9/14/20 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners Rexford Fire District September 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: P. Van Schaick

From the Company: A. Cote. Auxiliary: Barb Capogna

Guest: Wade Schoenborn, prospective Board member per results of the December election. Barb Capogna was present to discuss the possibility of holding the annual Fall Craft Sale on November 1st. She stated that, with COVID restrictions, there would be no lunch counter but they would like to hold the bake sale with all baked items being individually wrapped. The number of crafters will be limited for social distancing as well as the number of shoppers at any one time.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 8/10/20 were approved on a motion by S. Lessard/M. Trombley.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 8/1 - 8/31/20 was approved on a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley.

ACCOUNTS:

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J. Verhagen	Training material	\$40.00
B. West	Training material	40.00
Burnt Hills Hardware	Batteries/service chain saw	172.44
Accurate Pest Control	August service	50.00
Grastorf	September contract	900.00
Mastercard (A. Cote)	Food for County Fire Officer's dinner/Bldg/Gasoline	1,036.65
Napa Auto Parts	Misc.	12.99
Marcella's Appliance	Pavilion refrigerator	599.00
Document Solutions	Monthly contract - August	40.94
Alan Brisson	August custodial	350.00
Alarm & Suppression	Hood inspection	203.00
Spectrum	Bldg. phone \$105.83RR \$79.99	185.82
National Grid	Elec. \$791.53/Gas \$59.19	850.72
Verizon	Cell phone	40.54

Approval was given to pay all verified bills on a motion S. Lessard/R. Cote.

Vander Molen Repairs to 511 996.55

Approval was given on a motion by M. Trombley/S. Lessard to pay the Vander Molen bill. L. Gates abstained.

Total \$5,518.65

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

A letter from company president Al Craver stating the removal of firefighters S. Nolan and S. Young;

A letter announcing a meeting at Clifton Park Town Hall on 9/21 at 7 p.m. in regard to 215 residential units to be built on the Edison Club property.

Chief's Report:

There were 13 alarms for August with 84 alarms YTD.

Michael J. Natale has been removed from the company.

A. Cote spoke with VRS about the DEF sending unit on 512. The part is on backorder and will be repaired under warranty as soon as the part is received.

The lights on 511 have been repaired.

The following equipment covered by the Wildland Grant has been ordered: 600 feet of forestry hose and nozzle, 18 pairs of extrication gloves, 1pair of leather boots and 8 pairs of firefighting gloves.

D. Seguin's firefighter gear has been ordered.

The K12 saw on 511 was repaired at Burnt Hills Hardware for the cost of the parts only. The labor cost was waived.

- A. Cote stated the Entering Rexford Fire District signs need to be replaced.
- J. Verhagen and B. West are taking the BEFO training. M. Westbrook and D. Seguin are taking the Leadership and Supervision training which is one of five requirements for Fire Officer One.

The company will appoint a nominating committee in October for the purpose of selecting eligible candidates for Chief Engineer and a qualified Assistant Chief Engineer.

Board Member Reports:

M. Trombley:

Nothing to report.

S. Lessard:

S. Lessard requested approval to purchase key fobs as the supply is getting low. Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to purchase the fobs.

R. Cote:

The refrigerator for the pavilion has been purchased and installed.

The 20 year old freezer in the kitchen is not working and needs to be replaced. R. Cote obtained a quote from Best Refrigeration for \$1,300 to repair it. She received quotes to replace the freezer

from B & G in the amount of \$3,075 and Best Refrigeration for \$3,365.90. Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/L. Gates to purchase a new freezer from B & G for the quoted amount of \$3,075.

- R. Cote prepared a letter for the Board to review for insertion in the packet for the Firefighter Fund Drive.
- R. Cote received \$225 to be deposited to the general fund savings account for the rental of the community room.
- A Girl Scout troop from Niskayuna, due to COVID, can no longer use homes for their meetings and has requested use of the community room on the first and third Thursdays each month.
- R. Cote has spoken to the Red Cross as to the condition they are leaving the community room in following their blood drives. After Board discussion, it was decided they would have one more chance to leave the room in proper shape or be refused as a location for their blood drive.

L. Van Schaick:

- L. Van Schaick presented the 2020 Proposed Budget to the Board for discussion. Approval was given on a motion by M. Trombley/S. Lessard to accept the proposed budget. The Public Hearing for the budget will be held on 11/2 beginning at 7 p.m. The Budget Adoption meeting is scheduled to follow immediately after the close of the hearing.
- S. Lessard's term is ending 12/31/20 and will not seek re-election. Wade Schoenborn is interested in the position was given a petition.

Amy Scrivener, Brianna Murray and Alethea Johnston have agreed to complete the Preparation of Rolls and be Election Inspectors for the District. Approval was given to accept the Election Inspectors on a motion by L. Gates/R. Cote.

L. Gates:

Nothing to report.

A motion by M. Trombley/R. Cote was approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick Secretary