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Legislative/Financial/Chiefs Meeting

March 26, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1903 hours with roll call of officers. Chairman Anthony Gallino, Vice Chairman John Buchner, Commissioner Kirkwood Johnson, Commissioner Ray Strong, Commissioner Ken Stauer, and District Secretary Dave Brewer were in attendance. Also in attendance were Chief McCarrick, Asst. Chief Martin, Asst. Chief Bernier and Ex-Chief Tom Logan.

Our next meeting will be April 23, 2024.

Acceptance of the Treasurers Report by Comm. Buchner, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor.

Acceptance of the minutes of February 27, 2024 meeting by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Buchner. All in favor.

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief 30 asked about three members from the Juniors who will be coming into the fire department. Can they be accepted tonight pending the entry process. It was decided to hold off until background checks are received by the office.

Chief 30 reported there will be a PESH class on April 13th at 0900 hours at Co. 2.

Chief 30 is working on getting the CME class changed from May 15th to an alternate date due to the Uniform Inspection scheduled for that date.

Chief 30 received a request to hold a Wildfire Task Force meeting at Co. 2 on June 26th at 1800 hours. Motion to approve by Chairman Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Strong. All in favor.

Chief 30 mentioned that the maps for the RCA property need to be updated. There is a problem enlarging and printing them. Chief 32 looking into it. No objections from the board.

Chief 30 discussed the shortage of medics especially on weekends. He asked if the board would be willing to assign a spare vehicle to volunteer personnel so they can respond directly to the scene. At present we don't have spare vehicles for that purpose. The board will discuss further.

COMMISSIONER STRONG TO CHIEFS

Comm. Strong reported Unit 42 (32 car) is back from service. He asked 32 how it is running. 32 said not great. The tranny temp is very high, and it doesn't appear to be shifting properly. Comm. Strong will discuss with our mechanic. Chief 30 reported that Unit 43 (33 car) may have a tranny issue as well. Comm. Strong told the Chief to have it written up in Red Alert.

Comm. Strong advised that 95B has a new Kussmaul charger. Gerard will look at 28's steering tomorrow. It may be advisable to return it to Lance Auto Repair since they did extensive work on it in 2023. The boat has dry rot on the fuel lines and rubber boot on the control arm. Work is in progress at the boat yard.

Comm. Strong asked 30 about future bunker gear needs. We are getting ten sets this year. We may need ten more sets. Chief 32 stated he thinks ten sets every year will work. The board agreed to budget ten sets per year. Comm. Strong asked 30 to supply the board with 33's gear spreadsheet. Frank W can enter data into Red Alert. Comm. Staufer stated that right now the gear would cost \$146.62 more per set. This is due to the manufacturer removing some material making the gear lighter but more expensive. It will have the same thermal protection. As of April 1st the gear will be going up 25% (\$625 per set).

Motion by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Strong to go with the new specifications. All in favor. Sizing will take place tomorrow.

Motion by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Strong to amend last week's motion about gear purchasing to include the new spec and the price increase of \$146.62. All in favor.

Comm. Strong told the Chiefs that he was unhappy about members making statements that are attributed to the BOFC that are untrue or inaccurate. Example is the comment that the BOFC was too cheap to purchase carnations for the parade. Chief 30 acknowledged that comments like that are inappropriate and that the lack of carnations was an oversight on his part. The same applied to the St. Patrick's Day Signal 8 money.

COMMISSIONER STAUFER TO CHIEFS

Comm. Staufer advised that the gear washers have been delivered and installed at Co. 1 and 3. The dryer for Co. 1 was received damaged and will be replaced. They will be in service soon. The units have "auto soap" feature and completes the cycle in 57 minutes.

New dispatchers are being trained.

Comm. Staufer presented a report to the National Volunteer Fire Council outlining the proposed Emergency Response Standard from OSHA. There are more mandates that will be affecting the fire service in many states including NY.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

CHAIRMAN GALLINO

Comm. Gallino reported that a settlement has been reached with Eldor. Originally they requested \$52,000. The board approved that amount at the last workshop. After further negotiation the amount was reduced to \$45,000. Motion by Comm. Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Buchner to amend the original settlement offer. All in favor.

Motion by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Johnson to approve the final offer of \$45,000. All in favor.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Comm. Johnson reported on the settling problem on the east side of Co. 3. An analysis found soft soil. The next phase is to go out to bid for remediation. The repair will cost over \$35,000. Comm. Johnson will work on obtaining specs and scope of work. Holes will have to be bored to get a visual to determine where footings will be needed. More to follow.

Rob is still working on the exhaust hood at Co. 3 and will be getting a second price on the Co. 3 kitchen AC.

Comm. Johnson reported that nobody was interested in taking the two full-time First Responder positions because of the low salary. Again, we are not competitive with other districts. More discussion will take place in the future.

COMMISSIONER STAUFER

Comm. Stauffer obtained three prices for the bar top at Co. 1. Quotes of \$27650, 29146 and 29750. Motion by Comm. Stauffer, 2nd by Comm. Johnson to approve low bid of \$27,650. All in favor.

Comm. Stauffer addressed a concern of Chief 30 from the workshop about some dispatchers not having access to Red Alert clerical features. Comm. Stauffer spoke with Frank and the matter has been resolved.

Comm. Stauffer mentioned that Mike Caron wished to return as a per diem employee but first needs payout of accruals completed for Civil Service. DS Brewer will contact our Treasurer.

Comm. Stauffer is working with Comm. Buchner to upgrade the dispatch side B console and purchase an extra screen for side A. The cost is \$15,485.30. Motion by Comm. Stauffer, 2nd by Comm. Strong to approve. All in favor.

Comm. Stauffer reported that we are having difficulty hiring dispatchers at our starting salary of \$19.25. We are not competitive with other districts. The Town is offering their dispatchers \$24.00 per hour. Other districts are much higher. It was suggested having our treasurer do a cost analysis for increasing the salaries before our next budget cycle.

Comm. Stauffer mentioned that Terryville FD brought their truck to Co. 1 on Sunday for the Rescue 4 replacement committee to view. There was a positive response from the committee. They will next meet with Firematic on April 4th. Comm. Stauffer asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Terryville for bringing the truck to Rocky Point. DS Brewer will send a letter.

Comm. Stauffer reported that the E17 committee will be meeting with Firematic on March 28th at 1900 hours at Co. 3.

Comm. Stauffer was approached by a member about the January minutes not being posted. We have two weeks to post either a draft or the final copy. It was brought up that due to a changeover in office staff the minutes were delayed. DS Brewer found notes that the DM took and will type and post the January minutes as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONER BUCHNER

Comm. Buchner asked about the text that stated our narcotics were out of service due to inventory. He wanted clarification whether that meant someone was taking inventory or our inventory was low or inadequate at the time. Comm. Johnson will speak with Heather.

Comm. Buchner is finalizing the licensing for the tower.

Comm. Buchner states the remaining work at Co 2 outdoor area needs the grill and stainless-steel cabinet and countertop. Received quotes from American Made Grills (\$7960.00) and Contractors Market (\$7232.02). Motion by Comm. Buchner, 2nd by Comm. Strong to purchase low bid. All in favor.

COMMISSIONER STRONG

Comm. Strong reported that a new ambulance from Proliner with a new stretcher with power lift will cost \$378,105. This model looks good and is being used in Nassau County. It is significantly cheaper than some other quotes we received. This will replace Unit 25. Motion by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Buchner to approve the purchase and equipping of a new 2024 F450 4X4 XLT Demers ambulance for \$378,105. All in favor.

Comm. Strong said that A10 cannot go into the ambulance rotation due to not having a powerlift stretcher. The cost is \$72,000 to add. More to follow.

Nobody has expressed interest in purchasing old A12. Maybe it can be parked out front with a sign. Sometimes contractors are interested in that type of vehicle.

Motion to approve purchase and equipping of new 2024 Chiefs Suburban not to exceed \$110,000 by Comm. Strong, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor. District Secretary to handle publishing the legal notice for permissive referendum.

Comm. Strong would like a follow-up meeting with Northwell to take place. Date to be determined.

Comm. Strong discussed the "provisional" status that was recently listed on two members physical reports. Discussion followed. The BOFC decided that if a member does not pass his/her established classification that member will be taken out of service and placed on medical leave. We will not use provisional status. District Secretary to contact NDI.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

DS Brewer asked the Chief to speak to members and remind them that the district does not pay tax on food purchases. Several vouchers came in from Spiros with tax. The Chief will address.

DS received word from Hometown Insurance that 38 members do not have beneficiary information on file. It is a requirement of the company that this information be on file with them. DS distributed to Chief 30 the list of members along with blank forms. Chief 30 will handle.

DS was following up on equipment turn ins by former members. The deadline was February 3rd. Chief 32 will speak with Co. 1 Captain.

DS will work on permissive referendum for purchase and equipping a new 2024 Chiefs Suburban that was approved at last week's workshop.

DS will work with the Treasurer on completing the Eldor settlement.

DS has mailed out the Installation dinner invitations and has distributed the seating request forms. Please have them returned no later than May 3rd.

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Hauser was excused due to work. He provided the warrant and monthly treasurers report for review. Motion by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Buchner to accept the reports. All in favor.


ROOM REQUESTS

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| 1. Kirsten Robertson | Co. 2 | 05/11/2024 | 1200-1800 | Communion |
| 2. Glenn Kaleita | Co. 3 | 06/01/2024 | 1200-1800 | Boy Scouts BBQ |
| 3. Ken Hennessey | Co.3 | 06/15/2024 | 1500-2100 | Engagement Party |
| 4. Glenn Kaleita | Co.3 | 06/29/2024 | 0800-1300 | Boy Scouts Car Wash |

Motion by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Strong to approve the room requests with one change: May 11th is our House inspection date. DS to call Mrs. Robertson to change the start time to 1300 hours. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 2020 hours by Comm. Stauffer, 2nd by Comm. Buchner. All in favor.

Prepared by:



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