

Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting

Date: July 5th, 2022

Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters

Roll Call (X = Present)

<u>X</u> 5yr Roger Boughton	<u> </u> Chief Clark R. Mains	Floor:
<u>X</u> 4yr Gregg Pugliese	<u>X</u> Asst. Roger Brandt	<u>R. Naccarato</u>
<u>X</u> 3yr William McNamara	<u>X</u> Asst. A.E. Stokes	<u>T. Halpin</u>
<u> </u> 2yr David Brechter	<u> </u> Asst. Mike Lange	<u>S. Sammons</u>
<u>X</u> 1yr Joseph Mains		<u>F. Banks</u>
<u>X</u> Sec'y Mike Dauner		<u> </u>
<u>X</u> Treas. Wendy Trojak		<u> </u>
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Meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Mains at 19:33 hours.

Minutes: Additions/Corrections to the previous month's meeting(s): None. Motion to accept minutes was made by Commissioner Pugliese 2nd by Commissioner McNamara. 3ok motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report read by Treasurer Trojak. Motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner McNamara 2nd by Commissioner Pugliese. 3ok motion carried.

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

- Treasurer received a check from the IRS for a payroll error in the district's favor in the amount of \$684.71. She will deposit shortly.
- The County Waste bill was an additional \$30 due to the dumpster temporarily being relocated.

Correspondence/Communications:

Secretary Dauner:

1. Received signed contract and performance bond for new Sutphen engine
2. Secretary received a letter from UC Personnel Department and replied regarding 2021 & 2022 Payroll Certification
3. Received a letter from the Assessment Review Board authorizing the reduction in assessment for the new firehouse property.
4. VFIS newsletter – provided to Commissioners'
5. Letter of Resignation from Commissioner Gregg Pugliese effective the conclusion of tonight's meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Secretary Dauner:

1. The Inspector's report was received on the home inspection for 288 Broadway. Delaware Engineering is preparing a proposal and bid document for demolition of the building and they will forward to the Secretary when completed. Secretary will notify board whether a second meeting is needed. The Planning Board meeting was attended and the Planning Board stated they want the Town to open the Bowne St access and are awaiting comments from the UC Planning Board on the project. Engineers have indicated we are still on schedule.
2. Secretary readdressed the need to look into retaining a realtor to market the current buildings. A mandatory referendum will be required authorizing sale of the properties. Ron Naccarato has offered to coordinate with the realtor selected and there are a couple realtors who he recommends. After discussion the Board asked Ron to reach out to realtors and have them present at the next meeting for interviews with the board to select a realtor.
3. Quotes were received on tree removal however town highway cut down tree for no cost. The tree needs to be pushed off the lawn and it should be done tomorrow.

New Business:

Treasurer Trojak:

1. Fire District Audit was received from Auditor with no negative findings. **A motion was made by Commissioner McNamara, 2nd Commissioner Pugliese to accept the 2021 Fire District Audit as presented. 30k motion carried.** Secretary will forward a copy to the Town.

Chief's Report:

1. The Town Building Inspector has requested the board write a letter to The Capri Motel requesting they repair the driveway /access road due to poor accessibility. Secretary will draft a letter.

From the Floor:

A.E. Stokes:

1. The air conditioning in Sta #1 meeting hall does not work and in past was mentioned not to repair. He said if the room was to be used for rehab it could not be done due to excessive heat. He also stated that it would be a selling point when the building sells and recommended the A/C be repaired /replaced. Discussion followed with Ron Naccarato recommending getting a ductless unit from Rycor. Ron offered to obtain more information and pricing for the board.
2. On the main floor of Sta #1 there used to be an oscillating fan and Al would like a new one purchased.

3. Ladder testing was completed today and all ground ladders passed inspection. There are some repairs needed to the aerial and Assistant Chief Stokes is working on it with the testing company.

Commissioner Boughton arrived at this time.

4. Hose testing will be completed this Thursday and Al is requesting lunch be provided for those in attendance. **A motion was made by Commissioner Pugliese, 2nd Commissioner McNamara authorizing lunch be provided to those in attendance for hose testing. 4ok motion carried.**
5. Trim around door at Headquarters exterior kitchen door needs attention.
6. Assistant Chief Stokes observed that as the members are getting older it may be beneficial to purchase an automatic hose roller. The hose roller will automatically roll hose up to 5". He will obtain information to bring back to the board.

Commissioner Boughton advised that the Sta #1 flag pole light has been repaired. The spotlight over Sta #1 apparatus bays needs repair – it was noted we have bulbs and can be done in house with ladder truck.

Ron Naccarato:

1. Will work to have realtors available to meet at the beginning of the August meeting. They will be put to the front of the agenda.

Scott Sammons:

1. The clothing bin continues to be an issue overflowing. Scott has on several occasions had to speak to individuals about dumping non clothing items. After discussion, **a motion was made by Commissioner Pugliese, 2nd Commissioner Mains to have owner of clothing bin at Sta #1 remove the bin from district property. 4ok motion carried.** Secretary Dauner will make contact with the company to have removed.

Roger Brandt:

1. Requested to purchase (4) 40 gal. totes to store surplus gear dating to 1996. A discussion was had regarding keeping gear that old. Secretary stated that all firefighters including exterior should be given new or newer gear especially with cancer concerns and with declining membership asked why we are keeping gear that old. It was discussed having second set of gear for active members. After discussion **a motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd Commissioner Pugliese to purchase (4) 40 gal. totes for gear storage. 4ok motion carried.** Commissioners discussed purchasing gear and using the equipment reserve fund and annual budget to do so. It was decided to look into matter during 2023 Budget preparation.

Motion to adjourn made at 20:24 by Commissioner Pugliese, 2nd by Commissioner Boughton.
4ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner
District Secretary

Attachments:

1. Treasurer Report
2. 2021 Draft Audit
3. Commissioner Gregg Pugliese Resignation Letter
4. Sutphen Contract and Performance Bond for Engine 1
5. UC Personnel Department Correspondence 2021 & 2022 Payroll Certification
6. Board of Assessment Determination on 288 Broadway May 25th 2022
7. Marc's Tree Service Quote for tree removal at 288 Broadway 06/08/2022