

## Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting

Date: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters

Roll Call (X = Present)

<u>X</u> 5yr Roger Boughton	<u>X</u> Chief Clark R. Mains	Floor:
<u>X</u> 4yr Gregg Pugliese	<u>X</u> Asst. Roger Brandt	<u>R. Naccarato</u>
<u>X</u> 3yr William McNamara	<u>X</u> Asst. A.E. Stokes	<u>T. Halpin</u>
<u>X</u> 2yr David Brechter	Asst. Mike Lange	_____
<u>X</u> 1yr Joseph Mains		_____
<u>X</u> Sec'y Mike Dauner		_____
<u>X</u> Treas. Wendy Trojak		_____

Meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Mains at 19:30 hours.

Secretary Dauner and Treasurer Trojak spoke with the district's attorney and auditor and both stated the district was 100% correct in how they bid the Engine. Commissioner Boughton stated he spoke with AFDSNY Attorney Joe Frank who stated there was nothing illegal about it and what the district did in bidding was ok. Treasurer Trojak stated that the transfer for end of year funds was made and currently there is \$743,292.61 in the apparatus reserve. The transfer to apparatus reserve in 2022 budget still needs to be made and in doing so will have money in the apparatus fund to pay for the truck. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Pugliese to move \$57,000.00 into the apparatus reserve as budgeted in 2022 Budget. 5ok motion carried.** Discussion followed on the bid for Engine 1. Commissioner Pugliese felt the price was too high for an engine. Commissioner Boughton felt the committee did not do due diligence in work to present a truck to the board. He wanted this on record. Secretary Dauner felt that was short sighted to say this of the committee. The board has seen the direction this was going for some time and the spec that was given to the board was approved by all members of the committee just the manufacture was questioned. The committee had input on multiple manufacturers. Chief Mains took exception to the statement and stated that Seagrave was originally discussed and there was not interest in having them come. The truck has gone up \$100,000 in price. Pierce stated they did not bid as there were no exceptions in the spec which made them not bid; Chief Mains stated these sections were related to safety issues. Discussion was held on merits of HGAC versus bids. Commissioner Boughton stated there was eight members on the committee and they could not get a consensus on a manufacturer. Chief Mains stated there are members on committee who are supporting Sutphen. Seagrave was discussed however the committee at the time was price and there was no real interest, several other manufacturers were thrown right out with no interest. Commissioner Mains stated again he is not 100% for or against and would have liked to have seen more trucks. He stated everyone agreed on the spec and the truck in question and a demo was seen by Pierce and Sutphen. The bid was put out , three picked up specs and only Sutphen bid. Commissioner Brechter stated that the current apparatus is thirty years old and it is time to replace . Issues addressed with committee is something to be learned from for the next apparatus to be spec'd. Chief Mains stated that refurbing the current Engine 1 was not economical. Commissioner Mains stated there

will be more room in the cab and compartments of the new Engine. Grants were discussed and there are currently no grants however at this time it is too late in the process to pursue grants. At this time, a motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner McNamara to accept the bid as presented by Sutphen for 2000 GPM Pumper Apparatus in the amount of \$796,018.53. Resolution as follows:

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION TO USE FUNDS IN THE PORT EWEN FIRE DISTRICT FUND KNOWN AS RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE APPARATUS**

**The Port Ewen Fire District (“Fire District”) duly convened in regular session does hereby  
resolve as follows:**

**WHEREAS, the Fire District has established a Reserve Fund for the purchase of capital  
equipment; and**

**WHEREAS, there is in said Reserve Fund the sum of \$800,292.61; and**

**WHEREAS, the District is interested in purchasing a new fire apparatus, specifically one  
(1) 2000 GPM Pumper apparatus; and**

**WHEREAS, there is need for a 2000 GPM pumper apparatus to ensure the proper  
protection of the citizens and property within the Fire District bounds; and**

**WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the new apparatus is approximately \$796,018.53; thereby  
it is hereby**

**RESOLVED that the Port Ewen Fire District is hereby authorized to use such Reserve  
Fund for the purchase of a mini pumper apparatus; subject to a permissive referendum.**

**Commissioners’ Brechter, Mains, McNamara, Pugliese – Yes. Commissioner Boughton –  
Abstain. Motion carried.** Commissioner Pugliese stated he voted in favor however felt the price could have been better. At this time a permissive referendum will be posted in the Freeman and unless there is a petition filed, the resolution shall be in effect in thirty days.

### **Correspondence/Communications:**

Secretary Dauner:

1. Letter was sent to Planning Board Secretary requesting they waive application fee; it has since been waived.
2. Deed and Easement were received for 288-290 Broadway.
3. AFDSNY Fire Districts’ Affairs newsletter was received.
4. Marshall & Sterling sent correspondence showing they dropped coverage for 2006 Chevy Trailblazer as requested and increased bonding limits.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Commissioner Pugliese:

1. Inquired of Secretary whether he spoke with Attorney on litigation. Secretary stated he will have more information at next meeting and the Board can go into Executive Session to discuss if they would like.

Commissioner Boughton:

1. Frank Banks cut grass at abandoned house and Commissioner Mains stated Frank will cut grass at 288 Broadway every two weeks for \$50 a cut. **A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Mains authorizing FB's Property & Facility Maintenance to cut grass at 288 Broadway every two weeks for \$50 per cut. 50k motion carried.**

Secretary Dauner stated Frank Banks stated after the last meeting he would prefer to receive a 1099 under his business for the Custodian appointment. Treasurer Trojak stated she will confirm with accountant however this would be better. **A motion was made by Commissioner Mains, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Pugliese authorizing Frank Banks to receive a 1099 for his work as Custodian with Accountant approval. 50k motion carried.**

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chief's Report:**

1. Chief Mains and Secretary Dauner met with neighbor to 288 Broadway and introduced themselves. Planning Board meeting was attended and the project was progressing.

### **From the Floor:**

Ron Naccarato:

1. Discussed LOSAP. There is not a large participation and billing is \$20,000 below last year. This year if stocks don't rebound, when adjusted bill is received in next couple weeks, the board could potentially add excess in budget line to pad the payment.

Roger Brandt:

1. (6) AED pads need to be replaced – bill to follow.

A.E. Stokes:

1. Need filters for ice machine

Motion to adjourn made at 20:14 by Commissioner Pugliese, 2nd by Commissioner Brechter.  
5ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner  
District Secretary

Attachments:

1. Resolution to use funds for purchase of 2000 GPM Pumper / Contract of Sale Sutphen  
2000 GPM Pumper Apparatus
2. Correspondence from Attorney Hannigan regarding Bid Process on Apparatus
3. Insurance Changes Bonding /2006 Chevy Trailblazer
4. Deed and Easement for 288-290 Broadway Ulster Park, NY
5. Correspondence to Planning Board regarding application fee