loaner TIC that Tyler traded to us is \$2,999; Tyler has advised they will only charge us this cost for a brand new TIC. The TICs are currently backordered, but they hope to get the new one out to us in the next couple weeks.

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7. There will be a meeting to discuss the PSSI study on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 9 am.
8. Painting-apparatus floor: We are waiting on a revised estimate.
9. Engine 1: We will get this listed on Auctions International.
11. Ethics Policy: This was revised at the December meeting. We will get the changes made and get it back to the board for review.
12. NYSEG rebates: Dunn Electric advised they have all of our lighting specs and as soon as they get the 2016 NYSEG rebate information they will work on a quote for this.
13. Projects: We will review and update the list.
14. Freezer for community room: Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Materese to purchase a small freezer for not-to-exceed \$400. We will have to check dimensions first to see what will fit the best. All aye; motion carried.
15. Social media: We were very disappointed by the PSSI study as it did not include any recommendations on this. We will meet with John Hussar of Grey Goose Graphics to discuss options on this. We want to have something done with this on a regular basis. We can post some items, but by having GGG on board we can keep on top of this.
16. The fire company is revising their bylaws, changing the requirements to vote for fire company officers and looking at what constitutes a year of service.

New Business:

1. Bills: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to approve bills:
Vouchers #12-111 to 12-128 and 12-301 to 12-303 including bills from 2015 and accruals for 2015 totaling \$22,406.21.
Vouchers #1-001 to 1-037 totaling \$9,671.95.
Supplemental list, Vouchers # 02-001 to 02-0069 totaling \$914.98.
All aye; motion carried.
2. Community room: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Anderson to approve the following events in the community room:

1/30/16	J. R. Reynolds, anniversary party	\$200 security deposit (member)
2/21/16	Danielle Conner, U-E Winterguard fundraiser	\$200 security deposit
2/27/16	A.J. /Shelly Reynolds, family party	\$200 security deposit (member)
3/5/16	Kimberly Mc Henry, baby shower	\$200 hall; \$100 kitchen; \$200 security deposit
3/6/16	Cher Sneathen, fundraiser for K. Sabo	\$200 security deposit (member)
3/19/16	Alice Fiacco, bridal shower	\$200 security deposit (member)
4/23/16	Dan Clink, M-E Drama Club party	\$200 security deposit
4/30/16	Bill Tabeek, Unico Garage Sale fundraiser	\$200 security deposit, insurance & dumpster required
5/21/16	Dan Foster, bridal shower	\$200 security deposit (member)
TBD	Scout meetings, Jason Gilbert	

All aye; motion carried.
3. Discussion of rock band concert/fundraiser. We have had many problems with drugs and alcohol as well as damage to our facility with these events. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Battaglini to deny use of the facility for this event. All aye; motion carried.
4. Chief's Report:
 - Chief Shoemaker reported that himself, Asst. Chief Palazzo, and Board members Bush and Materese would be going to Wisconsin to check on the progress of our pumper next week.
 - If we cannot sell our pumper for much, the Chief suggested we donate this to the Terry Farrell Fund.

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We will have to see if we can do this.

- Water rescue: The Team is requesting that we consider the purchase of a stackable trailer to transport the two rubber boats. It takes a lot of time and manpower to get these out of the trailer, get the motors on and get them into the water. The trailer would allow us to deploy these much more quickly.

Board members suggested that the department put together a list of projects, costs and prioritize them.

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

5. Support Services: Asst. Chief Leniek reported that his Tahoe has had several problems, but seems to be working okay for now. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to accept the Support Services Report. All aye; motion carried.
6. Maintenance Division Report: Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Materese to accept the report. All aye; motion carried.
7. Training Division: Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Materese to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
8. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to accept Randy Beck, Jr. And Jacob Boczulak as new members of the fire company. All aye; motion carried. Steven Hill, Jr. was also voted in as an honorary member.
9. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to drop the following from the roster for failure to meet hour requirements: Craig Bogart, Greg Campbell, Seren Cody, David Griffith, Kirsten Lovejoy, Chase Martino, Emily Pontin, Will Przybysz, Zach Soloninka and Bryce Williams. Kurt Volberg and Thomas Harris have resigned because they have move out of the area. Phil Levinson resigned. All aye; motion carried.
10. Member Anderson suggested that the Board consider taking a limited number of new members from outside of the Endwell Fire District who live within 2 miles of the fire district boundaries who can be interior firefighters. Much discussion followed. What if the person finds he/she cannot be an interior firefighter?
11. Noted that we had some wiring problems with the quint. Did we document this? Recommended the we send a letter to Pierce to document this. We have 6 or 7 LED strips that burnt out in the last few months.
12. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Anderson to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$179,953 from the 2014 bond fund to pay principal and interest this year on the bond, as approved in our 2016 budget. All aye; motion carried.
13. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Anderson to sign the letter for Mondorf & Fenwick to do the 2015 audit. All aye; motion carried.
14. Received PESH document including Best Practices for firefighter training. This will be reviewed by Chiefs and officers.
15. Received code information regarding carbon monoxide alarms in commercial buildings. We will check with Sentry on this.
16. We received donations from Raymond & Sandra Berchtold (\$75) , Holly Jordan (\$100), John & Joann Carigg (\$500) and Richard & Lorraine Chadwick (\$200) . Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to put all donations in the AED Fund. Thank you cards have been sent. All aye; motion carried.
17. Motion by Member Materese, second by Member Bush to publish a permissive referendum on to declare Rescue 31 as surplus. All aye; motion carried. The new rescue is due to arrive in the next few months.
18. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Materese to permit any interested board member to attend Pinsky Conference, March 31 to April 3, 2016 at Turningstone. All aye; motion carried.
19. Noted that a new, full-time Fire Coordinator was appointed today - Thomas Vroman.

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Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Battaglini to adjourn at 7:50 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

George M. Bush
Secretary

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