

5/13/24 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
May 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present from the District: L. Gates, P. Krawiecki, 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 4/8/24 were unanimously approved on a motion by M. Trombley/R. Cote.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 4/1 - 4/30/24 was unanimously approved on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Van Schaick.

ACCOUNTS:

Mastercard (A. Cote)	Building/Refreshments/Equipment	174.22
Mastercard (M. Westbrook)	Recruitment	305.00
Mastercard (R. Cote)	Building supplies	198.62
Dival Safety & Supply	FF Gear \$31,276/Freight \$48.89/Credit \$4,140	27,184.89
NYS Insurance Fund	Worker's Compensation Insurance	953.94
Garrison	Gear name tags	173.46
Attorney B. Young	December charge for phone conversation	57.00
Burnt Hills Hardware	Batteries/ice melt/paper towels	65.79
Clifton Park Water Auth.	Water usage 12/7/23 – 3/7/24	122.03
Night Rider	Window cleaning	425.00
Logical Net	May contract	355.90
No. Country Xerox	April contract	53.00
Grastorf	May contract	1,500.00
Accurate Pest Control	April contract	60.00
Firefly	Audit fee	1,775.00
Alan Brisson	April contract	450.00
T-Mobile	Cell phones	96.70
Charter Communications	Building phones	107.35
Spectrum	Roadrunner	84.99
National Grid	Elec. \$424.90/Gas \$601.05	1,025.95
Spectrum	Roadrunner (June invoice)	84.99
Charter Communications	Building phones (June invoice)	101.16

National Grid

Elec. 531.62/Gas \$297.73 (June invoice)

811.64

Total Expenses

\$36,166.73

Approval was unanimously given to pay all verified bills on a motion R. Cote/P. Van Schaick.

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

A statement was received from D'Amato Law Group regarding our remaining balance on our retainer fee for 2024;

A letter was received from the company regarding their Recruitment event and their Chicken Barbeque;

A solicitation was received from Mike May of Aurora Insurance Company;

A notice was received from FASNY regarding their convention in Niagara Falls;

A Worker's Compensation packet for posting was received.

Chief's Report:

There were 5 alarms in April with 46 alarms YTD.

M. Frisone requested to move from his officer position back to firefighter.

The Knox Box has been installed in 51-0.

Firefighter gloves and interior gear have arrived.

Rexford will participate in a live burn training with Ballston Lake FD on 5/28.

Lt. Verhagen has completed all 5 modules of Fire Officer 1 training.

Expired firefighter gear has been surplused and some gear has been donated to FASNY.

A. Cote is working to get E. Pellerin into BEFO and IFO training.

A. Cote requested taking 51-2 to the retirement celebration of County Coordinator E. Trombley on 5/30 and 6/1. Approval was unanimously given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick.

Board Member Reports:

P. Krawiecki:

P. Krawiecki has been learning about the LOSAP program.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley recommended that someone in the department should be the NFPA expert for the changes that are being proposed. This person should read through the recommendations and design what would work for RFD and encourage membership participation. There should also be a director of physical health and wellness. He recommends that the committee get together to discuss the changes on 5/20 at 7 p.m.

M. Trombley stated the next-door neighbor needs to clean up the area where they removed brush and trees along the edge of our property. A. Cote will contact them again tomorrow.

P. Van Schaick:

P. Van Schaick is waiting to hear from S. Sawn regarding our insurance for 2024-25.

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$865 that was received from the rental of the community room, for deposit to the general fund savings account.

The toilet paper holders have been changed in the bathrooms.

The Maltese cross on the front of the building is fading. R. Cote would like to contact AJ Signs to have the sign wrapped. L. Gates suggested contacting Adam at Adirondack Signs.

Night Rider has completed the window cleaning.

R. Cote would like to have the pavilion and picnic tables pressure washed. A quote was received from Platinum Pressure Washing in the amount of \$460. Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/P. Van Schaick to have the pressure washing completed by Platinum Pressure Washing for the cost of \$460. L. Gates abstained.

J. Borowiec reported from the company:

J. Borowiec reported that the firefighters held a Recruit NY event on 4/13 and no one from the community attended.

The chicken barbeque fundraiser was held on 4/19 raising \$1,500. The event was sold out with 300 dinners.

J. Borowiec questioned if the auxiliary is required to report their events to the commissioners.

L. Van Schaick:

L Van Schaick spoke with Attorney Serio concerning the issue with the Town of Clifton Park and our incorrect check received for our 2024 tax levy. He stated that he will be contacting the town attorney to correct this issue.

L. Van Schaick and P. Van Schaick will be out of town 5/30 – 6/8.

L. Gates:

L. Gates stated that he did not attend the previously approved training in Lake George.

The paperwork has been sent to the broker to sell the 2015 Ford Explorer for a minimum bid of \$15,000. L. Van Schaick asked if a private citizen could purchase the vehicle. It was noted that DMV regulations would need to be followed and all Rexford equipment and lettering would need to be removed.

L. Gates discussed the 9-11 Foundation motorcycle ride to Pennsylvania, the Pentagon and New York City on 8/14 – 8/18 with the Foundation paying for lodging. He asked if the district would approve sending 51-5 and tow a trailer and pay for the gas. Approval was given on a motion by R. Cote/M. Trombley to participate in the ride and the district would pay for the gas. L. Gates abstained.

Unanimous approval was given to adjourn the meeting on a motion by P. Van Schaick/R. Cote at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary