

3/11/19 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners

Rexford Fire District

March 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Ray Swart, Waterford EMS, who passed away on 3/10.

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

From the Company: A. Cote.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 2/11/19 were approved on a motion by P. Van Schaick/S. Lessard.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 2/1 -2/28/19 was accepted on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote.

ACCOUNTS:

Grastorf	Monthly grounds contract (March)	900.00
B. Staulters	February custodial	350.00
Accurate Pest Control	Monthly service - February	50.00
Mastercard (A. Cote)	Fuel/Refreshments/Med supplies/Conf. expense	998.75
Mastercard (L. Gates)		0.00
Burnt Hills Hardware	Stencils/spray paint/cleaner	17.58
Document Solution No. Ctry	Monthly contract	48.91
Time Warner Cable	Phones \$98.51/Roadrunner \$75.99	174.50
Verizon	Cell phones	84.80
National Grid	\$525.95 elec./\$ 945.63 gas	1,471.58
Approval was given to pay all verified bills on a motion S. Lessard/R. Cote.		
Vander Molen	Install LED lights - 511	1,359.94
Vander Molen	Repair drivers door latch - 513	172.50
Total		\$5,628.56

Approval was given to pay Vander Molen bills on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Van Schaick. L. Gates abstained from voting.

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

Emergency Services Advisory Board minutes;

Association of Fire Districts NYS vote on proposed By-Laws amendment will take place t the meeting on 5/3/19 at the Albany Marriott.

Chief's Report:

There were 10 alarms for February with 20 YTD.

The brake light recall information has been received from Whalen. The new lights have been ordered and will be replaced by VRS.

A reimbursement check in the amount of \$1,686.25 has been received from Duracell for the batteries and battery boards that corroded in the air packs.

A. Cooper and K. Cooper have been removed from company membership. They still have district pagers and A. Cote requests the district send a letter requesting the return of the pagers.

Visher Ferry FD purchased new air packs that are not compatible with their filling station and have asked to fill their air packs her. A. Cote will train 3 of their firefighters on the use of our compressor and requested they be given a fob.

A plan is being worked out to get the previously purchased bailout systems into service. A company will need to be hired to conduct a train the trainer class so our firefighters will be certified to train the membership. The cost to train 6 firefighters is approximately \$3,000.

Al Craver is currently attending Safety Officers training. A. Cote will be attending Live Fire training on March 26th. CPR recertification was completed on February 26th. A. Cote, T. Robak and G. Kreig are enrolled in the annual fire service training at the Academy March 29-31.

The 6 new light boxes have been received and installed on 511 and the traffic cones for 515 have been received and placed in service.

The driver's side door handle broke on 513 and was repaired by Vander Molen.

A. Cote requested the purchase of AED pads for the cost of \$56. Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley to purchase AED pads immediately after a set has been used. Approval was given on a motion by S. Lessard/M. Trombley to spend up to \$500 on medical supplies/equipment when needed.

The current pagers are not holding a charge and are in need of replacement. A. Cote is requesting the purchase of 10 pagers at \$625 each and would have a 5 year warranty. Quotes were received from River Valley Radio, Inc. in the amount of \$6,590 with a 5 year warranty and Crystal Clear Communications in the amount of \$6,308 which includes a 5 year warranty and shipping.

Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/S. Lessard to purchase 15 pagers from Crystal Clear Communications at a cost not to exceed \$9,433 and to have train the trainer training for the bailout systems at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

Board Member Reports:

P. Van Schaick:

The 2018 LOSAP information has been received from G. Kreig and is now ready to be delivered to Penflex tomorrow.

Beneficiary forms for those eligible for the cancer policy were given to Chief Cote to be completed by those insured.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley stated Milton Cat offered a service contract on our generator for \$1,200/year with 2 services per year.

M. Trombley has been working with A. Cote to build closets in the mezzanine. A. Cote has received three quotes to build closets. The quotes received are as follows: James Gabree, Inc. \$2,300; Premier Maintenance \$2,550; S & J Contractors \$2,800. Approval was given on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Van Schaick to award the bid to James Gabree, Inc. for \$2,300.

S. Lessard:

Nothing to report.

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$100 for deposit to the general fund savings account for rental of the community room. Our custodian, Bill Staulters, is retiring at the end of June. R. Cote will begin searching for his replacement. A call was received from Birch Tree, a non-profit organization, requesting use of our community room to accommodate 35 people. They requested to use the room at no cost. The Board denied their request.

R. Cote would like to start the process to obtain a building permit to finish the pavilion kitchen.

The Shenendahowa HS theater group rented the community room for their after theater party. R. Cote read a thank you note from the student in charge of the gathering.

The sexual harassment policy and training needs to be completed by October and information needs to be added to the web page.

L. Van Schaick:

The \$4,500 check from the Criminal Justice Department has been received to complete our grant. L. Gates stated he has been in touch with Tedesco's office in regard to the \$50,000 grant we applied for. He was told we are receiving it but it may take some time to receive the check.

L. Gates:

L. Gates discussed selling 510 and what should be included with the vehicle sale. It was decided to take the light bar off the vehicle. The sale of 513 was also discussed. Before moving forward, we need to confirm that our ISO rating will not change. Also discussed was how to rearrange equipment on the vehicles if 513 is sold.

L. Gates spoke with other districts concerning term limits for the position of Chief. Most districts do not have any limitations. One district he spoke with stated they have a 3 year limit as Chief and when their term is up they can start at the bottom and work their way to Chief again. Beukendal Fire District has a 3 year term for their Chief followed by 1 year as a regular firefighter. After the 1 year they can work their way to Chief by beginning as lieutenant.

A motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley was approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary