



RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT Commission's Monthly Board Minutes 9/20/2021

Present: Eric Stoerger, Commissioner / Chairman
Kenneth D. Bowers, Commissioner / Secretary
Tom Richardson, Commissioner
John Hayes, Commissioner
Dave Messbauer, Commissioner

Steve Johnson, Chief
Sean McGarry, Deputy Chief
Cheryl Garofalo, District Administrator / Deputy District Treasurer
Richard Friscano, District Treasurer

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Stoerger

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

The Board Minutes from August 16th, 2021 were sent, and all updates have been incorporated. **Commissioners Hayes and Richardson moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Garofalo presented the General Abstract of audited claims for the period up to Sept 20th, 2021, for review and approval for payment. The total claims were \$504,846.97. Commissioner Bowers represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included (\$8,574.57 + \$7,349.63) for taxes on Cell Towers (We will get reimbursed from cell companies), (\$4,573.36) to BLP Sealcoat for Sealing at Stoneridge and HQ, (\$4,505.28) to Cummins for repairs to E252, (\$254,456.25) to Depository Trust for Principal & Interest on Bonds, (\$6,059.28) to First Due Services for Hose Testing, (\$18,929.41) to Municipal Emergency Services for 4 sets of Turnout gear, (\$4,875.00) to Utica National Insurance for our Commercial and Auto Insurance, (\$142,777.43) for our Health and Life Insurance Plans.

After a short discussion the Board moved as follows.

Commissioners Messbauer and Richardson moved to approve the abstract for payment. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment A}

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Friscano's presented the Financial Report for the month which included the Account balances report as of August 31st, 2021, for a total \$10,679,464.54 and CD Summary as of 9/20/2021.

Cash Receipts report as of 8/31/2021, total \$14,157,012.26. Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget – as of August 31st, 2021.

No donations for the month

Rick recommends that we reinvest:

\$4,300,000.00 General Account #5733 for 30-day term @ 0.20%

\$750,000.00 General Account #6055 for 30-day term @ 0.20%

\$2,001,789.27 URUA #6160 for 30-day term @ 0.20%

Commissioners Stoerger and Bowers moved to allow the Treasurer to follow his plan for reinvestment of our CD's. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:

Commissioners Messbauer and Richardson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for the month. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- Greenlight Waiver Form
- Letter of Thanks from Monroe Amb {See Attachment - C}
- Good and Welfare report {See Attachment - D}
- Vehicle Status Report Incident Summary report for last month {See Attachment E}
- Incident Summary report for last month. {See Attachment - F}

CHIEF'S REPORT

We have two work related injuries, one needing surgery and will be out an extended period of time, the other is a finger injury will be out until around 9/10. Another FF going out for surgery, non-work related out 4 - 6 weeks.

The two new hires that started August 5th. have started their county training and are doing very well. They had some practice for the physical testing here in the town and passed with ease.

DC McGarry, who was in a provisional position has now passed the Civil Service Exam and therefore is eligible to become a Full Time Deputy Chief.

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to make Deputy Chief Sean McGarry a full time Civil Service Deputy. Motion unanimously carried.

Battalion Chief Rogers, who was also in a provisional position, passed the Battalion Chief Civil Service test therefore is eligible to become a Full Time Battalion Chief

Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes moved to make Battalion Chief Rogers a full time Civil Service Battalion Chief. Motion unanimously carried.

We held the Town wide 911 memorial service at West Ridge School on Sept 11th. It was well received by those that attended

The Chief explained that we have put in next year's budget to purchase 6 infrared cameras. There is an opportunity for us to purchase 6 new cameras at roughly 37K through the city's contract this year and the company is willing to give us \$1000.00 each for our old ones. This would save us a couple hundred dollars plus the 1K per old camera. We had budgeted 40K in next year's budget. This would give us 6 identical cameras. The treasurer believes this is the right move from a financial perspective.

After some discussion A motion by Commissioners Messbauer and Stoerger to give the Chief permission to purchase the 6 cameras under this year's budget versus next years. Motion unanimously carried.

The Chief also explained that we had budgeted next year for 6 Gas Meters. Several of ours are in poor condition and or broken. He would like to move that purchase into this year which would be around \$11,000.

A motion by Commissioners Bowers and Hayes to give the Chief permission to purchase the 6 new gas meters under this year's budget versus next years. Motion unanimously carried.

The Chief updated the board on where he is headed with the IT project. After a lengthy discussion, the Chief will collect the needs of all stakeholders

The Chief explained that we have some turnout gear that are past the 10 yr mark and no longer of use with the district. He would like to donate these to the GCSD's RTE program.

RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 176 (23) of the Town Law, the Ridge Road Fire District, Town of Greece, County of Monroe, State of New York, does hereby declare the following items of equipment are no longer necessary for the purposes of the Fire District.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to section 176(23) of the Town Law, the Ridge Road Fire District is authorized to dispose of said property valued under (\$20,000) by a majority vote of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the following list of surplus items have a value of (\$0.00) and will be disposed of in the proper manner.

ITEM	SERIAL NUMBER	REASON
FireDex Turnout Coat	1407440002	Out of Date
FireDex Turnout Pants	1047440004	Out of Date
FireDex Turnout Pants	1047440001	Out of Date
FireDex Turnout Coat	104440003	Out of Date
Morning Pride Turnout Coat	14043003709	Beyond repair
Cairns Helmet (Red)		Out of Date
Cairns Helmet (White)		Out of Date

Motion to Approve: Commissioner Bowers / 2nd Commissioner Stoerger
Chairman Stoerger Yea, Commissioner Bowers Yea, Commissioner Messbauer Yea,
Commissioner Richardson Yea, Commissioner Hayes Yea

I certify that the Resolution was approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ridge Road Fire District on September 20th, 2021.

Kenneth D. Bowers

Secretary

The Chief asked the board to start the process of doing something with the Stoneridge station, we have talked about it for years. It is not adequate for today's environment. After much discussion, the board decided to go back to Bergmann and get some figures on new verses an addition to the old building.

The Chief updated us on the contract with Monroe for training our EMTs.

DC McGarry updated the board on the finishing of the hallway from the flood.

The Chief updated the board on the issues with the CAD project

The Chief updated the board on the recent fatality incident. Questions were asked about support for our people following the incident.

The Deputy updated us on a recent training exercise that was put on by all 4 depts in the town. All of our crews were able to be involved. Excellent work by Lieut. Williams

OLD BUSINESS

Commission Bowers updated the board on the side door project. Looks like the first week of Nov to get started. The side entrance will be closed off during the construction.

Chairman Stoerger and the Chief updated the board on the proposal from the town Fire Chiefs to move away from the 911 center doing the town's dispatching. A very lengthy discussion followed. The Chief suggested we continue to visit this issue but not to move forward at this time but make a decision next May of 2022 but still communicate our issues with 911. He is not optimistic that it will improve.

A motion by Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger to stay with downtown handling our dispatching at this time but keep the pressure on to get them to fix the issues and revisit this in May of 22. Motion unanimously carried

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowers received the Training for travel in September. **Motion to approve the training, Commissioner Bowers, 2nd Commissioner Stoerger, unanimously carried.**
{See Attachment - G}

Chairman Stoerger read a waiver letter from Greenlight to be signed.
A motion by Commissioners Messbauer and Richardson to give the Chairman permission to sign the Waiver Letter, Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment - H}

Treasurer Friscano presented the Proposed Budget to the board. After some discussion the board moved as follows.

A motion by Commissioners Richardson and Messbauer to accept the Proposed 2022 Budget, Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment - I}

Commissioner Hayes thanked the Chief and district for all they did for Past Vol FF Dave Gerew

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Memorial Service 1 pm Oct 3rd @ North Greece**
- **Columbus Day Oct 11th.**
- **Budget Hearing and next Board Meeting October 19th 18:00 hrs**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to adjourn at 20:44. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary

Addenda:

- A. August 16th Abstract of claims
- B. Financial Report incl CIP P&L
- C. Letter of Thanks from Monroe Amb
- D. Good & Welfare report for the month
- E. Vehicle Status report
- F. District Incident Summary for the month
- G. Travel for training report for the month from Lieut Williams.
- H. Greenlight Waiver Form
- I. Proposed 2022 Budget.