

DRAFT TO BE APPROVED

10/14/24 Regular Monthly Meeting

Board of Fire Commissioners
Rexford Fire District
October 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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.

Minutes:

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of 9/9/24 were unanimously approved on a motion by M. Trombley/P. Krawiecki.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for 9/1 - 9/30/24 was unanimously approved on a motion by R. Cote/P. Krawiecki.

L. Gates discussed the possibility of conducting a firefighter cancer screening for active firefighters during the December physicals. The Access Health charge would be \$105 for the PSA test and \$90 for the blood screening.

ACCOUNTS:

Main Motor Car	2024 RAM 1500	42,440.00
Mastercard (A. Cote)	Refreshments/Recruit/Equipment/Training	858.98
Mastercard (M. Westbrook)	Equipment	648.20
Mastercard (R. Cote)	Building supplies	232.15
J. Gaffney	EMS training	254.00
J. Gaffney	CPR certification card for E. Pellerin	6.00
Gazette Newspaper	Legal Notice for Hearing & Budget Adoption meetings	14.85
No. East Fire Protection	Sprinkler inspection	610.00
Medical Warehouse	Medical Supplies	237.16
Access Compliance	Physical for T. Maiello	250.00
Grastorf	October contract	1,500.00
Dival	Exterior firefighter gear for Bennett	881.00
Charlton Septic Service, Inc.	Pump septic tank & grease trap	720.00
No. Country Xerox	September contract	53.00
Accurate Pest Control	September contract	60.00
Alan Brisson	September contract	450.00
Clifton Park Water Auth.	Water service 6/10/24 – 9/9/24	129.86
T-Mobile	August & September Cell phone contract	430.00
Spectrum	Roadrunner	87.99
Charter Communications	Building phones	101.48
National Grid	Electric \$692.73/Gas \$116.12	808.85

Grastorf	September contract	1500.00
Patty Young	Refreshments	35.00

Unanimous approval was given to pay all verified bills on a motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley.

Total Expenses \$52,141.87

Communications:

Information was received concerning the following:

A letter was received from the company stating new members presented to the Board were approved by the company as well as a letter stating that M.J. Natale has resigned from the company;

An announcement was received from the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area in regard to a workshop on 11/2/24. The cost is \$20 for members;

A check in the amount of \$500 was received from McNeal Insurance for the deductible for 51-5.

Chief's Report:

There were 17 alarms in September with 113 alarms YTD.

Bennett's external gear has arrived.

Rexford will be going to the burn tower with Burnt Hills on 10/28.

We will be taking 51-2 to Glencliff School on 10/23 for fire prevention week

E. Pellerin has completed BEFO and will now be going to IFO to complete his training.

The TV in the truck bay that is used for the ISO program has been replaced.

The starter for 51-0 is on back order.

A. Cote has been working with AT&T to move our cell phones from T-Mobile. This Saratoga County First Net plan would be \$198.33/mo. We would need to purchase new phones and they will buy back our old phones for \$85 per phone. Unanimous approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to change the cell phones to AT&T.

We will be taking 51-2 to Visher Ferry on 10/19 for their Wet Down ceremony of their new building.

M. Westbrook discussed moving to an electronic truck check program. This program works off 12 cloud based servers. Pictures can be uploaded to the system also. They would like to add both chief vehicles to the program. The set-up fee would be waived and the annual cost for the program is \$1,850. Unanimous approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/P. Van Schaick to purchase this program.

Board Member Reports:

P. Krawiecki:

P. Krawiecki signed the LOSAP paperwork and will sent it to Firefly Inc.

M. Trombley:

M. Trombley stated he will testify at the state hearing on 11/11 in regard to the OSHA changes.

M. Trombley and A. Cote attended the Meet & Greet at Visher Ferry FD and discussed radio prices which are approximately \$8,000 per radio. The possibility of departments ordering together to get better pricing was also discussed. We presently have 22 portable radios and only 1 is working.

Dave Pettice is willing to conduct an Alzheimer's training for free.

P. Van Schaick:

Nothing to report.

R. Cote:

R. Cote submitted \$1,220 to be deposited to the general fund savings account for the rental of the community room.

A certificate of liability insurance was submitted for filing.

R. Cote stated the Sexual Harassment training will be held on 12/3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the community room.

R. Cote questioned if the final paperwork for the Grant has been submitted to the state.

L. Van Schaick:

L. Van Schaick presented the 2025 Proposed budget to the Board in the amount of \$524,825. Due to the fact that we received the incorrect amount from the Town of Clifton Park in our 2024 tax levy check, the Board will need to vote to exceed the 2% tax cap in order to make up for the loss and move forward with the 2025 budget to cover our expenses. Approval was given on a motion by L. Gates/M. Trombley to exceed the 2% tax cap. A roll call on the vote is as follows: P. Krawiecki – Yes, P. Van Schaick – Abstain. M. Trombley – Yes, R. Cote – Yes, L. Gates – Yes.

L. Gates:

L. Gates questioned if the Title request for the Ford Expedition has been submitted.

Unanimous approval was given on a motion by P. Van Schaick/M. Trombley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Van Schaick
Secretary