

RE: Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vischer Ferry Fire District held on Monday, February 13, 2023.

The monthly meeting convened at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 2023 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 Tim Kimball and Allen VanCleaf and Roger Saddlemire from Avid Insurance.

Public Hearing

No one from the public attended the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Pettis moved and Commissioner Schanz seconded a resolution authorizing Partial Real Property Tax Exemptions for Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers.

The Secretary called the roll:

Commissioner Bowman	yes
Commissioner Schanz	yes
Commissioner Casucci	yes
Commissioner Keeler	yes
Commissioner Pettis	yes

The resolution was adopted.

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

If Shenendehowa Central School District adopts this tax exemption on February 28th, all completed paperwork from the members of the Vischer Ferry Fire Company will be submitted to the Town of Clifton Park Assessor.

Roger Saddlemire discussed the following:

1. Received insurance cards for the apparatus.
2. Received the Workers Comp posters to be posted in Stations #1 & 2.
3. Received the Builder's Risk policy.
4. Off property items are insured up to \$15,000.
5. There is coverage up to \$250,000 for Cyber Security claims.
 - a. do everything we can to prevent a security breach
 - b. notify Avid if there is a breach
6. Additional insured for Greenlight
7. Chiefs' personal vehicles are not district owned and their insurance is primary.

Bills

1. A listing of transactions numbered 15880 through 15960, totaling \$424,029.53, was presented to the Board for approval.

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

Old Business

Commissioner Keeler made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

1. Bank statements, account reconciliations and check images for January 2023 and the listing of transactions approved and paid in January 2023 were given to Commissioner Casucci for verification.
2. Bank statements, account reconciliations and check images for December 2022 were returned to the Treasurer.
3. The Treasurer presented the Annual Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 2022.

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

Chief's Report

1. Commissioner Pettis motion to approve Zack Zambri for active membership in the Vischer Ferry Volunteer Fire Company. Commissioner Keeler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to approve the following:
 - a. Mike Stickelmyer and Mike Gessler for BEFO at Clifton Park starting this month.
 - b. Mike Gessler for IFO at Clifton Park upon completion of BEFO.
 - c. Mask Confidence course at Colonie on March 8th. The cost is \$130.
3. Commissioner Schanz made a motion to purchase one (1) 75' roll of red tubular webbing for \$29.59 from www.thefirestore.com. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Pettis made a motion to approve the following apparatus:
 - a. ER-631 and ETA-621 to Colonie March 8th for a drill.Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Received three (3) quotes for a new RDC water rescue craft:

a. Dive Rescue International	\$4,900
b. Raven	6,850
c. Amazon	4,900

Commissioner Keeler made a motion to purchase an OCEANID RDC Water Rescue Craft from Amazon for \$4,900. Commissioner Pettis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report

1. There were a few problems with the physicals on February 4th. We will send our feedback after we receive their report.

Administrative Assistant's Report

1. No ponies will be allowed at the birthday party on April 22nd.
2. The Red Cross will be conducting blood drives on April 18 and June 20.
3. We need to purchase a 6 or 8' ladder.

New Business

1. Receives the following from UBS:
 - a. Client statement for January 2023
 - b. Advisory review
2. Received proposed By - Laws Amendments from the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area.
3. Received the Letter of Credit from TD Bank.
4. Received the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meeting of the Vischer Ferry Fire Company.

5. Received a copy of the legal notice for the Organization meeting.
7. Received the 2023 tax levy check, #4046, for \$1,112,300.62, from the Town of Clifton Park.
8. Received an endorsement from Avid Insurance deleting the 2008 Ford F350.
9. Received a notice of the annual meeting and dinner of the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area on March 11th.

Miscellaneous

1. Station #3 –
 - a. the door to the gear room has to be widened to accommodate the dryer.
 - b. the water hookup is done
 - c. the mechanical room has been taped and things can now be mounted.
 - d. insulation will be blown in to the truck room on February 28th.
 - e. the building is now on permanent power.
 - f. CPWA has to cap the main where the old service was.
 - g. have not yet received the certified payroll for subs (roofer and sheet rockers)
2. Discussion on the parking lot of Station #2.
3. The hose dryer at Station #1 has been cleaned and is making heat. The same manufacturer is still making our model. They will send information on our dryer.
4. The charger units were put into the trailer today. One relay is missing.
5. The hydraulic issues on ETA-625 have been fixed and service was done.
6. The next tanker meeting will be Monday, February 20.
7. There will be public hearings for the Tax exemption vote on:
 - a. 2-27 Town vote
 - b. 2-28 School vote
 - c. 3-6 County vote (4:00)
 - d. No date for the library vote
8. We do not have the true numbers on the propane consumption. We will have to call Long Energy for a read out.
9. Hardly any members of Boards, Chiefs, Officers in the County are familiar with each other. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3rd at Station #1 to discuss various topics.
10. Commissioner Casucci is registered to attend a meeting at Turning Stone May 17-20, sponsored by the Association of Fire Districts of the Capital Area.
11. The toilets are not flushing properly at Station #3.
12. Commissioner Schanz moved and Commissioner Pettis seconded a resolution for election inspectors for the year 2023.

The Secretary called the roll:

Commissioner Bowman	yes
Commissioner Schanz	yes

Commissioner Casucci	yes
Commissioner Keeler	yes
Commissioner Pettis	yes

The resolution was adopted.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pettis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Casucci seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Commissioners' room at Station #2.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karan Donohue, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Vischer Ferry Fire District

Kevin Bowman, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners
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