# **Port Ewen Fire Commissioners Meeting**

Date:	October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Location: Port Ewen Fire Department Headquarters	
Roll C	all (X = Present)		
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Meeting was called to order by: Chairman Sammons at 19:34 hours.

At this time the Board opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024 Port Ewen Fire District Budget. Several residents were present and asked several questions pertaining to the proposed additional bond for the firehouse. At this time the Board gave an overview of the project and how the district has gotten to the point where they are going out for a referendum on additional money to construct the firehouse. It was noted that if the bond payment and interest payment for the \$6.5 million bond payment was kept separate from the proposed 2024 budget there would be a over \$30,000 reduction in operating costs from 2023. The bond payment is the driver for the increase on the overall budget in 2024. Discussion continued between the board and residents on the matter and after conclusion a motion was made by Commissioner Sammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner McNamara to close the public hearing at 2019hrs. 3ok motion carried.

Treasurer Trojak and Commissioner Sammons addressed the matter of an invoice with NYS Association of Fire Chiefs in amount of \$135.00 for a class taken by Commissioner Stokes. The association states the board does not owe anything despite the district not receiving nor paying a bill. The board will table the matter until a time comes where the NYSAFC wishes to address.

Treasurer Trojak provided the board with a list of budget transfers needing to be addressed. A motion was made by Commissioner McNamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Stokes authorizing the following budget transfers:

- 1. Move \$600.00 from #62826 SCBA Purchases to #62801 Fire Alarm System Maintenance
- 2. Move \$1,000.00 from #62840-D R48-14 Repair expense to #62840-C L48-11 Ladder. Move \$2,600.00 from #62840-E R48-12 Pickup to #62840-C L48-11 Ladder.
- 3. Move \$500 from #62840-G Chief's Vehicle /Car 48 to #62840-F R48-24.
- 4. Move \$100.00 from #65041 Postage to #65040 Supplies
- 5. Move \$5,200.00 from #65126 Comp Insurance to #65125 VFIS Benefits Div. LOSAP
- 6. Move \$9,000 from #65126 Comp Insurance to #65120 Insurance Liability.
- 7. Move \$325.00 from #65150-1 Fitness Fees to #65190 Chief Officer's Mileage
- 8. Move \$500.00 from #66010 Trust & Agency Account to #66021 Tax Payment 941

9. Move \$4,100.00 from Headquarters Expense to #68320 Public Drills, Parades, Dinner

3ok motion carried.

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

## **Correspondence/Communications:**

#### Secretary Dauner:

- 1. MISTRAS Aerial Certification was received.
- 2. Allen E. Stokes submitted a letter asking that he be placed on the 5-year ballot for Fire Commissioner.
- 3. Letters were sent to members who did not get a physical yet in 2023 that they could not participate firematically.
- 4. Legal Notice for Budget Hearing Notice.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

## Treasurer Trojak:

1. Is still working with Secretary Dauner to correct the phone issue at Sta #1 and Headquarters. Commissioner Sammons asked if Secretary Dauner could assist in checking messages on machine in interim.

#### Secretary Dauner:

- 1. Deposit checks were cut to roofers and a date will be scheduled.
- 2. Discussed the agenda which was recently being passed out. Due to lack of interest board will return to basic bullet points agenda.
- 3. Secretary Dauner stated all paperwork was submitted to Bond Counsel and Attorney Hannigan on referendum resolutions and referendum postings etc. are progressing. He stated that the flyer should be going out shortly and the public hearings have been set.
- 4. RFP for Auditing will be sent out shortly.

#### **New Business:**

None

## **Chief's Report:**

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Sammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Stokes to purchase (5) Lo-Band HT-1250 Portables from River Valley Radio. 3ok motion carried.

## **From the Floor:**

Joe Mains:

1. Discussed the fact that the FIT machine owned by the county is out of service, is there any interest in the district purchasing a machine for our own use. The board asked that Assistant Chief Mains obtain pricing and the Secretary find out pricing of FIT testing thru First Care.

Commissioner Stokes would like to have parking lot lines re-striped and recommended it be done in the spring.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Stokes authorizing the Port Ewen Fire District to exceed the 2% tax cap. 3ok motion carried.

A motion as made by Commissioner Sammons, 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner McNamara to approve the 2024 Port Ewen Fire District Budget as presented in the amount of \$872,355.48. 3ok motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made at 20:32 by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd by Commissioner Stokes. 4ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner District Secretary

#### Attachments:

- 1. Treasurer Report
- 2. 2024 Fire District Approved Budget
- 3. MISTRAS Certification
- 4. Department Member Physical Letters
- 5. Legal Notice for Budget Hearing proof of filing