

Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting

Date: October 4th, 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> Scott Sammons	<u>X</u> Asst. Roger Brandt	<u>F. Banks</u>
3yr William McNamara	<u>X</u> Asst. A.E. Stokes	<u>G. Banks</u>
<u>X</u> 2yr David Brechter	<u>X</u> Asst. Mike Lange	<u>R. Naccarato</u>
<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 19:35 hours.

Minutes: Additions/Corrections to the previous month’s meeting(s): None. Motion to accept minutes was made by Commissioner Sammons 2nd by Commissioner Boughton. Vote: Commissioners’ Mains, Boughton, Sammons – Yes. Commissioner Brechter – Abstain. Motion carried.

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

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

Treasurer Trojak reached out to financial adviser to prepare to take out bond for firehouse project and pay of the bond anticipation note.

Correspondence/Communications:

Secretary Dauner:

1. Spectrum Contract for three buildings.
2. Building Department sent a letter to district condemning vacant house on firehouse site in support of demo project.
3. LENS Driver Record Report October 2022. All drivers are valid.
4. LOSAP Tabulation Report effective 09/30/2022

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Mains:

1. Steps for diesel pump at Sta #2 have been repaired and Frank Banks installed a new railing for annex stairs

Secretary Dauner:

1. Secretary Dauner spoke with Mike Fitzgerald of Connelly regarding the need to finalize the district boundaries and update the map with Connelly. Chief Fitzgerald will speak with Connelly Board of Fire Commissioners to get the matter on their agenda so the Secretary can meet with them.
2. Secretary Dauner gave an update on the house demo project at the firehouse site. Delaware Engineering had the bid opening for demo work today (10/4) and two bids were received: Jupiter at \$154,000 and Gorick at \$149,814. This was higher than anticipated however costs are going up across the board. Delaware had stated that the cost would be elevated with requiring the building to be torn down completely and hauled away as the brick work could not be separated. Secretary asked that if the board had no objections to support Delaware Engineering in awarding the contract to the most responsible bidder. After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd Commissioner Sammons authorizing Delaware Engineering after review of bids for demolition of vacant structure at 288-290 Broadway to award the contract for demolition to the most responsible bidder. Bids received were from Jupiter and Gorick. 40k motion carried.** Secretary will keep board apprised of progress and the company awarded and he will provide a timeline for demolition at the next meeting.
3. Secretary has spoken with Spectrum and signed contracts to set up phone and internet at all buildings and cable at Headquarters and Sta #1. This will include an upgrade to the internet at Headquarters and all three buildings will ring the 8422 phone number. Secretary stated this bill is high as expected however in a couple years will come back down when we centralize to one building. He noted that site work has started and he will follow up with Spectrum on a switch over date.
4. Addressed issue of selling buildings and obtaining a realtor. The board should look at holding the referendum for sale of buildings in April and he felt that the Headquarters building should be marketed as soon as possible in light of cost increases the sale of building may need to offset potential project cost increases. Commissioner Mains said it could be looked at but he would rather wait until the project starts.
5. Inquired on whether the Headquarters urinal was fixed. Chief Mains stated that Lowes came out fixed the sink however said the urinal problem was due to high water pressure and the employee was going to have his boss check it however has not been out since. Commissioner Mains stated he would reach out to Lowes to have them come back out and check.

New Business:

Secretary Dauner

1. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner Boughton to appoint the Board of Electors for the 2022 Commissioner Election. Secretary Dauner will chair. 4ok motion carried.** Secretary Dauner stated there are two vacancies on the current board and he has to check with other members on willingness to serve. He will canvass for interested persons to serve and report back to Commissioners at a later date. There are two Commissioner terms on the ballot: a five-year term currently held by Commissioner Mains and a three-year unexpired term vacated by Gregg Pugliese with Scott Sammons appointed to this year.
2. Addressed list of members who have completed their physical by the October 1st cut off date. There are sixteen members who did not complete their physical, two are deployed with the military and two no longer wish to be active. Discussion was held on rules and requirements and past history. The Secretary will notify the members in writing they cannot participate firematically until a physical is received and they will need to turn in district owned equipment.

Chief's Report:

1. Firehouse Committee will meet with Delaware Engineering in next couple weeks to go over floor plan and finalize. Chief Mains and Secretary Dauner met with Planning Board members and town attorney regarding project. There was miscommunication regarding the public hearing set and the district representatives not being at the last meeting. The project will need to be pulled at the next meeting and reapplied as they are still working on stormwater plans. Progress is being made.
2. Chief requested permission to bring ladder to Lowes this Saturday for a Touch a Truck event. There is a lot going on that day however if someone is available to do so he asked permission. Board had no objection.

From the Floor:

Ron Naccarato:

1. Ron inquired if there was any need to contact realtors as a decision hasn't been made on buildings? Board asked he hold off. There are interested parties currently in all three buildings.

Mike Lange:

1. Overhead door for pick up bay is broken and Darmstadt needs to be called. Commissioner mains will ask Darmstadt to check door.
2. Apparatus was serviced in August however since then there have been several problems with Engine 1 and Truck 1. An air leak was found on Truck 1 and Engine 1 stalled on a call. A support beam under Engine 1 was found to be rotted. Assistant Chief Lange stated Mike Fitzgerald responded for emergency calls and got trucks working and is performing follow up work. Discussion followed and Assistant Chief Lange stated Hopewell had a list of all problems that needed to be addressed on apparatus.

Commissioner Mains stated Hopewell should be pressed on issue of why trucks were having issues after service. Both Commissioners' Brechter and Boughton stated that Mike Fitzgerald should be asked whether he is interested in taking on apparatus work in place of Hopewell Fire. Assistant Chief Lange will speak with Mike Fitzgerald.

Frank Banks:

1. Someone is smoking in Station 2 and throwing cigarette butts in garbage which is causing a fire hazard. Cigarette butts have been found by garbage can and ladder truck. Buildings are posted no smoking within 50' and Commissioner Mains stated he will address with membership at tomorrow night's Commissioner meeting.
2. Frank checked diesel tank for water and no water was present.

Assistant Chief Lange requested permission to purchase four Fire Police traffic wands to replace ones on Rescue 2. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner Mains authorizing purchase of four Fire Police traffic safety flashlights. 4ok motion carried.**

A moment of silence was held in memory of Past Assistant Chief Myron "Mickey" Lane.

Motion to adjourn made at 20:16 by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd by Commissioner Mains. 4ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner
District Secretary

Attachments:

1. Treasurer Report
2. LENS Driver Report October 2022
3. LOSAP Tabulation Report 09/30/2022
4. Spectrum Service Contract for three buildings September 2022
5. 288-290 Broadway Condemnation Letter from Building Department 09/23/2022
6. 2022 Physical Completion List effective October 1st 2022