

## Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting

Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters

Roll Call (X = Present)

X 5yr Michelle Spinnenweber

X 4yr Scott Sammons

X 3yr Roger Boughton

X 2yr Shannon Harris

X 1yr William McNamara

X Sec'y Mike Dauner

\_\_\_ Treas. Wendy Trojak

X Chief Clark R. Mains

\_\_\_ Asst. Mike Lange

\_\_\_ Asst. Joseph Mains

\_\_\_ Asst. Frank White Jr.

Pledge to the Flag

Meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Sammons at 20:06 hours.

### Unfinished Business:

1. Chief Mains gave an update on the timeline for repair for Engine 2. The insurance claim has been filed and as of today the insurance company cleared the truck to be repaired. Troy's Auto Body has the work scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at this time as there is a lead time for parts. The new Engine will be placed in service and the old one readied for sale and insurance will remain on the 1992 Beck until it is sold. Discussion was held on when the sale will start and the need for a possible second meeting. Commissioner Sammons stated the second meeting will be held if needed.
2. Commissioner Sammons addressed the contract for Engineering and Inspection Services from Delaware Engineering for the roadway construction. Commissioner Sammons stated the amount was a lot at \$21,000 and noted that it could be less if finished sooner however he felt it was a lot. Commissioner Boughton, Spinnenweber, and Harris concurred. Commissioner Sammons stated that the district's attorney has reviewed the contract between the district and the road contractor and recommended an addendum on insurance. He is planning on receiving and signing the contract tomorrow at the preconstruction meeting. The board asked that they see the final contract prior to Commissioner Sammons signing. Discussion was held on Delaware Engineering and billing and performance. Commissioner Sammons reiterated for the board to contact him once they receive the emailed contract to let him know whether he can sign and forward to Delaware Engineering. Commissioner Sammons asked the board what their wishes were to proceeding with the contract or not. Commissioner Boughton was not in favor. Commissioner Spinnenweber provided correspondence to the board recommending Ron Naccarato and Jack Spinnenweber Sr as inspectors for the roadway construction project. Discussion was held on the matter to which Ron stated that once a week a job meeting could be held and periodically stop for inspections. Afterwards **a motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Harris to appoint Ron Naccarato and Jack Spinnenweber Sr. as inspectors for the roadway construction project on a**

**voluntary basis. 50k motion carried.** Secretary Dauner stated that it needs to be clarified on who is doing payment of bills etc. moving forward and Commissioner Sammons stated this will be addressed tomorrow at the pre-construction meeting. Commissioner Spinnenweber inquired who was going to set the marking points and survey for the roadway prior to construction. Secretary Dauner stated the board would have to retain a third party to survey the property and roadway, he stated a survey previously was completed around time of sale of property. Secretary Dauner stated he could obtain clarification on the matter and speak to the district's attorney as to the specific requirements set for roadway dedication. A conversation can also be held at the pre-construction meeting on the matter.

Commissioner Harris addressed social media and Commissioner Sammons stated that he wished to hold it to be addressed at the next meeting. Commissioner Harris stated she wished to give a six-month update and was willing to write it. She will have something available at the next meeting.

Commissioner Boughton inquired whether Engine 2 is currently out of service from the accident and Chief Mains stated no. The plan is to have new Engine 1 in service and old Engine out of service as of tomorrow night.

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

- Chief Mains inquired if the board was going to take action on the compressor issue. Commissioner Sammons stated it was his intention to address at the July meeting as he was going to look into available monies prior.
- Chief Mains stated there is ice rescue and water rescue equipment as well as some HazMat which is no longer needed and he wished to donate to City of Kingston Fire Department who handles these calls with Port Ewen. Discussion followed on disposition as is condition and the threshold amount for what the board could authorize to donate. **A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner McNamara that ice and water rescue equipment and HazMat equipment no longer deemed necessary for its uses and purposes be donated to the City of Kingston Fire Department in as is condition. 50k motion carried.**
- Chief Mains stated that before the meeting this evening Commissioner Harris spoke to the Chief accusing him of bullying her, intimidating her and stated she was placing him on notice. Last month when he brought up the signs it was between him and Commissioner Spinnenweber and Commissioner Harris became involved, he stated he doesn't play politics and he says what he means and wishes others would do the same. He stated he does not bully or threaten and only stated what she had put on public comment during meetings or on social media. He stated how Commissioner Harris stated she did not appreciate the Chief attacking one of the board members which had nothing to do with her and felt it was the other way. Commissioner Harris stated her conversation was meant to be private to which the Chief stated he wanted everyone to know what was said as it was transparency. Commissioner Harris stated the Chief was creating a hostile work environment by causing public humiliation and speaking misinformation on things she said. The Chief stated he did not misspeak. **A motion was made by Commissioner**

**Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Spinnenweber to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter to discuss conduct of the Chief tonight, on social media, and in prior meetings. 5ok motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Spinnenweber to return from executive session. 5ok motion carried. No decisions or motions were made.**

Motion to adjourn made at 20:58 by Commissioner Boughton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Spinnenweber. 5ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner  
District Secretary

Attachments:

1. Insurance Claim letter and police report for Engine 2 damage
2. Correspondence Commissioner Spinnenweber on Roadway Construction Inspection
3. Delaware Engineering Proposed Engineering Services Proposal for roadway construction