

11/13/23 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Guest: Bennett Haynes.

A. Craver presented Bennett Haynes, prospective member, to the Board. Bennett is a past member of Round Lake Fire Department and has been a career fireman and EMT for the past 6 years with the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. He resides at 1517 Route 146, Rexford, NY 12148.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 10/9/23 were approved on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote.

The minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2024 budget were approved on a motion by M. Trombley/C. Ryan.

The minutes of the 2024 Budget Adopting meeting were approved on a motion by C. Ryan/R. Cote.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 10 /1 –10/31/23 was approved on a motion by R. Cote/P. Van Schaick.

ACCOUNTS:

Maloney Plumbing	Winterize pavilion	\$300.00
NYS Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	2024 dues\$200/Memberships for Board members/Chief	470.00
Mastercard (A. Cote)	Misc/refreshments/recruitment/office supplies/equip/bldg	593.57
Mastercard (L. Gates)	Postage	8.56
Burnt Hills Hardware	Building supplies	75.73
ENCON	Annual fee for 2024	675.00
Logical Net	November IT contract	355.90
Cardiac Care	2 AED's	3,238.94
Blue Devil Data	Annual subscription fee	1,000.00
No. Country Xerox	October contract	50.00
Daily Gazette	Legal notice – Budget Hearing/Adoption meetings	16.47
Spritz Car Wash	3 month membership for 2 vehicles	173.94
Grastorf	October/November contract	2,800.00
Accurate Pest	October contract	60.00
Northeast Landscaping	Install lights on tree	700.00

A. Brisson	October custodial	400.00
T-Mobile	Cell phones	234.12
Spectrum	Roadrunner	89.99
Charter Communications	Bldg. phones	108.04
National Grid	Elec. \$568.40/Gas \$214.69	783.09
Aaron Cote	Per Diem for Fire Instructor 1 – 11/27 – 12/1/23	190.00
Maria Westbrook	Per Diem for Fire Instructor 1 – 11/27 – 12/1/23	190.00
Approval was given to pay all above verified bills on a motion by R. Cote/C. Ryan.		
Vander Molen	Repairs to 51-5	12,422.52

Approval was given to pay Vander Molen on a motion by P. Van Schaick/M, Trombley.

L. Gates and C. Ryan abstained.

Total Expenses \$25,405.87

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

A thank you note from FASNY for our donation;

A list of events being held by the fire company: boot drive on September 9th, annual firefighter fund drive on October 7th, pancake breakfast on November 12th;

Letter from the auxiliary stating their craft fair will be held on November 5th;

Notice of posting to recruit new firefighters;

Letters of intent to run for positions on the Board of Commissioners were received from R. Cote for a 5 year term beginning 1/1/24 through 12/31/28, C. Ryan for a 2 year term beginning 1/1/24 through 12/31/25 and L. Van Schaick for the position of treasurer for a 3 year term beginning 1/1/24 through 12/31/26.

A letter from Spectrum concerning the need to replace our modem:

Chief's Report:

There were 16 alarms in October with 132 alarms YTD.

A. Cote noted there was no charge from Smith's Automotive for the repair of the trickle charger.

The CME paperwork to the Department of Health has been completed and submitted.

Firefighter physicals will be held on Tuesday, December 12th.

There will be an informational meeting on 11/21 concerning scams and human trafficking.

New member Bennett Haynes will supply his most recent physical and fit test results. The Board suggested waiving his probationary period since he is a current firefighter with Saratoga Springs Fire Department. He will be instructed on our trucks and equipment.

M. Westbrook will take her final on Friday for Firefighter Officer 3.

A. Cote and M. Westbrook will be taking Fire Instructor 1 November 27th through December 1st and request a per diem payment of \$190 each for meals for the week.

The new AED's have been installed and the old ones need to be surplused, The batteries and pads were able to be saved. The AED's being surplused are #B09L-01592 and #B12C-01502.

A. Cote requested permission to take 51-2 to the Schenectady holiday parade on November 18th and to the Toys for Tots event at SPAC on November 19th.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick for the per diem payment to A. Cote and M. Westbrook in the amount of \$190 each for Fire Instructor 1 training.

Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote to surplus the two AEDs.

Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote, for the company to take 51-2 to the Schenectady holiday parade on November 18th and to the Toys for Tots event on November 19th.

L. Gates requested A Cote give him a quote for the exterior gear.

The area on the north side of the building where the trees were removed will be cleaned up in the spring and grass will be planted.

The upgraded modem has arrived and will be installed.

The drains in the floor have been checked and it was recommended that we buy an electric snake to clean the drain periodically. A. Cote researched the snake and the cost for a 50 foot snake is approximately \$249 - \$289.

J. Borowiec reported that the company had a very successful pancake breakfast serving 350 people. Niskayuna and CBA students volunteered and were a great help. The next event will be the district wide Santa Express along with the auxiliary. He also noted that the company elections will be held in December with most folks returning for another term.

Board Member Reports:

C. Ryan:

Nothing to report.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley noted the sign board will be repaired and the district will cover the cost.

P. Van Schaick:

After the LOSAP points are posted for 2023, P. Van Schaick will submit the paperwork for points earned to Firefly.

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$875 that was received from the rental of the community room, for deposit to the general fund savings account.

A certificate of liability was received for the rental of the community room.

The pavilion has been winterized.

A letter needs to be sent Lucas Krul denying his request to use our parking lot to sell pizza from his truck.

We need to conduct a public hearing in regard to the firefighter tax exemption.

L. Van Schaick:

A notice of the public hearing for the firefighter tax exemption will be placed in the legal section of the Gazette newspaper along with the notice of the District vote. The hearing will be advertised for 6:30 pm on December 11th before our regular meeting for December. The District vote will be advertised for December 12th from 6 – 9 pm.

Election inspectors for December 12th will be Chairperson Alethea Johnston, Inspector Morgan Gates and Inspector Madeleine Trombley. Preparation of Rolls will be held at 6:30 pm on December 11th and the District vote will be held from 6 – 9 pm on December 12th. Inspectors will be paid \$70 for their services.

L. Gates:

A letter of intent to purchase has been sent to Main Motor Car for a 2023 RAM 1500 vehicle to replace the 2015 Explorer. The cost of the vehicle is \$42,986 and we could expect delivery sometime in the first quarter of 2024. After receiving a firm delivery date, L. Gates will order the cap for the truck.

L. Gates noted that A. Cote is not eligible for the position of Chief. Per our Rules & Regulations he is not allowed to be elected by the company. The Board can appoint him on a yearly basis if necessary.

Approval was given to adjourn the meeting on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary