

11/9/20 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
November 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 10/12/20 were approved on a motion by S. Lessard/P. Van Schaick.

The minutes of the 2021 Budget Hearing of 11/2/20 were approved on a motion by S. Lessard/M. Trombley.

The minutes of the 2021 Budget Adoption Meeting of 11/2/20 were approved on a motion by M. Trombley/R. Cote.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 10/1 –10/31/20 was approved on a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley.

ACCOUNTS:

Maloney Plumbing	Winterize pavilion	\$225.00
Integrity Electric	Light repair	350.00
Accurate Pest Control	November service	50.00
NYS ENCON	Annual SPDES Industrial fee	675.00
Assoc of FD Capital Area	Annual dues	200.00
Michael Natale	Online CPR course	31.00
Hillyard	Custodial supplies	189.30
Burnt Hills Hardware	Light bulbs/batteries	24.98
Mastercard (A. Cote)	Training/Bldg/Grounds/Refunds	206.59
Mastercard (L. Van Schaick)	Office supplies	220.40
Alan Brisson	October custodial	350.00
Document Solutions	Monthly contract – October	45.00
MES	Compressor quarterly maintenance	225.00
Blue Devil Data	Annual Data Demon fee	400.00
NY Fire Equipment, LLC	Hose for Wildland Grant	744.00
Medical Warehouse	Medical supplies	99.26
Grastorf	November contract	900.00

National Grid	Elec. \$429.72/Gas \$176.77	606.49
Verizon	Cell phone	40.55
Spectrum	Bldg. phone \$106.20/RR \$79.99	186.19
Melissa Hadcock	Cookies for tree lighting ceremony	135.00

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

Vander Molen	Repairs to 511	1,933.40
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Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/S. Lessard to pay the Vander Molen bill. L Gates abstained.

Total **\$7,837.16**

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

A letter was received from the company stating that F. Pedinotti and M. J. Natale have been moved to social status;

A resolution was received from the Town of Clifton Park making 10/28/20 National Responders Day.

Chief's Report:

There were 16 alarms for October with 105 alarms YTD.

The DEF sending unit on 512 has been repaired under warranty by VRS.

Physicals and fit tests will take place on December 8th.

There was a structure fire at 1337 Route 146 on Friday night, 11/6. Eleven firefighters responded. There was a brush fire on Sunday, 11/8. During the incident 512 backed into a guard rail causing approximately \$2,000 of damage to the rear bumper of the truck. The Board required those involved in the accident to complete the online courses for Defensive Drive and Backing Up a Vehicle.

A. Cote stated the thermal imaging camera on 513 no longer works. The cost to replace it with the same type camera is approximately \$11,000. He has researched the Fire Pro camera and requests approval to purchase 5 cameras and holders for \$550 each which are normally \$850 each. A. Cote also requested approval to purchase 4 Stream lights for the cost of \$70 each.

Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/L. Gates to purchase the 5 cameras for a cost not to exceed \$2,750 and to purchase 4 Stream lights for a cost not to exceed \$280.

The thermal image camera with charger and battery, ISGK1000, needs to be removed from the inventory and salvaged. Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote to salvage the equipment.

The equipment that was ordered for the Wildland Grant has been received and A. Cote is now waiting for the forest ranger to sign off on the paperwork in order to receive our payment for the grant.

The entering the district signs have been installed.

Maria and Don have 2 classes remaining to complete their Fire Officer 1 training by 12/2.

Jim and Bob have 10 classes remaining to complete Firefighter 1 and will graduate at the end of November.

Mike Natale has completed his EMT recertification and the paperwork is being sent to DOH.

The Toys for Tots convoy that took place on Sunday was a huge success.

It was discovered at the alarm on Sunday on Route 146 that the fire hydrants, along 146, need to be marked so they are easily located when needed during an alarm. A. Cote and L. Gates will follow-up with making sure the hydrants are marked.

Board Member Reports:

P. Van Schaick:

P. Van Schaick noted the loss in our LOSAP again this month.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley noted the gas can by the door in the truck bay is not NFPA approved and needs to either be placed in a secondary containment or replaced. A. Cote will purchase an NFPA approved gas can.

S. Lessard:

Nothing to report.

R. Cote:

R. Cote received \$525 to be deposited to the general fund savings account for the rental of the community room.

The pavilion has been winterized.

R. Cote spoke with Bill Staulters concerning the stripping and waxing of the floors. Bill will strip and wax the floors 12/19-21 for the cost of \$500.

Travelers Insurance will be here Wednesday to inspect the boiler system.

R. Cote discussed having a tree lighting ceremony. It was decided to hold the ceremony on 11/28 at 4:30 p.m. and cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

L. Van Schaick:

L. Van Schaick asked for clarification on trucks to complete the paperwork for DMV to obtain titles for all our vehicles.

Petitions for L. Van Schaick for Treasurer and W. Schoenborn for Commissioner have been completed and returned.

The legal notice for the District vote and the Referendum for the raise to the LOSAP program will be submitted to the Gazette Newspaper.

Information for posting the District Vote on the sign will be sent to A. Cote.

The 2021 Approved Budget has been delivered to the Town of Clifton Park.

L. Gates requested payments of bonds and utilities be sent to our Grant Writer and stated all business going forward should be transmitted through our rexfordfd.org email accounts.

L. Gates:

L. Gates noted the tree previously damaged by a storm has suffered more damage. A. Cote will try to save the tree but it may need to be removed.

L. Gates obtained an estimate for the damage to 512 during a recent alarm. The cost to repair the rear bumper of the truck is approximately \$2,000. L. Van Schaick will check with our insurance agent in regard to a claim.

The report of the Flow Meter test has been received.

The need for a second Chief's vehicle was discussed. L. Gates obtained information on a 2014 F150, 4 door crew cab truck with a cap, for the approximate cost of \$15,000. He will continue to explore available vehicles.

L. Gates, A. Cote and S. Lessard had a phone conference with the Grant Writer to learn about the FEMA and State grants she will apply for. She is also working on a Safer Grant for recruitment and retention and the LOSAP program as well as a PPE grant for a 2nd set of complete gear for each firefighter. Some grants would require us to pay a small percentage toward the purchases.

A motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley was approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary