

RE: Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vischer Ferry Fire District held on Monday, April 12, 2021.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vischer Ferry Fire District convened at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021 in the Commissioners' room at Station #2. Those in attendance were Commissioner Kevin Bowman, Commissioner Marty Schanz, Commissioner Andrew Casucci, Commissioner Grant Keeler, Commissioner Dave Pettis, Treasurer Carl Visconti, Secretary Karan Donohue, Administrator Tim Brousseau, Administrative Assistant Lisa Castaldo, Assistant Chiefs Patrick Canale and Tim Kimball, Captain Alan VanCleeef and Lieutenants Brittany Keleman and Trevor Bobrow. Chief Ken Bowman was absent.

Lawn Mowing Bids

One bid was received:

Jay Honsaker	\$4,870 – Stations #2&3
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Commissioner Schanz made a motion to hire Jay Honsaker to mow Stations #2 and 3 for \$4,870 for the 2021 season. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Bills

1. A listing of transactions numbered 14568 through 14626, totaling \$37,471.90, was presented to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to pay the bills. Commissioner Schanz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Commissioner Schanz made a motion to approve the minutes, with corrections. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The corrections were:

- a. The minimum estimated contribution to LOSAP for 2023 would be \$124,000.
- b. A 9" cut off saw kit and battery would be purchased.

Treasurer's Report

1. Bank statements, account reconciliations and check images for March 2021 and the listing of transactions approved and paid in March 2021 were given to Commissioner Casucci for verification.
2. Bank statements, account reconciliations and check images for February 2021 were returned to the Treasurer.

Commissioner Casucci made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chief's Report

1. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase the following:
 - a. One (1) battery operated fan from FeldFire.com for \$3,950.
 - b. One (1) fog machine oil from the firestore.com for \$359.39Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Pettis made a motion for ETA-625 to go to Halfmoon for a drill on Saturday, May 1.
3. There was discussion on marijuana use. Attorney Hannigan is preparing a policy for this.
4. The kayak rental kiosk is too close to the launch. The Administrator will write a letter to the Town with our concerns
5. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to rent an excavator from Casale for up to \$500 to remove stones from the end of the launch. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report

1. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase three (3) computers from Computer Sense for \$2,055. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. A FOIL request was received. This was given to Attorney Hannigan and the request was answered.
3. There was discussion on the phone system. This was tabled until next month when more information can be obtained.

Administrative Assistant's Report

1. The Administrative Assistant's report is attached to the minutes

New Business

1. Commissioner Schanz moved and Commissioner Casucci seconded a resolution to authorize the applicability of VFBL benefits provided by the Vischer Ferry Fire district to firefighters who are injured while providing assistance outside the boundaries of the Vischer Ferry Fire District before an offer to assist is accepted by a command officer pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 209-i(1-b). The Secretary called the roll:

Commissioner Kevin Bowman	yes
Commissioner Martin Schanz	yes
Commissioner Andrew Casucci	yes
Commissioner David Pettis	yes
Commissioner Grant Keeler	yes

The resolution was adopted.

2. Received the February and March 2021 minutes of the Vischer Ferry Fire Company.
3. Received from UBS:
 - a. Client statement for March 2021
 - b. Trade confirmations
4. Received the monitoring and notification agreement for Station #2 from Hart Alarm, Ltd.
5. Received two bids for LED lighting retrofit and moving electric reel at Station #2:

a. Immanuel Electric	\$9,838.40
b. CK Electric	4,470.00

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to hire CK Electric to retrofit the LED lights and move the electric reel in the truck bay at Station #2 for \$4,470. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

1. The stove committee will start over with their research because the stove they picked did not have the same BTUs as the current stove has.
2. It was noted that at zoom meetings, any loss of feed and the meeting has to be cancelled.

3. With ETA-622 gone, the SOGs have to be changed to reflect that.
4. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase Rescue Tech airbags from Power Hawk Technologies for \$27,067. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase Hurst Extrication Tools from MES for \$42,554.64. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. There was discussion on things to purchase for the new ER. We will go over the list at the next meeting.
7. Change order #1 for the new ER, lighting changes, for \$9,281, was approved.
8. The officers will compose a list of all equipment that will stay for the new ER.
9. Commissioner Schanz moved and Commissioner Pettis seconded a resolution to take up to \$75,000 out of the Apparatus and Equipment Fund for extrication tools and air bags. The Secretary called the roll:

Commissioner Kevin Bowman yes

Commissioner Martin Schanz yes

Commissioners Andrew Casucci yes

Commissioner Grant Keeler yes

Commissioner David Pettis yes

The resolution was adopted. This is subject to a permissive referendum.

10. It was decided that an ice water trailer, rather than a van, would better suit our needs.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Commissioners' room at Station #2.

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Respectfully submitted by,

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Board of Fire Commissioners
Vischer Ferry Fire District

Kevin Bowman, Chairman
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