

Selkirk Fire District

Board of Fire Commissioners, Selkirk, NY 12158

October 18th, 2016

Meeting Minutes

[As Approved on November 21, 2016]

The meeting was opened at Selkirk Fire District Administrative Office at 7:13 PM by Chairman Wickham. **This was immediately after the 2017 Budget Hearing meeting of which there were not attendees.**

IN ATTENDANCE

(X) Robert G. BURNS	(X) Charles WICKHAM
(X) Barak STROCK	(X) William ASPRION, Chief
(X) Douglas VAN APELDOORN	() Douglas OPHARDT, District Treasurer
(X) George TEN EYCK	(X) Stephanie KRAUSE, District Secretary

OTHERS: Chief Michaniw, President B. Morehouse and Board of Directors President Ed Ward

Minutes from the previous meeting of September 19th, 2016 were read and approved after two name revisions.

MOTION to approve by D. Van Apeldoorn; 2nd: B. Strock (All in Favor)

Treasurer's Report:

1-Treasurer Ophardt was not present. Claims were reviewed and approved with the exception of one invoice from Handy Dandy Cleaners.

MOTION to approve all claims except the Handy Dandy claim until resolved by B. Strock; 2nd by B. Burns (All in Favor)

2-President Morehouse requested that the \$500 from "The Need For Speed" event be given to the Board of Directors for the firemen. The Board of Fire Commissioners agreed.

Secretary's Report

- 1) Secretary Krause reported that the training attended on October 13th was very informative.
- 2) Secretary Krause shared that she has updated the district website calendar and will be taking an active role with the upkeep going forward

Public Comment:

- None

Board of Directors:

1. Membership

- President Ward shared that he is waiting on physicals on 2 new applicants: Steven Bender and Connor W Weidman

2. Elections will be on Thursday, December 1st, 2016. Discussion was had as to whether or not to have a Safety Officer for the upcoming year and it is recommended that we wait until next year so that we can properly discuss qualifications.

3- President Ward stated that the Member Qualifications Chart for elections will be posted by November 1st.

4- Commissioner Van Apeldoorn and Asst. Chief Michaniw will meet and come up with a Safety Officer plan for this year. It will include what the Town of Bethlehem's Task Force defines a Safety Officer as well.

5- Calendar: The Boy Scouts will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner at Station #3 on November 10, 2016.

MOTION: to approve the Boy Scouts using Station #3 for their annual Spaghetti Dinner on 11/10/16 by Barak Strock; 2nd by D. Van Apeldoorn. (All in Favor)

Old Business:

1-The next Facility Advisory Committee meeting is on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at Station # 3

2-Chairman Wickham noted that he is still working on the Purchasing Agent/Deputy Treasurer job description

- 3-Chairman Wickham shared that the FIERO training he attended was very informative and that he received a lot of information to share with the Facility Advisory Committee
- 4-Commissioner Strock noted that he'll follow up to ensure the Load Bank test was done at Station #2

New Business:

- 1-Chairman Wickham noted that he is working on the Elections Policy with Commissioner Van Apeldoorn.
- 2- The Social Room Policy is currently being reviewed by Greg Turner of VFIS Insurance and it will then be sent to Terry Hannigan, the district counsel, for review.
- 3-Chairman Wickham asked that Secretary Krause pull the previous year snow plowing quotes so that a new contract could be put into place.

2017 Budget

- 1- Chairman Wickham sent out two resolutions for the 2017 budget for review. Resolution #1: Override Real Property Tax Cap was read and voted on by all Commissioners. Resolution #2 : Approve Final Budget for 2017 was read and voted on by all Commissioners

MOTION: to adopt Resolution #1: to Override the Real Property Tax Cap by D. Van Apeldoorn, 2nd by B. Burns. (All in Favor)

> The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was approved by all five Commissioners. * Document is attached *

MOTION: to adopt Resolution #2: to Approve Final Budget for 2017 by G. Ten Eyck, 2nd by B. Strock. (All in Favor)

> The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote upon roll call the vote was approved by all five Commissioners. * Document is attached *

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman Wickham's term is up and he informed the board that he intends on running again for the term 2017-2021

Commissioner Burns

- 1- The ladies room at Station #2 is being worked on by Carmen Frangella
- 2- Gauch visited Station #1 and discovered the inverter board in the gear washing machine is in need of replacement
- 3-Commissioner Burns received the report from BLann regarding the Kitchen Inspections. It was recommended that Station #2 replace a new nozzle downstairs to accommodate using the fryer. Commissioner Strock and Commissioner Wickham recommend waiting to make the decision as they investigate further.
- 3-BLann also installed micro-switches for the alarm system at all three stations
- 4-Electrician Chris Kot will be disconnecting the electric to the boat dock on October 21, 2016

Commissioner Van Apeldoorn

- 1-The Annual Halloween Party at Station #2 is on 10/31 at 6pm.
- 2-Fire Prevention Week was a success. Presentations were given at Glenmont Elementary School, AW Becker Elementary School, Kim's Daycare and Van Allen Senior Living.
- 3-Commissioner Van Apeldoorn asked if needed, can the meeting rooms at Station #2 and Station #3 be opened if needed on Election Day, 11/8/16. It was recommended that they don't.

Commissioner Ten Eyck

- 1-There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 19th at the Slingerlands Fire Department regarding the new radio system.. The new Supervisor of Communications for the Town of Bethlehem will be discussing what the town is recommending

Commissioner Strock

1. Commissioner Strock updated the board on the progress of the new Air Truck. It is currently getting painted. He and Chief Asprion are going to see it on Monday, October 24th to do some inspections. It should be complete by the end of November 2016.

Chief's Report

- 1- Efforts continue for selling the Air Truck (M425) . Chief Asprion has had a few inquiries.
- 2- Chief Asprion and Asst Chief Michaniw met with Asst. Chief Eric McMahon of the Troy Fire Department to tour their 25ft. fire boat they may surplus in 2017. He would like to send a "Letter of Intent" for 1st refusal. Chief Asprion will follow up with Counsel Terry Hannigan for approval.

MOTION: to send a Letter of Intent to Troy Fire Department for 1st refusal of their 25ft fire boat by Barak Strock; 2nd by G. Ten Eyck. (All in Favor)

Commissioner Strock noted he strongly feels we should not take from our Reserve Fund for this project.

3-Chief Asprion ask that Barak Strock be voted to return as an active firefighter.

4-Chief Asprion informed the board that the 1st night of physicals with the new vendor WorkFit did not go well. They welcomed feedback and assured the Chief that second night at Station #2 would be flawless. Chief Asprion will be getting with Secretary Krause to request all firefighter records from Access Health to forward to WorkFit Medical

5- Chief Asprion noted that the siren at Station #3 needs work as the speakers seem to be shot. He would like to take the ladder truck down along with a handful of firefighters to assess.

6-Chief Asprion informed the board that there will be a 96 unit apartment complex going in on Wemple Road.

Training requests:

1-The Fireman's Association of the State of New York is offering the class "Riding the Front Seat...It Could Be you" in Greene County and firefighters J. Benassi, M. Lake and W. Collins would like to take it.

2- Firefighter B. Burns would like to take the Firefighter II course that starts on October 17th 2016 in Greene County.

3-There is a Thermal Imaging class being offered at the Westmere FD on November 14th, 2016. Firefighter Collins would like to attend and use a SFD vehicle.

4-Chief Asprion and Commissioner Strock would like permission to take the Chief's Tahoe to inspect the progress of the Air Truck on Monday, October 24th.

MOTION: to approve the above listed training and vehicle use by G. Ten Eyck; 2nd by B. Strock. (All in Favor)

Purchases:

None

MOTION: made by D.Van Apeldoorn and 2nd by B. Burns (All in Favor) to adjourn the regular business meeting of the Selkirk Fire District. The meeting was properly adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Krause
District Secretary