

**ENDWELL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

Members:

Carlton "Andy" Anderson, Chairman
George "Mickey" Bush, Secretary
Don Battaglini
Mark Storm

Others present:

Anthony "Tony" Fiacco, Treasurer
Erika Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Tom Palazzo, Fire Chief
Alison Senft
Michael Battaglini
Rob Congdon
Rob Brady
Julie Spisak

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET: Chairman Anderson went over the proposed budget.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to approve the minutes of the September 17 board meeting. All aye; motion carried.

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

Anthony Fiacco, District Treasurer, stated that he would like to use online banking with M&T Bank to transfer funds and looking up canceled checks. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to have Anthony Fiacco, District Treasurer, create an online banking account with M&T Bank. All aye; motion carried.

HEARING OF VISITORS: None.

There were no comments therefore the public hearing was closed at 6:06 pm.

Unfinished Business:

1. Facility Management Companies: Member Storm is meeting with a cleaning company on Thursday to walk through each Station and go over what we would like done.
2. LED Sign Repairs: No action at this time. Bob Eastman with C&E Electronic Displays is still waiting on the white lexan needed to remake our faces to come in.
3. 100th Anniversary: The committee has not been able to meet therefor there are no updates.
4. Station 3 roof: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to hire an engineering firm to oversee the project. All aye; motion carried. Member Del Bianco to review the package and look into getting a firm.
5. Station 3 Parking Lot: Project has been completed.
6. Station 2 Bollards: Project has been completed.

7. Exterior Paint Job of Station 2 & Station 3: Project has been completed.
8. Station 1 Bay 4 Overhead Door Repairs: We received a price quote from Overhead Door Company of Binghamton for the full vision aluminum doors with the powder coated sections option. The cost for the project would be \$44,435.00. We are currently still waiting for a quote from Gates Door Company. Member Del Bianco is to oversee the project.
9. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to reactivate the phone line in the community room. All aye; motion carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to pay the bills: Vouchers # 10-001 to 10-060 and Payroll totaling \$120,638.45. Supplemental List: Vouchers # 11-001 to 11-005 totaling \$1,441.49. All aye; motion carried.
2. Line Transfers: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to approve the line transfers submitted. All aye, motion carried.
3. Buildings and Grounds: Task left to complete is the New Window Blinds for Windows at Station #1.
4. Request for Community Room Reservation: Motion by Member Storm, second by Member Bush to close the Community Room to the general public until the remainder of the year and to reevaluate in January. The Community Room is to only be used by the department. All aye, motion carried.

Date	Times	Requested by	Use	Cost	Comments
12-13-2020	All Day	Debbie Stoddard	Birthday Party	\$200 Security Deposit	Bob Mills Daughter
12-01-2020	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mary Ann Plester	ELOCA Pointsetta Pickups		
Oct 29; Nov 19; Dec 17; Jan 28; Feb 25; March 25; April 29; May 27	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Sandy Moran	ELOCA Board Meeting		
3-20-2021	All Day	Cathy Deluca	AFDSNY – Commissioner’s Class		

5. Chiefs Report: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to accept the Chief’s Report. All aye; motion carried.

Dear Honorable Board Members:

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation throughout the COVID-19 quarantine. As of this time we currently have had two firefighters that have contracted COVID-19. Contact tracing was per-formed in both cases. With no further positive cases. We have one person that has recovered and one that is still positive. Neither firefighter contracted COVID while on a call or at the station.

I have been in contact with Jesse Faulkner about Engine 1 leaking coolant. After inviting both Penn Detroit and Churchville down, we found the leak coming from the radiator. The mechanics told us that the first reported low coolant code was created in 2017. After speaking with Jesse he stated that Pierce did not want to work with us on honoring the warranty. Jesse stated that it was only a two-year warranty on the Bodine radiator. He said the

radiator should reach Churchville by November 9th and cost \$9,500.

We are currently working on two best practices. Driver qualifications have been revised. We are also working on the emergency response in personal vehicles. There have been a few changes with the NYS Vehicle and Traffic law. We will be presenting the revised best practice for POV response next month.

This month we responded to Route 17 East for a tractor trailer tire vs. Prius. The Hurst tool on Quint 31 was used to extricate the driver. Having Hurst tools on all of our rigs made for a fast extrication.

We are currently participating in remote training on Mondays. We have had to take a step back as numbers of COVID positive people are heightened. I have currently advised all active members to not hang around the station. I have instructed them to come to the station for alarms and essential tasks only. I am allowing driver training providing that there are only two firefighters in the cab with windows down and masks on.

Chief Palazzo will work with Mark Butler and William VanGorder to create a policy for returning to active duty after COVID and after injury or surgery.

6. Support Services Report: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to accept the Support Services Report. All aye; motion carried.
7. Maintenance Division Report: Motion by Member Storm, second by Member Bush to accept the Maintenance Division Report. All aye; motion carried.
8. Training Division Report: Motion by Member Storm, second by Member Bush to accept the Training Division Report. All aye; motion carried.

Honorable Board Members,

We have taken the last 2 weeks off of in person training due to the uptick in positive COVID-19 cases in Broome County. For those 2 weeks I have prepared online Zoom trainings to keep our members in a fire fighting frame of mind as well as a way for them to keep receiving hours for attending training. We hope to get back to training in person as soon as possible as for now I am waiting on direction from Chief 31 as to when that can be.

- *15 of our members successfully passed a CPR recertification class scheduled with UVES*
- *John Kaplan, Kayla Warycha and Ryan Ferraro have all passed the practical skills of NYS IFO*
- *I will be scheduling a EVOC class through ESIP for the fall, dependent on the COVID-19 situation*

Weekly Trainings: October 2020

10/5/2020 – CPR recertification/SCBA

10/12/2020 – (Quarantine) Zoom Training Chimney Fires

10/19/2020 – (Quarantine) Zoom Training Fire Police

10/26/2020 - TBD

9. Fire Company Report: Auxiliary members Cheryl Fedorchak and Donna Hobart would like to hold the annual Fall Craft Sale on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm in the Community Room. The Board of Fire Commissioner would like to place this event on hold at the moment since the Community Room will not be used to have the general public in it.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Battaglini to allow members to purchase additional 100th items with their incentive points. All aye; motion carried.

10. O.L. Davis Fire Company Newsletter: Member Anderson reminded everyone that Alice Fiacco, Company Secretary, is working on the monthly newsletter and to think of ideas to place in the newsletter. It was

also discussed what a great job Alice is doing with finding information to post about the Company history.

11. Approve 2021 Budget: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to approve the proposed 2021 budget of \$1,282,381.00 with \$1,246,381.00 to be raised by taxes. All aye; motion carried
12. 2020 Notice of Annual Election: Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Storm to hold the annual election on Tuesday, December 8, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm All aye; motion carried.
13. Appoint Election Board: Motion by Member Battaglini, second by Member Storm to appoint Julie Spisak as election chairperson and Joan Simons and Bonnie Beeman as tellers. Each to be paid \$35 for their time. All aye; motion carried.
14. Usage of Incentive Points to purchase tablet, 3D printer, drones & cab guard: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to have our attorney Mark Butler review the requests to make sure these items are something that can be purchased. All aye; motion carried.
15. Adopt the revision of the Duty Uniform Policy: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to adopt the Duty Uniform policy to include the Chief will give the new member a duty t-shirt at orientation. All aye; motion carried.
16. Ehrlich Price Increase for Station 2: Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm to accept the price increase of \$10 for the commercial pest protection services at Station 2. The cost for the services will now be \$58.00. All aye; motion carried.
17. Servpro disinfecting cleaning services for COVID exposure proposal: Servpro provided us a price for cleaning if we have a COVID exposure. Member Bush believes this is a professional service and we should not have to. Would like to ask our attorney, Mark Butler, to see if it is ok to use Servpro or do we need to request additional price quotes.
18. Inspection Dinner Gifts Ideas: The Inspection is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 6. Member Bush would like to see how much it would cost to have a yeti customize with the department logo or the Fire Company 100th logo and put the members name on the other size.
19. There was a brief discussion about the LOSAP program.
20. Member Battaglini would like to have the District Storage area cleaned out and start moving the maze area to that area and look into turning the current maze area into a bunk room. Items that need to be stored could go to the generator room. Member Battaglini would like to get this project rolling.
21. Anthony Fiacco reached out Julie Appley and Kim Ward at M&T Bank to discuss the negative interest rates on money market savings accounts and they assured Anthony Fiacco that the bank could charge a negative interest but that would be very unlikely and if it were to happen she would give us advance notice of it happening. Anthony Fiacco has some of the money in savings and some in CDs. Member Bush would like to keep the money in the CDs and roll over the money once the CDs mature. He does not want to have the money in a traditional money market account. Member Battaglini stated that he trusts Anthony Fiacco with whatever decision he makes as he has been the Fire District Treasure for many years.

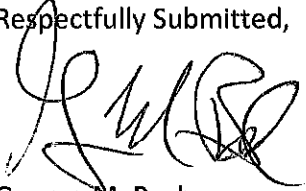
Motion by Member Storm, second by Member Bush to enter into executive session for the demotion, discipline,

suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person at 6:53 pm. Out of executive session at 7:35 pm.

Motion by Member Bush, second by Member Storm for the Board of Fire Commissioners to support Chief Palazzo with any disciplinary action he decides to take regarding said member. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Member Storm, second by Member Bush to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. All aye; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GMB', written over a faint, illegible printed name.

George M. Bush
GMB/EP