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**COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 25, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 1903 hours with roll call of officers. Chairman Hank Strong, Vice Chairman Dave Brewer, Commissioner Anthony Gallino, Commissioner John Buchner, District Manager/Secretary Edwin S. Brooks, and Chiefs McCarrick, Martin, and Freund. Also in attendance from Company 3 were Ex Chief Tom Logan and Captain Ken Hennessey.

Motion made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Buchner to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023. All in favor. 4 ayes.

CHIEFS REPORT

Copies of the chief's report were distributed to all board members.

Andrew Pisaneschi is off military leave. He has his physical scheduled with NDI.

Company 1 member Dave Singer is requesting to go on Honorary Status. He had requested to be granted some privileges which were not allowed under the department by laws. Following discussion, a motion was made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Gallino to allow Dave Singer to go on Honorary Status as long as he complies with the department bylaws and district policy. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Company 3 member Jack Crowley is requesting to go to Class A firefighter status. He is an EMT now and will have to get a Class A physical.

Equipment – The gas sniffer from Company 2 cannot be repaired. Request a replacement. Do not have a price at this time. Motion made by Comm. Buchner and seconded by Comm. Brewer to purchase a replacement gas sniffer for Company 2. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Three pieces of pipe for Company 1. Rob will take care of this.

Fire Rescue Training Dummy – 3 price quotes received.

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| Rescue Tech | \$1,400.00 |
| Ruth Lenn Gen2 | \$1,330.00 |
| Manikin Gen 2 | \$1,190.00 |

Motion made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Buchner to approve the purchase of A training dummy from Manikin Gen 2 in the amount of \$1,190.00. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Request to purchase various technical rescue equipment. All price quotes in chief's report.

Request to purchase various technical rescue equipment. All price quotes in chief's report. The lowest prices are 6 Petzl helmets - \$521.46, Reeves Sleeve Drag device - \$1,125.75, 2 Class III harnesses - \$922.08, 2 Edge Guards - \$90.48, One roll of 7mm cord - \$86.00. Motion made by Comm. Buchner and seconded by Comm. Brewer to purchase all 5 items in the amount of \$2,745.77. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Requesting a GPS Beacon for the boat. Have a price from West Marine of \$609.99. Motion made by Comm. Gallino and seconded by Comm. Brewer to approve the purchase. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Requesting the dispatcher close the bay doors after apparatus has departed and to keep them closed until the rigs return. This is especially important for the Company 3 ambulance bay. Comm. Brewer will discuss this with Frank.

Still having intermittent radio problems with the radios on the bay floor at Company 1. IWT was there once before to look into the problem but could not find one. Possible problem with scanner.

Asked about the new Engine 15. Comm. Brewer stated that there are still some minor bracket mounting issues, we are short a couple of chargers, need some in-service training, and the lettering of the rig has been delayed due to health issues with the tech.

Request to go into executive session. At 1925, a motion made by Comm. Strong and seconded by Comm. Brewer that the meeting go into executive session to discuss the medical issues of a member. All in favor. 4 ayes.

At 1936, a motion was made by Comm. Strong and seconded by Comm. Brewer that the meeting resume normal session. All in favor. 4 ayes.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE CHIEFS

COMMISSIONER BREWER

Still working on the replacement of fender on the gator. Awaiting an estimate from Kessel Collision.

Frank advises we may be able to have the maps updated on Red Alert at no charge. Looking into this.

Peggy Owens is in rehab and doing well.

CPR class scheduled for August 2nd for new probies. Will be using the church.

Honorary member Bob Anitto has relocated back and is living in Ridge. He made a request to the town to be reinstated for the property tax exemption. I received a call from Lynette from Brookhaven Town who said as he was an active member for 20 years before he moved away, they would grant him the tax-exempt status. They need a notarized letter from the chief on department letterhead attesting to his time in the department and they need it by the end of the day on the 26th. This does not allow very much time to get this done, but Chief McCarrick acknowledged the request.

COMMISSIONER BUCHNER

Confirmed with Chief McCarrick that all issues with the chief's car had been rectified.

COMMISSIONER STRONG

We have no bids from any department members on the surplus vehicles so we will be putting them out for sale to other fire departments.

Please remove the SCBA bottles from the lobby of the admin office.

The transmission repair on the 33 car is under warranty but there is no timeline on when repairs will be completed.

Gerard installed new batteries in 5A7-28.

Gerard will be working on 5A7-3 tomorrow.

The Board intends to surplus 5A7-17.

Requested the Chief look into the whereabouts of the 2nd speaker for the sound system. Last location was Company 2.

At this time, the Chief provided Comm. Strong with a list of items to be considered in the 2024 budget.

DISTRICT MANAGER

Please take the Electrical Vehicle Plug from the office.

Company 1 is requesting some tool bags. Chief Freund advised they need 2 small tool bags for hand tools. Will ask Rob to pick them up at Home Depot.

As there was no further business to discuss with the chiefs, they along with our 2 visitors left the meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

COMMISSIONER BREWER

Our project with Proclaim is moving along well. We have our Medicare number and are working on getting the Medicaid number. It will take a couple of months. Once everything is in place, Proclaim will be submitting bills to the insurance company but it will be a couple of months before we see any money coming in.

The floor in the backroom of Company 1 needs to be replaced. Have 3 price quotes.

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| Floor Jays Inc. | \$10,918.82 |
| Wally Floors | \$10,955.81 |
| Reality Carpet | \$9,990.06 |

Motion made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Buchner to award the bid for the floor at Company 1 to Reality Carpet in the amount of \$9,990.06. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Have a price from Sagamore lights to replace the light bar and control box on 5A7-13 in the amount of \$3,811.66. Motion made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Gallino to approve the purchase. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Company 2 is asking about the ex-chiefs and ex commissioners' photos to be placed in frames for mounting in their firehouse. The problem is finding the photos. They are possibly stored in the basement of the church.

Discussion on the Bell and monument at Company 2.

COMMISSIONER BUCHNER

Discussed the upcoming plan with Northwell Health.

Wrote a draft policy for past commissioners' uniforms. Will have it typed on our letterhead for everyone to review.

Company 2 is requesting an outdoor barbeque area. Rob estimates the project will cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000.00. Will check the budget at the end of the year for any available funds.

COMMISSIONER STRONG

Made a motion to declare 5A7-17 surplus at a value of \$35,000.00. Motion seconded by Comm. Brewer. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Request a blast fax be sent out to all districts regarding our surplus vehicles.

We will be working on the property tax exemption proposal in September.

Need to discuss the agreement with the department regarding ambulance billing with Bill Glass.

Have 2 room requests. Motion made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Buchner to approve the requests. All in favor. 4 ayes.

DISTRICT MANAGER

Still working on getting proposals to replace the fire suppression system in the kitchen at CO. 3.

Rob advises Company 3 is in need of a bulletin board. Have a price quote from ITS in the amount of \$579.00. He also advises that Company 1 will need one in the very near future and asked if we could approve 2 units. Motion made by Comm. Buchner and seconded by Comm. Gallino to approve 2 bulletin board replacements at a cost of \$1,158.00. All in favor. 4 ayes.

Have Heathers medical supply list for the month from Hammer Medical in the amount of \$2,786.29. Motion made by Comm. Brewer and seconded by Comm. Buchner to approve the request. All in favor. 4 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob advised will probably need a special meeting to discuss the 2024 budget.

The bills were reviewed and signed. Motion made by Comm. Gallino and seconded by Comm. Brewer to pay the bills submitted by the treasurer. All in favor. 4 ayes.

**Motion made by Comm. Gallino and seconded by Comm. Brewer to approve the journal.
All in favor. 4 ayes.**

**As there was no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Gallino
and seconded by Comm. Brewer to adjourn the meeting at 2045. All in favor. 4 ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Edwin S. Brooks
District Manager/Secretary**