## **Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting**

Date: February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters	
Roll Call (X = Present)		
<ul> <li>X 5yr Scott Sammons</li> <li>4yr Roger Boughton</li> <li>X Appt. A.E. Stokes</li> <li>X 2yr William McNamara</li> <li>X 1yr David Brechter</li> <li>X Sec'y Mike Dauner</li> <li>X Treas. Wendy Trojak</li> </ul>	_X_ Chief Clark R. Mains Asst. Roger Brandt Asst. Mike Lange Asst. Joseph Mains	Floor: R. Naccarato

Meeting was called to order by: Chairman Sammons at 19:30 hours.

At this time Secretary Dauner presented the board with Delaware Engineering's report on the bids received for tree removal at the new firehouse site. After reviewing, Delaware Engineering recommended Dave's Tree Service at \$23,800.00. They were the only bid after several companies were present at the site visit. Commissioner Sammons asked if trees were marked for the Planning Board. Secretary Dauner stated the Building Inspector did not wish to mark trees and that he stated the plans show that majority of site is building and parking lot so no trees can be saved. Secretary Dauner stated that Delaware Engineering has provisions for tree plantings when the sire is developed. Commissioner Brechter stated he was happy with Dave's Tree Service work. A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Stokes approving the bid of Dave's Tree Service in the amount of \$23,800.00 to remove trees at 288 Broadway. 40k motion carried.

Secretary Dauner advised that the public notice did not get in on time to hold the Public Hearing for tonight on the 10% tax credit. He stated that the County is not making the deadline either so only the town has passed the legislation. This makes it not worth taking the credit until everyone has legislation passed. With that in mind and after discussion, Secretary Dauner recommended the board pass a resolution to hold a public hearing on Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30pm and then vote afterwards on the matter.

## PORT EWEN FIRE DISTRICT

Resolution to Conduct Public Hearing For Partial Real Property Tax Exemption for Qualifying Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 effective December 9, 2022, the state Real Property Tax Law was amended by adding a new §466-a authorizing local governments including the Selkirk Fire District ("Fire District") to enact by local law, ordinance or resolution such partial tax exemption for Fire District real property taxes to

qualified enrolled members of said emergency services providers, following a public hearing;

and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District has determined that it may

be in the public interest to adopt a resolution granting such partial real property tax exemption

for Fire District real property taxes to promote firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker

recruitment and retention; and

WHEREAS, the proposed exemption is for the primary residential real property located in the

Fire District that is owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company,

volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service that provides services

within the city, town or village in which the enrolled member resides to make a portion of the

property exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the Fire District to the extent of ten

percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments and subject to the requirements mandated by law; authorizing any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance

service who accrues more than twenty years of active service, to be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is

located within the County; allowing the un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member

who was killed in the line of duty to continue the exemption if the deceased enrolled member

had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years prior to the line of duty death; and allowing the un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member to continue the exemption if

the deceased enrolled member had previously claimed the exemption and had been an enrolled

member for at least twenty (20) years before his or her death.

WHEREAS, a public hearing to allow all persons interested in the matter to be heard must be

conducted before any such resolution authorizing a partial tax exemption is considered by the

Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE I'	T RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing shall be conducted on
	3 at 7:30 P.M., at the Port Ewen Fire District Headquarters
located at 129	
	lew York for the purpose of soliciting public comment and
hearing	d mantial muon outs tow assumption for Fine District towar for
-	d partial property tax exemption for Fire District taxes for hters and ambulance workers; and
quantying volunteer in engi	inters and ambulance workers, and
	VED, that the Fire District Secretary is directed to post and g in the customary format pursuant to the statutory mandates such notices.
Motion to adopt the Resolu Seconded by Commissioner	tion made by Commissioner McNamara.  Brechter.
On the Motion:	
Commissioner Sammons	X AyeNay
<b>Commissioner Brechter</b>	X AyeNay
<b>Commissioner McNamara</b>	
<b>Commissioner Boughton</b>	Absent
<b>Commissioner Stokes</b>	X AyeNay
The Resolution was adopted	d.
alarm monitoring at Station # Discussion held and it was de A motion was made by Con	he board an estimate as requested for Safeco alarms to take over fire #1 & #2 and low temp alarm monitoring at Headquarters. ecided not to continue low temperature monitoring at Headquarters. nmissioner McNamara, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Sammons to switch afeco for fire alarm system monitoring and service at Station #1
Motion to adjourn made at 19 4ok Motion Carried.	9:48 by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd by Commissioner McNamara.
Respectfully Submitted,	
Mike Dauner District Secretary	
Attachments:	
1. Safeco quotes	
2. Tree Bid and Spec $-i$	in Firehouse Project file