

## 2/12/24 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Rexford Fire District  
February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Guest: Ethan Pellerin.

A. Craver presented Ethan Pellerin to the Board for approval to join the company as a junior firefighter. Ethan resides at 55 Blue Barns Road, is a junior at CBA and has always been interested in the fire service.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the Organizational meeting of 1/8/24 were unanimously approved on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 1/8/24 were unanimously approved on a motion by M. Trombley/R. Cote.

### Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 1/1 –1/31/24 was unanimously approved on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote.

L. Gates presented a motion to move \$250,000 from the remaining 2023 general funds to the reserve truck equipment fund. Unanimous approval was given on the motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley.

### ACCOUNTS:

Attorney Bill Young	Legal fees	969.00
Finley & Mulvena	Gear repair	40.89
Gampy's Beverage Service	Water filter	75.00
Dival	Gear/gas meter	11,013.93
MES	Flow test/SCBA	797.72
Grastorf	February contract	1,400.00
Accurate Pest Control	January contract	60.00
No. Country Xerox	January contract	53.00
Bryans & Gramuglia	AUD 12/31/23/Preliminary 2024 audit work	1,250.00
US Postal Service	Annual PO box rent	352.00
USI Insurance	Cancer renewal policy	2,665.00
McNeal Insurance Co.	Add 2023 RAM to our insurance policy	277.86
Clifton Park Water Auth.	Water usage 9/8/23 – 12/7/23	129.86

Spitz Car Wash	3 month contract for 2 chief's vehicles	173.94
Alan Brisson	January contract	450.00
Mastercard (A. Cote)	Recruit. /Office Equip. /Fire Equip. /Supplies	1,225.56
Mastercard (R. Cote)	Training/Bldg./Bldg.& Grounds	1,109.52
Burnt Hills Hardware	Batteries/PVC pipe	146.44
Gazette Newspaper	Organizational meeting legal notice	44.00
Adirondack Overhead Door	Door remotes	305.00
Alarm & Suppression	Annual fire alarm testing/biannual hood inspection	480.00
Uline	Shelving	1,005.49
Patty Young	Refreshments	35.00
T. Mobil	Cell phones	234.12
Charter Communications	Building phones	108.25
National Grid	Elec. \$602.08/Gas \$1,040.98	1,643.06
P.A. Ruth Automotive	Cap & slide for 2023 RAM	6,588.95
Approval was unanimously given to pay all bills on a motion M. Trombley/P. Krawiecki.		
Vander Molen	Repairs to 51-1	1,528.32
Vander Molen	Compartment door switch to 51-1	54.83
Approval was given to pay the Vander Molen bill on a motion by P. Van Schaick/ M. Trombley.		
L. Gates abstained.		
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$34,301.71</b>

### Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

Saratoga County tax information;

A \$4.31 refund was received from Verizon after cancelling our service with them:

A check in the amount of \$464,561.07 was received from the Town of Clifton Park for the 2024 tax levy;

A copy of the letter sent to Attorney Bill Young concerning our legal information and wishing him well in his retirement;

A notice from the Capital District Firefighters Association announcing their annual reception on 3/9/24;

A letter from the fire company stating former member Tom Ziobrowski is returning to the fire company as a social member.

### Chief's Report:

There were 22 alarms in January with 22 alarms YTD.

The LOSAP points were posted on 1/1/24 and taken down on 2/11/24.

A quote for 8 sets of firefighter gear was received in the amount of \$31,256, boots for \$450/pair, fabric gloves \$80.95 each and leather gloves \$71.82 each.

M. Westbrook's phone was ordered on A. Cote's credit card and T-Mobile will credit our account for the amount of \$429.99.

The turbo on 51-5 is acting up again. The cost to replace it with a rebuilt is \$791 plus labor and \$1,244 plus labor to purchase a new one.

A. Cote contacted Logical Net for destroying our old PC's, it takes about 15-20 minutes per PC to remove the data and this would be charged against our managed hours. When completed, we will receive a certificate of destruction to keep on file.

Adirondack Overhead Doors cannot get parts for our door remotes as they are obsolete. They recommended upgrading to Lift Master receivers, the cost to replace our 6 door remotes, including labor, would be \$1,535.

Alarm & Suppression conducted the extinguisher inspection and many failed. The cost to replace the extinguishers is approximately \$1,927.

Old firefighter gear is being surplused. A. Cote is working with NYS Fire Chief's Assoc. to see if the gear can be donated to Firefighters Across the Borders.

A. Cote met with Kenwood and Motorola to get quotes needed to apply for the Volunteer Firefighter and AFG grants. The cost for an NFPA approved Motorola radio is \$7,900 per radio. Susan Westbrook is assisting in the writing of the Grant.

Previously ordered firefighter gear has arrived and been put in service.

Items to be surplused are:

Radio room PC – Dell model 500-Q60, serial #4CE3370GG2

Old ID card printer – Badgy 100 serial #10000753643

Quest gear, serial #7000519912

#7000519911

#7000519916

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#7000519908

Approval was unanimously given to surplus the radio room PC and the ID card printer on a motion by P. Van Schaick/L. Gates.

The purchase of 8 sets of firefighter gear was discussed. It will take approximately 20 weeks until it arrives. A vote was taken as follows to purchase the gear. L. Gates yes, P. Krawiecki yes, M. Trombley yes, P. Van Schaick yes, R. Cote yes. Motion is unanimously approved,

M. Westbrook stated that she was questioned by exterior firefighter if they should have a second set of gear.

Unanimous approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to purchase exterior gear for Firefighter Bennett.

Unanimous approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to purchase a new turbo for 51-5 for the approximate cost of \$1,244 plus labor.

### **Board Member Reports:**

#### **P. Krawiecki:**

Commissioner training has been completed.

#### **M. Trombley:**

Nothing to report

**P. Van Schaick:**

Thirteen firefighters earned LOSAP points for 2023.

P. Krawiecki will be assisting with the LOSAP program and read the point's information for approval and signatures by the Board and Secretary. A vote to approve the points submitted was taken as follows: L. Gates yes, P. Krawiecki yes, M. Trombley yes, P. Van Schaick yes, R. Cote yes. Motion approved.

LOSAP checks due have been sent to B. Marra and J. Hunt.

P. Van Schaick made a motion to move \$1,500 from the general fund to recruit and retention line of the budget. Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley. R. Cote abstained.

**R. Cote:**

R. Cote submitted \$375 that was received from the rental of the community room, for deposit to the general fund savings account.

R. Cote has completed commissioner training and the sexual harassment training.

**L. Van Schaick:**

L. Van Schaick still needs to complete sexual harassment training.

**L. Gates:**

The cap for the 2023 RAM 1500 is in and the slide is due shortly.

Dylan Nebolini has resigned from the company and will return his pager and fob when he returns from college.

L. Gates would like to meet the week after the March board meeting to discuss the changes to the Rules and Regulations.

L. Gates spoke with Ken Almay concerning his possible purchase of 51-0 for \$20,000 after our new vehicle is in service.

Approval was given to adjourn the meeting on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick  
Secretary