

1/8/24 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
January 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Present from the District: L. Gates, P. Krawiecki, M. Trombley, P. Van Schaick, R. Cote L. Van Schaick.

Company: A. Cote, M. Westbrook, J. Borowiec.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Tax Exempt meeting of 12/11/23 were approved on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Krawiecki.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 12/11/23 were approved on a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of 12/22/23, to approve the slate of Chief Engineers, were approved on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Van Schaick.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 12/1 –12/31/23 was approved on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Krawiecki.

ACCOUNTS:

Mastercard (A. Cote)	Recruit./Office Equip./Refresh./Bldg./Postage	1,622.26
Mastercard (R. Cote)	Janitorial supplies	431.65
Mastercard (L. Gates)		0.00
Night Rider	Buffing of floors	282.00
Logical Net	January contract	355.90
Lexipro	SOG program	3,082.72
Target Solutions	Training for A. Cote/M. Westbrook	595.34
Dival	Firefighter helmet – M. Westbrook	350.00
Accurate Pest	December contract	60.00
A. Brisson	December custodial	400.00
Grastorf	January contract	1,400.00
Firefly Admin Inc.	Retainer for LOSAP program (1 st half pymt.)	1,500.00
No. Country Xerox	December contract	55.81
Clifton Park Highway Dept.	Gasoline 9/8/23 – 12/29/23	1,519.46
Access Health	Firefighter physicals/EKG/fit test	3,390.00
Assoc. of FD Capital Area	2024 Annual membership	200.00
Patty Young	Refreshments	35.00

Charter Communications	Building phones	108.25
Spectrum	Roadrunner	84.99
T. Mobil	Cell phones	234.12
National Grid	Elec. \$524.15/Gas \$902.11	1,426.25
Approval was given to pay all bills on a motion R. Cote/M. Trombley		
Vander Molen	Repairs to 51-2	1,026.08
Approval was given to pay the Vander Molen bill on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Krawiecki. L. Gates abstained.		
Total Expenses		\$18,159.84

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

P. Krawiecki, L. Van Schaick and R. Cote submitted a copy of their Oath of Office completed with the Town of Clifton Park;

A letter from the John McLane Hose Company stated that during the Santa Express they spoke with residents in regard to possible firefighter membership as part of their recruitment efforts:

Season’s Greetings were received from 1st National Bank, KB24, RBC Wealth Management and Firefly Inc.

A solicitation from Hopmeyer & Gage Insurance;

Notification of an extended warranty on the 2021 Chief’s vehicle;

Announcement from Pinsky Law Group in regard to training at the April conference at Turning Stone.

A solicitation from John Ray.

Chief’s Report:

There were 19 alarms in December with 166 alarms YTD.

A. Cote submitted the inventory report as of 12/31/23.

A. Cote reported there was damage to 51-2 at the Alplaus mutual aid call. Alplaus will pay for the damage. Also during this call 6 absorbent socks and 8 pads were used. DEC will replace the socks and pads.

Last Tuesday the 10 year old auto charger was not working. Vander Molen will replace it.

The yearly compressor maintenance will be completed in the second week of February.

The LOSAP points were posted on 1/1/24.

The yearly battery change was completed on January 3rd.

The expired gear will need to be salvaged.

In December D. D’Amelio was notified he needed to complete the required PESH training and that could not respond to alarms until he did.

East Glenville FD is adding Rexford to their mutual aide list.

The 2024 Officer’s contact list was distributed to the Board.

A quote was received from Waterway for the 2024 hose, pump and ladder testing. The cost for the testing would be \$3,799.15.

J. Gaffney, B. Haynes and M. Frisone need new interior gear. The exterior gear will arrive within 2 weeks. Two new sets of boots for exterior are needed for A. Cote and M. Westbrook. A. Cote would like to budget to be able to order new exterior gear for B. Haynes and possibly D. Seguin,

New CO meters are needed for 51-4 and 51-0. A, Cote would like to switch to Right Pro meters. The cost is \$434 per meter.

A Knox box is needed for 51-0.

The ID card printer is not working. Since it is 6 years old, it is not cost effective to repair it. The cost to purchase a new printer with a 3 year warranty is \$650.

The 12 year old computer in the radio room needs to be replaced. The cost to purchase a new computer is approximately \$250.

A. Cote requested a food budget of \$3,500 for 2024 for alarms, drills and meetings.

A. Cote requested additional funds for 2024 for recruitment and retention,

Items needing to be surplus are a light-bar tactile mini LED roof mount and a light-bar elemental visor bar.

A. Cote thanked the Board for their support for a successful 2023.

Cef Alcaide has been removed from the classification of interior firefighter to exterior only firefighter as per the Access Health report.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to purchase 2 gas meters for a cost not to exceed \$900.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to purchase new gloves and boots for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to purchase a Knox Box for 51-0.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to purchase a cell phone for 1st Assistant Chief M. Westbrook.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to purchase the ID printer with a 3 year warranty for a cost not to exceed \$650.

L. Gates proposed moving \$1,500 from the Rental & Building Maintenance budget line item to the Recruit & Retention line item. R. Cote stated she did not feel the money should come that budget line and a roll call vote was taken as follows: L. Gates – yes; P. Krawiecki – no; M. Trombley – no; R. Cote – no; P. Van Schaick – no. Motion denied.

Board Member Reports:

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley questioned D. Tullock's status in the department. A. Cote noted he is a Class D Admin firefighter. He comes to the station to handle the radios.

P. Krawiecki:

Nothing to report,

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$700 that was received from the rental of the community room, for deposit to the general fund savings account.

Alarm & Suppression will be here on January 10th for the annual fire alarm inspection and the biannual hood inspection,

The coffee pot has been serviced.

One of 9 LED panels went bad on the sign board. The cost with shipping charge to repair the sign is \$558.02. Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/P. Van Schaick to repair the sign.

R. Cote would like to increase A. Brisson from \$400 to \$450 for custodial service in 2024. Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/L. Gates to pay A. Brisson \$450/month. P. Van Schaick abstained.

P. Van Schaick:

P. Van Schaick stated J. Hunt will receive his lump sum LOSAP payment this year and B. Marra will receive the second and final half of his LOSAP payment.

L. Van Schaick:

L. Van Schaick will meet with the auditor on 4/22/24 to complete the 2023 audit and AUD report.

The requested tape recorder has been order and will be here for the February meeting.

L. Gates requested L. Van Schaick notify B. Young that we have changed attorneys.

L. Gates:

The cap and slide for the 2023 RAM 1500 is due to arrive at the end of February. The grill guard will arrive in March and the lights will arrive by the end of January. All items were ordered on 12/5/23. The center console has already arrived.

Our current Grant Writer's contract is up and will not be renewed. NY State has announced 2 new grant programs for the state, one for 20 million dollars and one for 2 million dollars. All applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 30, 2024. M. Westbrook will speak with a grant writer she knows for information on submitting for a grant.

L. Gates has signed the final paperwork to receive the check for our previously awarded \$50,000 NY state grant.

L. Gates would like to revise the Chief requirement portion of the District Rules & Regulations to remove the 5 year mandate. He will update this section and email to the Board for further discussion and approval.

L. Gates noted financial training being held at Halfmoon Fire District on 2/29 – 3/1/24.

L. Gates noted that C. Ryan should be removed from the email list and P. Krawiecki added to the list. M. Westbrook should be added as 1st Assistant Chief.

Approval was given to adjourn the meeting on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary