

Workshop Meeting April 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1903 hours

In attendance were Chairman Gallino, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Staufer, District Secretary Brewer, Chief McCarrick, Asst. Chief Martin, Asst. Chief Bernier and Asst. Chief Freund.

Chief 30 asked if the police background checks came back for the three new members from juniors. DS Brewer advised yes and all three have been cleared by PD. Chief then asked about the next step for membership. Chairman Gallino said they all need physicals before we vote on them. DS will text 32 their phone numbers and the contact number for NDI.

Chief 30 reported on the following leave requests: David Grant personal. Joseph Carroll Military. Motion by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Johnson to approve. All in favor. There was also a request from Samantha Curran for a leave. The Chief is not sure what category of leave she wants. The Chief will check on the proper leave classification and will discuss this at the next meeting.

Chief 30 asked for suspenders and tailpiece for gear. Quote from Hi-Tech for \$135.66. Motion to approve by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor. Chief 32 to order.

Chief 30 stated Co 2 is missing one red 2" hose possibly from hose testing. Motion to approve by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor. DS Brewer will order.

Chief asked for a replacement dishwasher for Co. 3. Three quotes were received (\$3875, 4260.38, and 6933). Motion to approve low quote of \$3875 by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor. DS Brewer to order.

Chief 30 stated that the truck committees are making progress.

Chief 30 reported that the CME training date has been changed and the department uniform inspection is confirmed for May 15th. Chairman Gallino reminded the Chief about the requirement that department members attend in proper uniform. The Chief will get the word out.

The previously approved meeting of the Wildfire Task Force in Rocky Point will be June 26th. The Chief asked if Signal 8 can be provided for about 20 people. Chairman Gallino stated no problem.

Chief 32 is looking into a surface water rescue class through Suffolk County.

Chief 32 gave an update on the Soundview Drive road collapse. Work will be done in the future by the property owners' association and the town.

Chief 30 mentioned that we need to prepare for the OSHA 1910 changes. Comm. Staufer is monitoring the situation.

Chief 31 stated that he is working on future training with DEC (possibly June), active shooter training with SCPD (Comm. Johnson can assist with scheduling) and an MCI drill.

At 1925 hours as per a request from Chief 30 the meeting went into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion by Chairman Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor.

At 1937 hours Chairman Gallino made a motion to return to the regular meeting, 2nd by Comm. Staufer. All in favor

Chief 33 asked about the online PESH course for those that did not attend in person. DS Brewer will look into this.

Commissioner Johnson discussed our years old policy of not allowing members of the department to be employed by the district. Chairman Gallino stated that there was a need for the policy in the past, but times have changed. There are people in the department that may be interested in working for the district. Some of them have their own set of talents and could be an asset to the operation. The only exception is that volunteer EMS members cannot work as First Responders due to the Fair Labor Standards Act. Motion to approve the amended resolution by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Staufer. All in favor. This revised resolution supersedes the old policy effective immediately. Chief 30 was given a copy of the resolution.

Commissioner Staufer stated the TV in dispatch is not working. It needs to be replaced. Four quotes were obtained (649.99, 1296.99, 1696.99 and 1699.99). Motion to approve the TV from BJ's at \$649.99 by Comm. Staufer, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor. DS Brewer to order.

Comm. Johnson stated that door motors and door panels at Co 3 need to be replaced. This is an emergency repair. Motion by Comm. Johnson to approve repair by TM Kenney in the amount of \$2250, 2nd by Comm. Staufer. We also need two additional door motors replaced for Brush 6 and FP 13 in the amount of \$5370. Motion to approve by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Gallino. All in favor.

Comm. Johnson has confirmed the menu for our Installation dinner at Majestic Gardens. We also need to order flowers. DS Brewer to work with Lynn to order.

Comm. Staufer discussed our non-competitive salaries for key positions such as dispatch and EMS. He has a cost analysis which was prepared by our treasurer. There will be adjustments in future. He also discussed the lettering proposal for our new mechanic's truck. Comm. Staufer also discussed replacing FP11. Our mechanic feels it should be replaced sooner rather than later due to its age. Comm. Staufer working with Comm. Strong on specs.

DS Brewer discussed the receipt of several gift cards earmarked for the two crew members on the city transport. One envelope given to Chief 30 for L. Emery. The other will be given to K. Pokorney. No objections.

New key for training tower given to Chief 30 for placement in dispatch. Members must sign out to use.

Beneficiary forms still missing from a number of members. Chief 30 to remind everyone on the list.

RSVP's for the dinner are at 34 as of today. Chief 30 to ask members to respond.

The LENS drivers license system has been down. DS is working with NYS DMV to re-establish the account with new contact information.

District Secretary reported on SC Health Dept. underground tank inspections which took place April 12.

All Civil Service paperwork for Ed, Tom and Lynn has been completed and submitted.

DS called the attorney for the Eldor case to inquire about any credit due the district. More to follow.

DS Brewer gave a written report from Comm. Strong: Comm. Strong requests authorization to proceed with the next step to sell old E15. The permissive expires on April 22. The DS will follow up after that date. He asked about finalizing lettering proposal for new mechanic's truck. Comm. Staufer brought it up and showed a rendition. Asked about the new light duty policy for paid staff. This will be discussed at our next meeting. Rob will be taking apart the old oil storage rack in the shop.

Motion to adjourn at 2005 by Chairman Gallino, 2nd by Comm. Johnson. All in favor.

Submitted by:



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