



## **RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT Commission's Monthly Board Minutes 11/15/2021**

**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  
Richard Friscano, District Treasurer

**Absent:** Cheryl Garofalo, District Administrator / Deputy District Treasurer

### **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 Minutes from the October 19th Public Budget Hearing were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.

**Commissioners Messbauer and Richardson moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.**

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**Commissioners Stoerger and Richardson moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.**

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Treasurer Friscano presented in the absence of the Administrator, the General Abstract of audited claims for the period up to November 15th, 2021 for review and approval for payment. The total claims were \$2,322,943.50 Commissioner Bowers represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included (\$153,250.00) to Depository Trust Company for Principal & Interest on Serial Bonds from 2019, (37,560.00) to ElizaCo, Inc for 6 Thermal Imaging Cameras, (\$6,720.09) to Municipal Emergency Services for Turnout gear and chin straps, (\$4,875.00) to Utica National Insurance for our Commercial and Auto Insurance, (\$139,337.82) for our Health and Life Insurance Plans, (1,955,908.00) to NYS Retirement System for our annual contribution

After a short discussion the Board moved as follows.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Friscano presented the Financial Report for the month which included the Account balances report as of October 31st, 2021 for a total \$8,712,990.39 and CD Summary as of 11/10/2021.

Cash Receipts report as of 10/31/2021, total \$14,235,918.28. Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget – as of October 31st, 2021.

No Donations for the month

Rick recommends that we reinvest:

- \$1,000,000.00 General Account #5733 for 28 day term @ 0.18%
- \$2,002,823.65 URUA #6160 for 44 day term @ 0.18%

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

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**We received some items that will be filed with the notes:**

- Affidavit of posting from town clerk for budget hearing (Put in budget file)
- Letter from Tom Richardson asking his name go on the election ballot for the 5yr term
- Letter from John Hayes asking his name go on the ballot for the 2yr term
- Letter from NYS DOJ
- Email from Lt Balok on covid boosters

**The following will be attachments with the notes**

- Public Notice published in RBJ for our Election {See Attachment - C}
- Proof of posting in RBJ the Legal Notice for Commission Election {See Attachment - D}
- Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment - E}
- Travel for training report {See Attachment - F}

- October Newsletter {See Attachment - G}
- Incident Summary report for last month. {See Attachment - H}

## **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Both of our recruits Ryan Streb and Dave Olney finished up their training and the graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday the 16th.

We have one FF out after having hip surgery (Non work related).

The Chief updated the board on the results of the recent civil service Capt exam. Joe Muniz is in a provisional position and is now reachable on the new list. He asked the board for permission to promote Capt Muniz from his present provisional status to a Civil Service Captain.

**Motion made by Commissioners Messbauer and Hayes to promote Captain Muniz to a full time Captain Lieut from his present Provisional Status as of the 21st of October. Motion unanimously carried.**

The Chief has asked that we hold a swearing in ceremony on Dec 16th at 6pm for our new firemen (Dave Olney & Ryan Streb), Lieutenant (Pat Phillips), and Captain (Joe Muniz)

Supervisor Reilich has set up another meeting on the 17th with all the Greece Chiefs and the County Director of Public Safety to continue to address the issues with ECD

The Chief updated the board on the issues with addresses along Mt Read and Lexington. The Chief and Deputy are continuing to work this issue with 911.

The contract with Bergmann for the Stoneridge project has been signed.

The Chief updated the board on a new server that Tom Kurchoff is purchasing. It was in the budget. This is a replacement for two outdated ones. The total is around \$8,000.

The Chief updated the board on a concern from one of the retirees on the Part B Medicare reimbursement. The board agreed to continue our present path.

The Deputy updated the board on the covid booster process over at the mall.

The stations visited neighborhoods on Halloween, it was coordinated by FF Cottorone.

Our Healthcare broker has met with all four groups updating them on the healthcare plans, premiums, etc.

Lieut.Phillips coordinated an effort to send a care package to Lieut Kesel over in Africa.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger updated the board on the side door project.

Commissioner Messbauer asked to table updating the board on the Greece Fire Counsel until

next month.

Commissioner Stoerger updated the board on the stoneridge project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bowers received the Training for travel in November. **Motion to approve the training, Commissioner Messbauer, 2nd Commissioner Hayes, unanimously carried.** {See Attachment - F}

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Next County Meeting November 18th 7pm @ Barnard**
- **Thanksgiving November 25th**
- **Hanukkah begins Sundown on November 28th**
- **Next Board Meeting December 14th 18:30 hrs. & Elections**
- **HQ swearing in Ceremony December 16th 18:00 hrs**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Commissioners Richardson and Hayes moved to adjourn at 19:40. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully,**

**Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary**

### **Addenda:**

- A. November 15th Abstract of claims
- B. Financial Report incl CIP P&L
- C. Public Notice published in RBJ for our Election
- D. Proof of posting in RBJ the Legal Notice for Commission Election
- E. Vehicle Status Report
- F. Travel for training report
- G. November Newsletter
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