

3/12/18 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners

Rexford Fire District

March 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

From the Company: G. Kreig, R. Tullock, B. Garrett, J. Gaffney, A. Cote.

B. Garrett and J. Gaffney presented information to the Board regarding the purchase of an electronic sign to replace the existing sign in front of the building. They have gathered information and quotes from Olson Signs, PAC Signs and AJ Signs. The cost is expected to be shared by the District, Department and Auxiliary. Representatives from each company will provide a demonstration of their products capabilities to the committee. It was suggested the committee contact Adirondack Sign to see what they could offer.

R. Tullock discussed his displeasure with the Board for considering contracting for the snow plowing and shoveling of the parking lot and walkways. R. Tullock presented a list of volunteers willing to handle the plowing and shoveling. After much discussion about the amount of snow we've received this winter and the few volunteers who have helped out, a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley was approved to contract the snow removal with Brian Grasdorf for the rest of this season. P. Van Schaick abstained from voting.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 2/12/18 were approved on a motion by P. Van Schaick/S. Lessard.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 2/1 -2/28/18 was accepted on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote.

ACCOUNTS:

NYS Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	Membership for Chiefs and Board members	320.00
Mike Frisone	Training mileage	65.91
Smith's Automotive	MED 514 \$86.72/Car 510 \$50.01	136.73
Goldstock's	Office nameplates	20.00
Verizon	Cell phones/phone case	178.65
National Grid	\$628.85 elec./\$866.54 gas	1,495.39
B & G Food Serv. Equip.	Ice machine	3,579.17
Time Warner Cable	Roadrunner \$74.99/Bldg phones \$97.10	172.09
B. Staulters	February custodial	350.00
Burnt Hills Hardware	Ice melt	140.26
Mastercard (G. Kreig)	Welding	78.87

Mastercard (A. Cote)	Building supplies	48.30
Mastercard (L. Van Schaick)	Office supplies	153.95
Accurate Pest Control	Monthly service - February	50.00
John Ray & Sons	Diesel fuel 491.8 gallons	1,318.27
MES	Helmet	312.21
Total		\$8,419.80

Approval was given to pay all verified bills on a motion by S. Lessard/M. Trombley.

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

Fire Expo – Harrisburg, PA May 18-20;

Announcement of a FASNY conference in August;

Letter from Clifton Park/Halfmoon Fire Department stating only firefighters 18 years and older are eligible to respond to their department when called for mutual aide;

A \$200 donation was received for the use of the community room.

Chief's Report:

There were 5 alarms for February, all of which were EMS.

Adding iPads to 511 and 513 was discussed at the February meeting. The cost per iPad is \$260 plus the cost of mounting and the monthly charge of \$39.99.

Medical supplies previously approved have been ordered. The cost of the supplies is \$347.70.

The quote for light bulb replacement for the Med truck strobe light is \$147.05 plus shipping.

The SCBA mask and eye kit has been received.

Quotes for cribbing are \$1,170 and \$1,311 and both include shipping.

Truck issues: 513 is leaking water and will be repaired; 511 has a rear discharge leak. G. Kreig would like to send 511 to VRS to check the valve that is not closing.

Chief Kreig will be in need of new tires for his vehicle. He will be getting quotes to replace the tires by the fall.

Multiple lights are out on the Assistant Chief's vehicle. A quote to replace the lights is \$586.94. G. Kreig noted this vehicle has 98,000 miles on it and suggested it may need to be replaced.

Training: Mike and Jeff have finished Firefighter 1; Rick and Don are in BEFO but Rick will not be doing the interior training.

A Fire Service Training Conference will be held in Montour Falls April 6-8. The cost of the training is \$96/person. G. Kreig is requesting approval to sent 4 people for the total cost of \$384.

G. Kreig is requesting to send J. Gaffney and A. Cote to an EMS conference in Lake Placid in May for a cost not to exceed \$1,280. The cost for the registration is \$250/person and the cost for the hotel is \$130/person plus food for both participants.

G. Kreig has worked on rezoning our district into 4 zones, A, B, C and D and changing our daytime mutual aid. Burnt Hills and Ballston Lake will now be helping with mutual aid and are happy to be helping.

The FEMA paperwork for Hurricane Irene has been completed and the case is now closed.

G. Kreig and A. Cote attended Best Practices on training. He will notify the Board when the training is offered again.

NFPA 1403 has changed, fire instructor 1 and 2 is now required for live burn training. G. Kreig would like to do the training with Visher Ferry.

J. Gaffney will be attending the Firefighter's Museum in Hudson representing female firefighters in Saratoga County. She will take her gear with her.

The cost of refreshments for drills and mutual aid for June through December was \$670.16. It was appreciated by those in attendance but it didn't increase drill participation as hoped for.

G. Kreig has quotes for the equipment for the new truck. MES has quoted all items except for the gas meter and Knox box. The total cost of all equipment is approximately \$45,000. R. Cote has heard from Jim Tedisco who is trying to get approval for funding for some of the truck equipment. Equipment quotes will also be requested from Garrison.

G. Kreig will be attending a meeting about gas meters on Wednesday. MES wants to buy back what we presently have and want us to purchase their equipment.

L. Gates proposed ordering the Knox Box now as well as the loose equipment on the list. He also requested the specs on the hose and to contact Akron for information on nozzles.

A. Cote updated the Board on the progress of the new truck. He stated the truck is on schedule to be completed April 2-6 with the final inspection April 9-13. After the inspection the truck should be ready to come to NY.

L. Gates, A. Cote and G. Kreig will be going to Iowa for the final truck inspection. The approximate cost of the trip will be \$3,500 - \$4,000 to include airfare, hotel, food, rental car and gas.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick for the final trip to the Toyne factory in Iowa for a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote to send firefighters to training at Montour Falls and EMS training at Lake Placid for a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley to repair the light on MED 514 for a cost not to exceed \$160.

Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/S. Lessard to purchase cribbing for a cost not to exceed \$1,170 including shipping.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/R. Cote to purchase new lighting for 510 for a cost not to exceed \$500.

Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/P. Van Schaick to have VRS check the ongoing leak on 511.

Board Member Reports:

P. Van Schaick

P. Van Schaick has delivered the 2017 LOSAP information to Penflex.

P. Van Schaick will follow-up with Steve Saun concerning the renewal of our insurance policy due in June.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley has contacted 2 plumbers to review our plumbing situation.

M. Trombley will be attending the company meeting on Tuesday.

S. Lessard:

Nothing to report.

R. Cote:

R. Cote stated B. Staulters is not interested in submitting a quote for painting and has reached out for other quotes. Quotes were received as follows: Pro Painters of Clifton Park \$6,705; Phoenix Painting \$6,569; AMF \$6,675; Jim DiSaipio Painting \$6,100; Premier Maintenance \$4,840.

The ice machine has been installed.

R. Cote has received numerous requests for use of the community room.

Bill Deniker of the Red Cross would like to provide smoke alarms to district residents. Homeowners would be required to sign a form stating that RFD is not responsible for upkeep of the smoke alarms. It was noted that Visher Ferry and Clifton Park fire departments are doing this. This information will be given to the company to decide if this is something they would want to do.

Approval was given on a motion by M. Trombley/S. Lessard to contract with Premier Maintenance to complete the painting of the building.

L. Van Schaick:

Our 2016 audit is complete and Board members have the report. R. Dinolfo now has our 2017 records to complete auditing of these records.

Information has been received from 1st National Bank for bonding \$350,000 for the new truck for a 5 year term and for a 7 year term. Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/P. Van Schaick to expend up to \$400,000 from reserve funds to lower the amount borrowed. Additional payment information will be requested from 1st National Bank.

L. Gates:

L. Gates would like to purchase a ladder large enough to reach the lights in the truck bay when they need changing. The cost to purchase the ladder is \$600. Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/S. Lessard to purchase the ladder at a cost not to exceed \$600. R. Cote opposed the vote.

L. Gates has completed his mandatory commissioner training and presented his certificate for filing. He noted that in that training he learned that per the Attorney General ruling, we should not be giving a report at the company meeting of what was discussed in our Board meeting because the

company meeting is not a public meeting. Board of Commissioner Meetings are open to the public, therefore, all company members will be invited to attend our meetings.

A motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote was approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary