

12/11/23 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
December 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, J. Borowiec.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 11/13/23 were approved on a motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 11/1 – 11/30/23 was approved on a motion by M. Trombley/R. Cote.

ACCOUNTS:

Mastercard (A. Cote)	Recruit./Training Material/Refreshments/Bldg./Misc.	630.38
Mastercard (L. Gates)	Postage/Sign repair	1,417.86
Smith's Automotive	Service to Car 51	66.26
Logical Net	December contract	355.90
No. Country Xerox	November contract	50.00
Daily Gazette	Legal notice – Annual Election/Tax Public Hearing	40.15
A. Brisson	November custodial	400.00
Morgan Gates	Preparation of Rolls/Election Inspector	70.00
Sue Lessard	Preparation of Rolls/Election Inspector	70.00
Madeleine Trombley	Preparation of Rolls/Election Inspector	70.00
L. Van Schaick	2023 Treasurer's salary	4,400.00
Accurate Pest	November contract	60.00
MES	Bat Fan/Compressor service	3,784.95
Assoc. of Fire Districts NY	2024 Annual membership	450.00
Napa Auto Parts	Headlight for 51-0	85.98
John Ray	Diesel fuel – 425 gallons	1,698.77
Grastorf	December contract	1,400.00
James Publishing	2024 Fire District Officer's Guide \$155/Shipping \$15	170.00
Burnt Hills Hardware	Misc. \$51.96/Refund \$8.00	43.96
FASNY	2024 Dues	25.00
D'Amato Law Group LLP	Retainer for services rendered 1/1/24 – 12/31/24	2,500.00

Main Motorcar	2023 RAM 1500	43,851.00
T. Mobil	Cell phones	234.12
National Grid	Elec. \$532.68/Gas \$510.98	1,043.66
Spectrum	Roadrunner	84.99
Charter Communications	Building phones	108.25
Total Expenses		\$63,111.23

Approval was given to pay all bills on a motion by R. Cote/C. Ryan.

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

Christmas cards were received from RBC Wealth Management and Vander Molen;

An announcement from Pinsky Law in regard to upcoming commissioner training;

A report from Chief Cote concerning the health issue of a firefighter at drill on 12/5/23.

A letter from John McLane Hose Company stating Alec Cameron has resigned from the company and Bennett Hayden has been voted in as firefighter.

A letter was received from Patricia Krawiecki stating her intention to run for the 2 year position as commissioner.

Chief's Report:

There were 15 alarms in November with 147 alarms YTD.

The health event at the 12/5/23 Osha Drill was discussed. M. Trombley questioned if the issue fell under worker's compensation,

There was an alarm on 12/1/23 to a fireman's home which resulted in the need for surgery.

The cancer paperwork was given to P. Van Schaick to sign and submit to S. Sawn.

Firefighter physicals will take place on 12/12/23.

MES will do the annual SCBA inspections on 1/3/24.

OSHA training was completed on 12/5/23 by all firefighters except for R. Tullock and Dylan D'Amelio. They have been given the information to complete the training online and submit the certificate of completion to Chief Cote.

L. Gates requested the cost of firefighter gear in 2022 and 2023. The cost for 2022 was \$2,900 and has risen to \$3,800 in 2023.

A. Cote and M. Westbrook completed Fire Instructor 1 training.

The headlight has been replaced on 51-0.

Equipment from 51-9 needs to be surplus.

We have expired firefighter gear and boots over 10 years old. L. Gates recommended giving them away.

Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to surplus the equipment on 51-9 and the firefighter gear and boots that are 10 years old and older.

J. Borowiec noted the Santa Express, with B. Garrett as Santa, took place this past Saturday and over 150 gift bags were given out to kids in the district. He also noted that the election of officers will take place at the company meeting on Thursday night.

Board Member Reports:

C. Ryan:

C. Ryan noted she is awaiting the results of the district vote and hopes to be elected for the two year vacancy.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley questioned if E. Nebolini has returned her pager and equipment since she resigned from the company.

P. Van Schaick:

P. Van Schaick has the latest LOSAP report from the chief and will submit the paperwork for points earned to Firefly after they have been posted for 30 days.

It was noted that S. Sawn will try to get the quotes to us earlier this year for the 2024 insurance policy.

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$300 that was received from the rental of the community room, for deposit to the general fund savings account.

L. Van Schaick:

L. Van Schaick questioned the date for the 2024 Organizational meeting. L. Gates stated the meeting can be held on 1/8/24 at 7 p.m. with our regular monthly meeting to follow after. L Van Schaick will publish the meeting notice in the Daily Gazette.

L. Gates:

L. Gates requested L. Van Schaick purchase a tape recorder to record the meeting minutes.

L. Van Schaick will investigate the use of a recorder and possible purchase.

The engagement agreement with D'Amato Law Group, LLP requires a \$2,500 retainer. Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to contract with the D'Amato Group for legal services. P. Van Schaick abstained.

The 2023 RAM 1500 is being delivered on Wednesday. The cost of the vehicle is \$43,851. Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to pay for the vehicle upon delivery. The cap and slide out tray have been ordered. The cost for these items is \$6,588.95. The approximate cost of the lights, graphics and undercoating is \$22,000.

If E. Nebolini does not return her pager and equipment by the next company meeting, L. Gates will pursue the return of the items.

Approval was given to adjourn the meeting on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary