

Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting

Date: June 7th, 2022

Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters

Roll Call (X = Present)

<u>X</u> 5yr Roger Boughton	<u> </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	<u> </u> Asst. Mike Lange	<u>F. Banks</u>
<u> </u> 1yr Joseph Mains		<u> </u>
<u>X</u> Sec’y Mike Dauner		<u> </u>
<u>X</u> Treas. Wendy Trojak		<u> </u>
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Meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Brechter at 19:35 hours.

Minutes: Additions/Corrections to the previous month’s meeting(s): None. Motion to accept minutes was made by Commissioner Pugliese 2nd by Commissioner McNamara. 4ok motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer’s report read by Treasurer Trojak. Motion to accept Treasurer’s report was made by Commissioner Boughton 2nd by Commissioner Pugliese. 4ok motion carried.

District Vouchers were presented and were audited by the Commissioners in attendance.

- Annual Member gift (sweatshirt) will be paid out of the uniform line.
- Transfer was made for Apparatus reserve monies however is not reflected in QuickBooks. Treasurer is working on issue.
- Treasurer Trojak is working with Accountant to verify whether Frank Banks can be paid thru his business with a 1099 for custodial work.

Correspondence/Communications:

Secretary Dauner:

1. Copy of Assessment Reduction request for 288 Broadway (new firehouse sit) is on file. We are awaiting word on whether the request is approved.
2. Attorney correspondence received regarding ongoing litigation. Attorney was provided documents he requested.
3. Custodian applicant Geraldine Breen submitted a letter of thanks to the board for their consideration on her interview.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Boughton:

1. Working on lighting issue for flag pole at Sta #1.

Secretary Dauner:

1. Secretary is awaiting a revised District Map from the engineer so he may bring to Connelly Fire District to review District boundaries.
2. Secretary gave brief update on firehouse project. The inspection of the house was completed and Delaware Engineering is awaiting results to plan a course of action for home demo. A recent Planning Board meeting was attended and Delaware Engineering is working on providing updates to the Town on items they requested such as lighting. The committee met to review plans and a copy will be posted for the membership. At this time the project is still on schedule.

New Business:

Commissioner Brechter:

1. The Fire District sign on New Salem Rd needs to be put back up. Commissioner Brechter asked if someone could look at. Secretary Dauner stated there should be some spare signs at Sta #1, he will look into whether they are still there. Frank Banks offered his assistance in replacing.

Secretary Dauner:

1. The appraisals have been received on three current buildings and are available for review. Secretary recommended the board retain the services of a realtor to look at listing properties to gauge interest. Ron Naccarato suggested going with a commercial CCIM realtor. In this area is SVN Realty, Joe Deegan & Tom Collins. Secretary stated before a sale can be approved a mandatory referendum must be held authorizing the board to sell the properties. The board stated they will hold action for all commissioners to be present and revisit next month.

Chief's Report:

1. **A motion was made by Commissioner Pugliese, 2nd Commissioner Boughton authorizing Engine 2 to attend the HVVFA Convention June 18th and the Saugerties 4th of July Parade July 4th. 4ok motion carried.**
2. Passenger side mirror on Chief's vehicle was damaged possibly during the ice storm. The Chief requested permission to have 1st Place Tire & Auto repair. Board advised by consensus to proceed with repair.

From the Floor:

A.E. Stokes:

1. MES will be flow testing SCBA tomorrow along with battery replacement provided they are available.
2. Reliant Hose submitted a price of \$3,440.40 for hose testing this year. Testing was previously approved and a date for testing will be confirmed.
3. Veteran's Walk will be held on July 24th. The Fire Department was requested to have headquarters open to use restrooms and provide refreshments (drinks). Would the board authorize? **A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd Commissioner McNamara authorizing headquarters to be opened to use facilities for Veteran's Walk on July 24th. 4ok motion carried.**
4. Inquired on Fitzgerald Brothers repairing Engine 1 & 2. He thought that they were only to be used in case of emergency. It was stated Engine 2 would not start and batteries were replaced.

Ron Naccarato:

1. LOSAP payment comes from an annuity and usually received around April for adjustment with restructuring it is anticipated in July. A member was unhappy and wanted to talk directly to VFIS and Ron advised him he needs to go thru Administrator.

Frank Banks:

1. Started custodial cleaning, he is getting assistance from A.E. Stokes on floorcare. The tree next to the abandon house on new property is in jeopardy of potentially falling on the neighbor's property. He recommends being taken down ASAP. After discussion, **A motion was made by Commissioner McNamara, 2nd Commissioner Pugliese for Secretary to obtain two quotes to remove dead tree at 288 Broadway. Company with lowest price shall be awarded job and asked to remove tree immediately. Liability Insurance of Company to be provided. 4ok motion carried.**

Roger Brandt:

1. North east corner of Headquarters lot has settled, he wanted board to be made aware of. Someone should look into it whether it needs repair.

A motion was made by Commissioner McNamara, 2nd Commissioner Boughton to enter into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation Halpin vs. Port Ewen Fire District. 4ok motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd Commissioner Pugliese to exit executive session. 4ok motion carried. Meeting was informational only no motions made.

Motion to adjourn made at 20:25 by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd by Commissioner Pugliese.
4ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner
District Secretary

Attachments:

1. Treasurer Report
2. June Chief Report
3. Attorney Correspondence and reply on ongoing litigation
4. Correspondence from Custodian applicant Geraldine Breen
5. Correspondence from and to Town Assessor regarding assessment reduction request for 288 Broadway
6. Appraisals on current district buildings /properties