



RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT Commission's Monthly Board Minutes 10/19/2021

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.

SUBMITTING OF THE PROPERTY TAX CAP FORM

We are not overriding the NYS Tax Cap, therefore not needing a resolution, the Chairman filled out the Tax Cap Form and submitted it to the Comptroller's office and received confirmation back of it being submitted.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

The Board Minutes from September 20th 2021 were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.

Commissioners Richardson and Hayes 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 \$193,050.68. Commissioner Richardson represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments

included (\$4,708.00) to Crosby Brownlie for replacing failed parts at HQ, (\$2,746.66) to Lewis General Tire for tires on 253 & 250, (\$5,523.99) to Municipal Emergency Services for 5 sets of Turnout gear 7 Rack, (\$4,875.00) to Utica National Insurance for our Commercial and Auto Insurance, (\$143,673.12) for our Health and Life Insurance Plans.

After a short discussion the Board moved as follows.

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer 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 September 30th, 2021 for a total \$9,427,397.99 and CD Summary as of 10/07/2021.

Cash Receipts report as of 9/30/2021, total \$14,196,806.87. Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget – as of September 30th, 2021.

Donations for the month \$150.00

Rick recommends that we reinvest:

\$4,300,836.11 General Account #5733 for 26 day term @ 0.20%

\$2,002,489.90 URUA #6160 for 26 day term @ 0.20%

Not to reinvest the \$750,000.00 from General Account #6055 and have the Balance be put into the general account.

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

Commissioners Richardson and Messbauer moved to accept the donations that totaled \$150. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:

Commissioners Hayes and Messbauer 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:

- Letter of notification of Sean Hucko Merger
- Bergmann Joining Colliers Engine and Design
- Letter from Floyd on rate increases for 2022

The following will be attachments with the notes

- Proof of posting in Greece Post the Public Notice for Budget hearing {See Attachment - C}
- Incident Summary report for last month. {See Attachment - D}
- Letter requesting Posting and Legal notice given to Town Clerk {See Attachment - E}
- Stamped Proposed 2021 Budget given to Town Clerk {See Attachment - F}
- Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment - G}
- October Newsletter {See Attachment - H}

CHIEF'S REPORT

The two Lieutenants who were training for a month in NYC have returned.

Our 3 recruits are in their 11th week of training. The Chief visited them today and all are doing very good. November 16th graduation.

Lt Kesel continues his long term deployment, expected to return in Feb of 22. FF Enright is due to be deployed for a year starting in January of 22.

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

We will hold a swearing in ceremony in November ahead of the Commission meeting. This will be for the Deputy and a Battalion Chief.

We will hold a swearing in ceremony in December ahead of the Commission meeting. This will be for the FF's after completing their County training.

Motion made by Commissioners Stoerger and Bowers to go into Executive Session to discuss matters involving promotions of certain individuals @ 18:52 hrs. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion made by Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger to come out of Executive Session @ 19:02 hrs. Motion unanimously carried.

No decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Motion made by Commissioners Bowers and Richardson to promote Lieut. Phillips to a full time Lieut from his present provisional Status as of the 21st of October. Motion unanimously carried.

The Chief reported as of recently things with ECD have improved. He shared a letter with the Chairman that he received from Supervisor Relich of the subject. More to come on it.

Commissioner Bowers still owes the Chief some requirements for IT upgrades as it relates to meetings in the Meeting room.

The Chief gave the Chairman a letter regarding Stoneridge station for his approval.

Moderna Vaccine was recently approved for covid booster shots, he is waiting to see what the county sets up before we can move ahead as first responders.

The Deputy updated the board with a proposal he has for the cleaning and repairs of our turnout gear with **Turnout Express @ \$44 per set**. It has to be professionally cleaned per NFPA standards once per year.

After some discussion a motion by Commissioners Richardson and Messbauer to sign a contract with Turnout Express to repair and clean our gear for \$44 per set. Motion unanimously carried. DC to get copies of the contract to the Treasurer and Secretary.

DC McGarry updated the board on the progress of getting our groups through their yearly physicals. Three groups are completed with one to go. Everything so far has been going well.

October 3rd our Honor Guard was used for the town wide memorial event and was well received by all.

October 10th was the Town wide open house, similar to what we did the previous year. It was held at Athena High School. Excellent reviews on the event. Special Thanks to BC Gebo and FF Cottorone for their help with organizing this event.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger updated the board on the side door project. We continue to run into little hang ups that keep delaying the start. The side entrance will be closed off during the construction.

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

NEW BUSINESS

After seeking any further discussion following the public budget hearing, the Treasurer presented what the changes needed to be made to the proposed budget. Then presented the Final Budget.

{See Attachment - I}

The Secretary presented to the Board the following Resolution.

RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT

**Resolution # 2021-10-1
October 19th, 2021**

APPROVAL OF THE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ridge Road Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2022 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ridge Road Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 19, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 19, 2021 at said budget hearing, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Ridge Road Fire District for 2022 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$ \$14,183,145.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Stoerger (YES)
Commissioner Bowers (YES)
Commissioner Messbauer (YES)
Commissioner Richardson (YES)
Commissioner Hayes (YES)

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Greece, New York
October 19, 2021

Kenneth D Bowers
District Secretary
{See Attachment - J}

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Last Flu Shot Clinic October 23rd at HQ 9 - 12**
- **Election Day Nov 2nd**
- **Daylight Savings end on Nov 7th**
- **Next Board Meeting November 15th 18:00 hrs. HQ swearing in Ceremony**
- **Next County Meeting November 18th @ Barnard**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioners Stoerger and Messbauer moved to adjourn at 19:38. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary

Addenda:

- A. October 19th Abstract of claims
- B. Financial Report incl CIP P&L
- C. Proof of posting in Greece Post the Public Notice for Budget hearing {See Attachment - C}
- D. Incident Summary report for last month. {See Attachment - D}
- E. Letter requesting Posting and Legal notice given to Town Clerk {See Attachment - E}
- F. Stamped Proposed 2021 Budget given to Town Clerk{See Attachment - F}
- G. Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment - G}
- H. October Newsletter {See Attachment - H}
- I. Final 2022 Budget {See Attachment - I}
- J. Resolution #2021-10-1 {See Attachment-J}
- K. Travel for training report {See Attachment - K}