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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New Castle Fire District No. 1 was held at 491 King Street, Chappaqua, New York on the 18th of July, 2024 commencing at 6:30pm. The Meeting was videotaped by the New Castle Community Media Center ("NCCMC") and is available for viewing on the NCCMC website (NCCMC.com) or on NCFD1.org.

Present
Dwight Smith, Chairman
Edwin Frank, Commissioner
Michael Soldo, Commissioner
Nancy Zezze, Commissioner

Absent
Charles Rauch, Commissioner (6:56pm)
Christine Dennett, Secretary
Katy White, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Zezze led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Board held a moment of silence for all the deceased members.

Correspondence

- Emails from Chief Eiden.
- FOIL requests from Barry Zezze

Commissioner Zezze requested the acknowledgment of emails received and stated communication needed to be better.

The FOIL request response will be sent via email and hard copy.

Chief's Report:

- Tires needed for 146
- Donation of radios

- Status update of policies.

The Board discussed the policies and requested they be posted on the website as soon as possible. Chief Eiden worked on them in short order and that was a month ago.

- The inspection came in under budget and a request to transfer those funds to turnout gear was made.

Upon motion by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Soldo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Chief's expenses in the amount of $515.47 with a vote of 4-0.

Treasurer's Report:

A report will be given once the new Treasurer is onboard and up to speed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Zezze requested to amendments to the June 20th minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Zezze, seconded by Commissioner Soldo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting with a vote of 4-0 as amended.

Upon motion by Commissioner Zezze, seconded by Commissioner Soldo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2024 Special Meeting with a vote of 4-0.

Upon motion by Commissioner Soldo, seconded by Commissioner Zezze, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Special Meeting with a vote of 4-0.

Commissioner Zezze noted that Lynn Weinig suggested transcripts of the project Special Meetings be posted.

Committee Reports:

Chairman Smith:

a) Trucks
- Yellow slips are filled out by members when there are issues with the apparatus. Pending items that will be addressed.
- New requirement that tires older than seven years are mandated to be replaced. One truck needs both front and back tires.

b) Communications
- Five new pagers were ordered at Chief Lange's request.
- Generator will be serviced.

c) Projects – met last night and there are contingency monies that can be used for the project including the selling of Senter Street if needed.

Commissioner Frank:

a) Technology – no report
b) Engineering/Building – no report
c) Projects –

- Bids were awarded last night after review by the Attorney's and other Project professionals.
- A permissive referendum is needed to build the second floor.
- The Building Inspector has a few remaining questions but is close to issuing the permit.

Commissioner Soldo

a) Uniforms/Turnout Gear

- Ten sets were ordered but next year will need to be a hefty order to be in compliance with the new OSHA standards. A meeting will be set up with the Chief to discuss and budget appropriately.

b) Town Liaisons

- The town provided figures on the updated taxes for the new building.

c) Legal and Contract Review – no report.

Commissioner Zezze

a) Insurance – up to date.

- VFIS renewals and check will be hand delivered.
- LOSAP certifications were received and distributed.

b) House

- The draft appraisal of Senter Street was received and distributed.
- Snow Plow/Removal Bid was done.

Commissioner Zezze stated 11 bids were sent out and 2 were received back. One from NY Property Care the current landscaping vendor and one from Landmark. Bids were as follows:

NY Property Care

$675 for every two inches of snow plowed
$150 to salt Bedford Road
$100 to salt Elm Street
$75 to salt Senter Street
$350 to put down calcium chloride on sidewalks

Landmark

$1,400 for every two inches of snow plowed
$275 to salt Bedford Road
$220 to salt Elm Street
$225 to salt Senter Street
$190 to put down calcium chloride on sidewalks

Commissioners Zezze and Rauch recommended awarding the bid to NY property care.

Upon motion by Commissioner Zezze, seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to award the Snow Removal Contract for 2025 to NY Property Care with a vote of 4-0.

- The mason work will begin soon.
- A new washer/dryer stackable unit will be ordered and the plumber is prepping the area.
- Lockers for members clean street clothes will be put in the meeting room to avoid contamination from the diesel fuel in the bays.

c) Medical/Physicals – up to date.
d) Legal and Contract Review

- Working with Mount Kisco on the fire protection contract.

e) Fire Department Liaison - Working out well.

Old Business:

a) District Policies Discussion -discussed earlier.
b) Copier – some corrections were made to the contract and it will hopefully be received soon.
c) Project Update – discussed earlier.

Commissioner Zezze requested each Commissioner pick one of the outstanding, mandated policies to review.

New Business:

a) Snow Plow Bid – discussed earlier.

Public Comment:

Mr. Barry Zezze stated the firefighters made it clear they weren't happy with the direction and leadership and stated he wanted to acknowledge the Comptrollers Office for taking interest in the Project. He stated using the word "buckets" wasn't appropriate.

Chairman Smith stated he would refrain from using that word.

Future Dates:

A Project Special Meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00pm. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:30pm. Email any questions and concerns for the Board's consideration for any meeting to BOFC@NCFD1.org.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Commissioner Zezze, seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:31pm with a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Dennett
Fire District Secretary