



VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER REGULAR MEETING

Date: August 23, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vestal Fire District was called to order at 5:35pm.

Present: Commissioners:

J. Schaffer, Chairman
S. Donnelly
J. Fletcher
S. Messina

Absent: Commissioner:

P. Fitzgerald

Others Present:

S. Bowen, Fire District Secretary
P. Willes, Director of Purchasing
J. Farley, Treasurer/Deputy Town Comptroller
N. Angeline, Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller
J. Paffie, Fire Chief
C. Paffie, Asst Fire Chief ST 4
D. Rose Sr., Asst Fire Chief ST 1
D. Kirchheimer, Fire Dept President

Motion by S. Donnelly, seconded by S. Messina to approve of Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Meeting. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Warrant 2023-32F
- Warrant 2023-33F
- Received and File the Fire Advisory Board Meetings from July 17, 2023

Bid Openings

None

Resolutions

None

Chief's Report

J. Paffie:

- 1) Equipment: Chief Paffie advised that the SCOTT Air Pak's are now in service.
- 2) Apparatus
- 3) Radio Communications
- 4) Stations
- 5) Training
- 6) Special Events: The Vestal Fire Department Expo Event will be on October 7, 2023 at the Town Square Mall by Barnes & Noble from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
- 7) Miscellaneous

Treasurer's Report:

Presented Vouchers to be paid.

Motion by S. Messina, seconded by S. Donnelly to approve vouchers for payment. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

Budget & Finance:

- 1) Motion by S. Messina, seconded by J. Fletcher to approve the purchase of 87 SCBA Mask Bags for the new SCBA Masks in the amount of \$1700.11 from The Fire Store (Witmer Public Safety Group). Chairman Schaffer preapproved the order on August 17, 2023.
4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

- 2) Motion by J. Fletcher, seconded by S. Messina to approve budget transfer from the following lines:
F3410 4060 to F3410 2100 \$2000.00
F3410 4040 to F3410 2100 \$2500.00
F3410 4080 to F3410 2100 \$2000.00
To Cover additional expenses from the purchase of the MSA LUNAR TICs
Funds from the Special Foam District was used to purchase 5 of the 14 cameras. These funds are to be used strictly for the Special Foam District and not inter-mixed with Fire District Funds.
4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

- 3) Motion by S. Messina, seconded by S. Donnelly to approve the following amount for each Station for Purchase Orders for Miscellaneous Tools as budgeted for 2023.
Station 1 - \$1000.00
Station 2 - \$1000.00
Station 3 - \$1000.00
Station 4 - \$1000.00
4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

- 4) Motion by S. Messina, seconded by J. Fletcher for Chairman J. Schaffer to execute and award of the bid subject to the review and recommendation of legal counsel for the fire district the purchase of (1) one Sutphen Heavy Duty 70' Mid-Mount Aerial Platform in the amount of \$1,772,118.58. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

Secretary Bowen was working with Legal Counsel to prepare all the necessary documents for the purchase.

Personnel:

- 1) Motion by S. Donnelly, seconded by J. Fletcher to approve the following applicants to become members of the Vestal Fire Department, Inc.:
Station 3 – Mitch Massey
Station 4 – Rebecca Cetta
4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

Old Business:

- 1) Due to publication error on the Town Crier's end, the publication for the Crack Sealing of Station 1, 2 and 3 was not published until August 18th. The 30 days for permissive referendum start from the date of publication and will end on September 16th.
Secretary Bowen was looking into the Press and Sun Bulletin on pricing and publication days due to the time constraints the Fire District has to publish various items.

- 2) Due to conflicts with the scheduling of the Town Board Room on Tuesdays, the Fire District will be held at the conclusion of the Town Board meetings on the Second and Forth Wednesday's.

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

- There will be a memorial service at 7pm at Fire Station 3 on September 11, 2023.
- Asst. Chief C. Paffie informed that Station 4 Project opening is being delayed until mid-October due to supply issues. He explained that it is nobody's fault & just that supplies are taking longer to come in when ordered.
- Asst. Chief C. Paffie stated that the water line for Station 4 is corrected. He does believe that the sewer line was resolved.

Commissioners Comments:

- Please be aware of your surroundings when having small campfires. We have received few complaints about the smoke in the neighborhoods. If you have a campfire please be sure it does not affect your neighbors. You are allowed to have a 3' x 3' campfire however if the smoke starts to affect the neighbors around you, it becomes a nuisance and by the town code you are required to extinguish your fire. Proper authorities will be called if you fail to extinguish your fire.

Future Meeting Dates:

- Fire District Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at approximately 6:00 pm in the Town Board Room.
- Work Session: Monday, August 28, 2023 at 5pm for 2024 Budget

Motion by S. Donnelly, seconded by J. Fletcher to adjourn the meeting at 5:56pm. 4 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Paige Willes
Director of Purchasing

Susan Bowen
Fire District Secretary