

4/8/24 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
April 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: P. Krawiecki.

Company: A. Cote, M. Westbrook.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 3/11/24 were unanimously approved on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Van Schaick.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 2/1 – 2/29/24 was unanimously approved on a motion by M. Trombley/R. Cote.

The Treasurer's Report for 3/1 - 3/31/24 was unanimously approved on a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley.

ACCOUNTS:

Mastercard (A. Cote)	Recruit./Refreshments/Equipment	521.97
Mastercard (R. Cote)	Janitorial supplies	295.47
Mastercard (M. Westbrook)		0.00
Logical Net	April IT contract	591.32
RBC Wealth Management	2023 LOSAP contribution	13,131.18
Alan Brisson	March contract	450.00
Access Health	Physical/EKG – T. Goodwin	200.00
Alarm & Suppression	New/Service extinguishers \$1,207/Trip charge \$500	1,707.00
Pittsfield Communications	2023 RAM antenna kit & mount	69.82
Medical Warehouse	Medical supplies \$124.47/Shipping \$28.64	153.11
MES	Yearly compressor maint. \$1,079.00/Fuel charge \$40	1,119.47
Dival Safety & Supply	Firefighter boots/gloves & gas meters	3,367.12
Accurate Pest Control	March contract	60.00
Patty Young	Refreshments	35.00
Grastorf	April contract	1,400.00
No. Country Xerox	March contract	53.00
Spritz Car Wash	April/May/June 2024 contract	173.94
Spectrum	Roadrunner	84.99
Charter Communications	Building phones	108.23
T-Mobile	Cell phones	261.76
National Grid	Elec. \$564.19/Gas \$875.47	1,439.66

Tyler Perry	Detail 2015 Explorer	150.00
Approval was unanimously given to pay all bills on a motion R. Cote/P. Van Schaick.		
Vander Molen	Final upgrades to 2023 RAM	29,780.98
Approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/ M. Trombley to pay the Vander Molen bill. L. Gates abstained.		
Total Expenses		\$55,154.02

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

An announcement from Capital Area Fire District Association of a conference to be held in Lake George April 25 - 27. The cost to attend is \$75 a day or \$150 for 3 days. L. Gates would like to attend April 25th;

John McLane Hose Company will hold a recruitment event on April 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Tim Goodwin has requested to move from social membership to active firefighter status;

An announcement was received from the Town of Clifton Park concerning hydrant flushing;

McNeal Insurance information was received concerning the 2023 RAM chief's vehicle.

Chief's Report:

There were 13 alarms in March with 46 alarms YTD.

The recruitment open house will be on April 13th and information can be found on the website.

Forty firefighters from Rexford, Ballston Lake, Burnt Hills, Gansevoort, and Visher Ferry fire departments gathered at our station to honor the deceased National Guard member as his funeral procession passed by our station.

The 2023 RAM, 51-0, is now in service.

M. Westbrook was in contact with Spritz Carwash to get a new membership tag for 51-0.

The Knox Box will be installed in 51-0 on Saturday.

Lt. Verhagen is attending Firefighter 1 training in Wilton. The training should be paid for by OFPC.

Rexford will be attending a live burn training with Ballston Lake FD at the training tower on May 28th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be 8 interior firefighters from Rexford and 10 interior firefighters from Ballston Lake in attendance. Past Chief Amiot will be the instructor.

Lithium battery training will be held on April 29th.

Previously approved gloves, boots and gas meters have arrived.

The ERG sensor in 51-5 was replaced by Smith's Automotive and was under warranty. The turbo is now working fine.

A. Cote would like a shelf added to his vehicle to hold his med bag.

Board Member Reports:

M. Trombley: M. Trombley noted an OSHA webcast on Wednesday at 7 p.m. concerning the updates to their requirements.

P. Van Schaick:

R. Marra and J. Hunt have received their payouts due to them. It was also noted that firefighters have a limit of 40 years to be eligible for LOSAP credits to their accounts, Since T. Goodwin will be returning to active firefighter status, he will now be eligible to earn LOSAP points.

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$700 that was received from the rental of the community room, for deposit to the general fund savings account.

Night Rider will be here on April 29th to clean the windows inside and outside of the building.

Beginning in May, Grastorf Enterprises is raising their monthly fee to \$1,500 for a yearly total of \$18,000. A quote was requested from Madison Turf for the same snow plowing and lawn care services we have received from Grastorf. The quote from Madison Turf was in the amount of \$40,000. Unanimous approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to continue service with Grastorf Enterprises for the monthly amount of \$1,500.

L. Van Schaick:

The engagement letter for our 2024 auditing services was given to L. Gates for signature.

It was noted that the Board has a 3-million-dollar liability policy.

Information has been sent to Attorney Serio to handle the issue with the Town of Clifton Park concerning the incorrect check received for our 2024 tax levy.

L. Gates:

Unanimous approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick, for L. Gates to attend the Capital Area Fire District Association conference on April 25th for the cost of \$75.

L. Gates noted that West Crescent FD is applying for a grant for their proposed burn center and is requesting what companies would possibly use the center to include in their grant application. A roll call vote was taken and approved as follows, M. Trombley yes, P. Van Schaick no, R. Cote yes, L Gates yes.

The 2015 Ford Explorer was posted for sale with a minimum bid of \$20,000 and there was no interest in the vehicle. It was decided to lower the minimum bid amount to \$15,000.

The updated Rules & Regulations were unanimously approved on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick.

Unanimous approval was given to adjourn the meeting on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary