

6. Treasurer received notice from the Department of Treasury that they received the tax-exempt bond form for the fire house bond.

Commissioner Boughton inquired of the expense for the Central Hudson, Treasurer Trojak advised the bills covered the winter months where heating costs were high. He inquired of the breakdown of Delaware Engineering monthly bills and the Treasurer and Secretary explained the billing and how it was reflected to the original contract for design.

Correspondence/Communications:

Commissioner Sammons:

1. Has two quotes for Sta #1 heat /AC to be addressed under unfinished business.
2. Received a proposal from FB Property & Facility Maintenance for lawn care services

Secretary Dauner:

1. Insurance documents relating to the Accident & Sickness Death Benefit increase were received and are on file.
2. Delaware Engineering documents on project relating to Planning Board and Archeology Report were received and placed into file.
3. Kingston Fire Equipment 6 mos. Ansul Inspection received.
4. Safeco Sta #1 &2 service /monitoring agreements were received.
5. GenPlus Service contracts for generators were received and sent back signed as authorized previously.
6. Liability Insurance forms were received for Bazaar, Fundraising events, and Dutchess County Training Center.

Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Sammons:

1. Lowe Plumbing inspected the heating system and after inspecting found a switch which was pushed in error causing it to malfunction. Tech reset switch and they are now working. The Tech concurred that the heating system is very old and at the end of service life, he provided a proposal for a mini split system 24K btu for \$8,520 or \$670 less for a 18K unit. Commissioner Sammons had a previous quote for a 18,000 btu Mitsubishi system at \$5,950 - \$5,350 after rebates. Discussion followed on the two quotes and it was mentioned that Rycor's quote for Mitsubishi was a better unit than Lowe's Carrier unit. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner Stokes to approve the Rycor quote in amount of \$5,950 (\$5,350 after rebates for a 18K btu mini split unit for Sta#1 including installation. 50k motion carried.**
2. Commissioner together an agenda for the meeting. He will provide prior to the meeting for the Commissioners and the public. If there is anything which Commissioners wish to address, please bring it up to the Secretary in the week prior to the meeting to add to the agenda. If something comes up last minute or emergency it can still be addressed at the meeting. Board was in favor and it will be implemented next month.

3. At this time the resolution authorizing partial real property tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers was read into record.

**PORT EWEN FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX
EXEMPTION
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKERS**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Port Ewen Fire District (“Fire District”) at a Meeting held on the 4th day of April 2023, adopted the following resolution by majority vote:

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 fire districts, to enact by resolution a ten (10%) percent partial real property tax exemption of the assessed value of the primary residence owned by a qualified enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service that serves the city, town or village where the Fire District is located; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to permit the partial real property tax exemption for qualified enrolled members of said emergency services organizations for real property taxes imposed by the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, on April 4th, 2023, after providing the statutorily required notice, a Public Hearing was conducted by the Fire District to solicit input and to hear all persons interested in the partial real property tax exemption of the assessed value of the primary residence owned by a qualified enrolled member of said emergency service organizations that serve the Fire District; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the primary residential real property located in the Fire District that is owned by an enrolled member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service that provide services within the city, town

or village which is served by the Fire District shall be 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, subject to the requirements set forth in this herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of this Resolution the “Authority Having

Jurisdiction” shall mean:

A. In the case of a fire district, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District;

B. In the case of an incorporated voluntary ambulance service, the Town Board;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such exemption shall not be granted unless:

A. The applicant resides in the Fire District which is served by the above listed incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service of which the applicant is a qualified enrolled member;

B. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;

C. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if

any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant’s residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining

portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Resolution; and

D. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service

as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire

department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years; and

E. the applicant must submit such certification together with the tax exemption application to the local assessor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the

incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance

service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Resolution for the

remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Fire

District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property tax exemption authorized by this

Resolution and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;

B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and

C. such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property tax exemption authorized by this Resolution and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire

department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to

such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse, provided that:

A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member;

B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years;

and

C. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption

for such property prior to the death of such volunteer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an application form for such exemption and a certification provided by the appropriate authority having jurisdiction shall be filed with the

Assessor for the Town on or before the taxable status date of each year or as otherwise required

as prescribed by New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer

ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of

Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this Resolution shall suffer

any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to adopt the Resolution made by Commissioner Sammons.

Seconded by Commissioner Allen E. Stokes.

On the Motion

Commissioner Sammons	X	Aye	_____Nay
Commissioner Brechter	X	Aye	_____Nay
Commissioner McNamara	X	Aye	_____Nay
Commissioner Boughton	X	Aye	_____Nay
Commissioner Stokes	X	Aye	_____Nay

The Resolution was adopted.

Dated: April 4th, 2023

Mike Dauner, Secretary

Port Ewen Fire District

Secretary Dauner:

1. Secretary Dauner advised that alarm monitoring is now with SAFECO and Liberty Security has been canceled. We should not be receiving a bill from Liberty Security.
2. Secretary Dauner stated he received a call from Connelly Chief Fitzgerald about meeting with their board to address discrepancies in boundary lines. When a meeting date is set, he will have Commissioner Sammons sit in on meeting.

New Business:

Commissioner McNamara:

1. Commissioner McNamara was made aware that the overhead door for Engine 1 was not working properly. He had Darmstadt come and check it out and found a bad sensor. The sensor is on order and the door operated however the sensor is not working to prevent from detecting something in the way of door. Assistant Chief Lange stated Rescue 1 door needs to have its weather stripping looked at if Darmstadt can be asked to do so when they come back.

Commissioner Brechter:

1. Addressed the following hall rentals. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner McNamara authorizing Clark R. Mains to use headquarters hall on May 6th, 2023 with beer and wine. 50k motion carried. A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner McNamara authorizing Mike Dauner to use headquarters hall on July 1st, 2023 with beer and wine and Allen E. Stokes to use headquarters hall on December 30th, 2023 with beer and wine. 50k motion carried.**

Commissioner Sammons:

1. FB Property & Facility Maintenance submitted a proposal for lawn care and storm cleanup for all district properties. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner Boughton authorizing 2023 FB Property & Facility Maintenance contract as presented. 50k motion carried.**

Secretary Dauner:

1. The Public Employees Bond for the district was recommended to be increased to \$8million dollars. This will cover for the monies in accounts for the firehouse bond. **A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner Sammons authorizing the Public Employees Bond for the Fire District to be increased to \$8 million. 5ok motion carried.** Secretary Dauner will advise Marshall & Sterling.
2. Secretary Dauner presented a proposal for Employee Assistance Program service from Marshall & Sterling. After discussion no action taken.
3. Secretary reviewed recent correspondence from LOSAP Administrator Ron Naccarato on benefits of the program. Secretary Dauner will mention to the membership that moving forward he will post these correspondences on I am Responding for all to see in addition to addressing at District and Department meetings. Ron Naccarato reviewed with the board a recent request to look at lowering the benefit age to 60 years. Ron stated his investigation shows no real benefit however he will obtain a quote on how much it would cost if the board wished to address. Ron stated he has enough LOSAP books to last 40 years at the current rate of enrollment for point of note.

Chief's Report:

1. Planning Board has given their approval to the firehouse project and hopefully things will progress faster now. He is awaiting a report from the Engineers on the price of the project. Chief has installed the sign at the site and removed bushes along Broadway and he recommended the pine tree on the corner be taken down. **A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd Commissioner Brechter authorizing the Chief to hold a chainsaw drill to take down the pine tree. 5ok motion carried.**

From the Floor:

Mike Lange:

1. Light tower on Rescue 2 is not working again and he will have it looked at by the mechanic. It is unknown why it is not working however he recommended that if it is expensive, it not be replaced. Discussion followed on the matter.

Tim Halpin:

1. Addressed old business last month where members were suspended for not completing sexual harassment training. He inquired whether members who do not complete their physical suspended. Secretary Dauner stated that members who do not completed their physical are dropped to non firematic and they cannot participate in calls or drills, they are not suspended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boughton, 2nd Commissioner Stokes to enter into executive session to discuss a complaint made on a Line Officer. 5ok motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd Commissioner Stokes to return from executive session. 5ok motion carried. No decisions were made discussion only.

Motion to adjourn made at 20:46 by Commissioner Brechter, 2nd by Commissioner Boughton.
5ok Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Dauner
District Secretary

Attachments:

1. Treasurer Report
2. Resolution Authorizing Partial Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Service Workers and accompanying paperwork
3. Accident & Sickness Death Benefit Insurance Amendment – in Insurance File
4. Quotes for Crime Bond Increase and EAP Proposal
5. Delaware Engineering Correspondence – Tree Clearing /Planning Board /SEQRA and Archeological – Paperwork on file in Firehouse Project File
6. Kingston Fire Equipment Fire Suppression System Service Report February 2023
7. SAFECO Sta #1 & #2 Service Contracts April 2023
8. Gen Plus 2023 Sta #1 & #2 Generator Service Contracts
9. Liability and Workers Compensation Paperwork for Bazaar, Spaghetti Dinner/Pancake Breakfasts, and Dutchess County Fire Training Center
10. LOSAP Correspondence from Ron Naccarato on Group Life Insurance /Active Member classification /LOSAP benefit age