

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 1, 2018**

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Thomas Palazzo, Chief
Rob Brady, Fire Company President
Erika Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Fiacco, Treasurer
Kevin Leniek, Asst. Chief
Michael Battaglini, Asst. Chief
Brent Soden, Asst. Chief
Robert Congdon, Captain

Meeting called to order at 11:02 am by Treasurer Tony Fiacco who acted as Chairman.

1. Election of Fire District Officers:

- (a) Member Battaglini nominated Francis Pandich as Chairman of the Fire District, second by Member Anderson. All aye; Member Pandich elected as chairman. At this point Chairman Pandich took over chairing the meeting.
- (b) Member Battaglini nominated George Bush as Secretary of the Fire District, second by Member Anderson. All aye; Member Bush elected as Secretary.
- (c) Member Anderson nominated Anthony Fiacco as Treasurer for the Fire District, second by Member Battaglini. All aye; Anthony Fiacco appointed Treasurer.
- (d) Member Bush nominated Alison Senft as Deputy Treasurer for the Fire District, second by Member Battaglini. All aye; Alison Senft appointed Deputy Treasurer.

2. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Battaglini to hold meetings the third Thursday of every month; meetings at 6:00 pm, work sessions at 5:30 pm. All aye; motion carried.

3. Motion by Member Anderson to provide a four percent increase in salary for Alice, Alison, Rob and Tony and a six percent increase in salary for Erika, second by Member Battaglini.

In Favor: Pandich, Anderson, Battaglini

Opposed: Bush (Member Bush would rather see a six percent increase across all employees)

Motion carried.

4. Motion by Member Bush, second by Anderson to designate the district's depositories the same as last year – M & T Bank. All aye; motion carried.

5. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Battaglini to authorize the Treasurer to invest funds per the Endwell Fire District investment policy. All aye; motion carried.

6. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Bush to authorize Treasurer to pay utilities, payroll, debt service, credit cards and special check request as due. All aye; motion carried.

7. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to designate the Press & Sun Bulletin as the official newspaper of the Fire District. All aye; motion carried.

8. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to keep the Committee Assignment same as last year. The following Committee Assignments for 2018 were approved as followed:

Day-to-day Operations/Facilities: Materese, Anderson, Bush

Equipment: Battaglini, Materese, Anderson

Long Term Planning/Finance/Budget: Pandich, Bush, Materese

Personnel and Training: Battaglini, Anderson, Pandich

All aye; motion carried.

9. Motion by Battaglini, second by Member Bush to approve the following Board Appointments to Fire Company committees for 2018:

Life and Honorary Membership: Materese

Income and Contingency Fund: Materese

Memorial Fund: Battaglini (alternate Bush)

By-Laws: Bush (alternate Materese)

All aye; motion carried.

10. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Anderson to approve the chief officers as elected by the O. L. Davis Fire Company for 2018:

Chief: Thomas Palazzo

1st Asst. Chief: Kevin Leniek

2nd Asst. Chief: Michael Battaglini

3rd Asst. Chief: Brent Soden

All aye; motion carried.

Other 2018 officers include:

Day Captain: Rob Congdon

Night Captain: Matt Grafton

Lieutenants: John Hussar, Nate Leonard, Mark Storm (All other Lieutenant positions are open)

Fire Police Captain – Jerry Stout

Fire Police Lieutenant – Roger Cargill (A Lieutenant position is still available)

Also reported was the resignation of Joseph Battaglini and Corey Weyant from the Fire Department.


11. The Treasurer presented all records for review. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Battaglini to accept the records. All aye; motion carried. The Treasurer is still finalizing reports for 2017. As soon as that is completed all records will then go to Jerome Bignoli for the annual report to be completed for the state and then to Mondorf & Fenwick for the mandated state audit.

12. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Anderson to appoint Oliver Blaise III of Coughlin & Gerhart as our attorney for 2018. Member Pandich will reach out to Mark Butler to see why he has decided to close our file with his office. All aye; motion carried.

13. Motion by Member Bush, second by member Anderson to approve payment of bills, vouchers #12-078 to 12-098 and 12-100 to 12-109 including Payroll totaling \$11,577.25. All aye; motion carried.

14. Motion by Member Anderson, second by Member Bush to approve company events for 2018. All aye; motion carried. Parades will be approved when dates are received.
15. Member Bush open the discussion up again about purchasing the AT&T Signal Booster for Station 1. There are members in the department that cannot get cell service when in certain parts of the building. There was some discussion on the need to purchase a \$695 booster. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to purchase the AT&T Signal Booster from Amazon for Station 1. All aye; motion carried.
16. Petcosky & Sons Plumbing and Heating submitted their proposal for the ductless units. Their cost for the project would be \$17,061.00. We are currently still waiting the requote from Evans Plumbing.
17. Motion by Member Anderson, second Member Bush to have Picket Painting complete the interior painting at Station 1 for the amount of \$8,800.
18. Member Anderson reached out to Denis Nixon at AC Spear Electric to see if they could write the specs for the generator so that the Board could a bid out for the generator replacement. Denis had to check with the owner first after he returned from Vacation and he would let Member Anderson know. Member Anderson will follow up again with AC Spear Electric.
19. We received donations from Holly Jordan (\$100.00) and Dana Gray and John Nicolich (\$100.00) in memory if John Mehal. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to place the donations in the account for a new message board sign (D40). All aye; motion carried.
20. Member Pandich stated that he has been in contact with Oliver Blaise II of Coughlin & Gerhart about the zoning with the Town of Union. Oliver has reached out to Daria Golazeski with the Town of Union Permits / Code Enforcement / Zoning department to work on getting the requested variance from the Town for the new sign. Member Pandich will have Oliver write a letter to the Town Board stating what our usage would be for the sign.
21. Rob Brady mention that John Ruck will be will be coming up on 50 years of service to the department and he would like to have the District pay for small bell to present to him at either the Inspection Dinner or the Dinner Dance. Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Anderson to purchase the small bronze fire bell. All aye; motion carried.
22. Rob Brady and Tom Palazzo will be working on getting the plaques put up on the trucks.
- Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to adjourn at 11:42 am. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



George M. Bush

Secretary