



## **RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT Commission's Monthly Board Minutes 2/21/2021**

**Present:**

**Kenneth D. Bowers, Commissioner / Secretary  
John Hayes, Commissioner  
Tom Richardson, Commissioner**

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

**Absent: Eric Stoerger, Commissioner / Chairman  
Dave Messbauer, Commissioner**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

District F/F's Brett Malafeew and Sean Wilder were in attendance during the meeting.

### **PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

The Board Minutes from January 17th, 2022, were sent, and all updates have been incorporated. **Commissioners Hayes and Bowers 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 February 21st, 2022, for review and approval for payment. The total claims were \$303,073.73 Commissioner Bowers represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included (\$8,113.45) to Churchville Fire Equip for Maint and repairs to 254, (8,490.00) to G & G Fitness for 2 Ellipticals, (39,390.00) to Joe Basil Chevrolet for New Chief's car, (5,274.74) to Premier Fire Apparatus for Maint and repairs to 253, (5,822.07) to Target Solutions for our On-line

training, (19,124.96)to Zoll Medical Corp for AED's Batteries, and Adapter. This was purchased through a grant, (\$163,623.22) for our Health and Life Insurance Plans

After a short discussion the Board moved as follows.

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Frisicano presented the Financial Report for the month which included the Account balances report as of January 31st, 2022, for a total \$3,494,155.75 and CD Summary as of 2/18/2022. Cash Receipts report as of 1/31/2022, total \$28,038.45. Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget – as of January 31st, 2022.

No Donations for the month

Rick recommends that we reinvest:

Bond Reserve CD for \$361,280.00 for 56 days @.22%

URUA CD for 3,200,000 for 56 days @ 22%

General CD for 11,200,000 for 28 days @ 18%.

**Commissioners Richardson and Bowers moved to allow the Treasurer to follow his presented investment plan. Motion unanimously carried.**

After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:

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

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

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

- February Newsletter {See Attachment - C}
- Ray DiRaddo's response to annual audit {See Attachment - D}
- Travel for training report{See Attachment - E}
- RRFD vehicle report {See Attachment - F}
- Incident Summary reports for last month {See Attachment - G}
- Letter from Harris Beach {See Attachment - I}

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

- Affidavit of posting from town clerk for Commissioner Election (Put in Election file)
- Invoice from RBJ on public notice of tax exemption hearing
- Report from Bergmann on Stone Ridge Station project
- Letter from Kodak on Hazmat help
- Congratulations on Chiapperini newborn

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Covid numbers are dropping
- F/F Enright has started his deployment and will be gone for a year
- Capt Interviews have been completed with the 4 being ranked

- Our Opticon system is beginning to show its age. We have already taken one of the least important one offline using its parts to repair another. The boards, which is what fails, are quite expensive. We have 23 of these on our system.
- As far as the IT for the meeting room we have 1 quote returned awaiting on others.
- Bergmann is preparing drafts for the board to consider for the SR project
- The new Chief's Tahoe is in and waiting to Gerber to be outfitted
- ECD dispatch issues are presently much less frequent
- The Chief has acquired an Emergency PRC # from the department of Labor

### **DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Accreditation Annual Report will be finished around 3/15
- A committee has been formed to investigate the replacement for 252
- The recently updated Rules & Regulations has been rolled out and most have read and signed off on them
- Our overall response times have decreased even though we have increased the number of FF's on each piece of equipment

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioners Bowers updated the board on the side door project. It is completed and all that is left is to submit required paperwork and pay the bill.

Last month the Chief presented a few changes to the Employee Handbook. He gave more detail as to why he wanted to make these changes. The board decided to table this until April when the Chairman is back from his sabbatical.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Separation MOU was distributed to the board ahead of the meeting. Vice Chairman Bowers asked for any questions concerning the MOU. Commissioner Richardson ask if it had any implications with the 24hr schedule. The Chief answered his question.

**Motion made by Commissioners Richardson and Hayes to give the Vice Chairman permission to sign the MOU and have the Chief present it to the unions. unanimously carried.** {See Attachment - H}

Commissioner Bowers received the Training for travel in February/March. **Motion to approve the training, Commissioner Hayes, 2nd Commissioner Bowers, unanimously carried.** {See Attachment - E}

Treasurer Frisicano updated the board on the progress to implement our new Financial Management policy. They are just about finished, only waiting for some transactions to flow through

Commissioner Bowers, now having had the public hearing on new tax exemption for Vol FF, asked the board if anyone had any questions before moving forward with the RRFD Resolution. Commissioner Hayes had some questions of clarification, which were addressed.

**Vice Chairman Bowers then read Resolution 2022-2-1**

February 21, 2022

**RESOLUTION  
TO ADOPT PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION  
PURSUANT TO  
REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 466-K**

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Ridge Road Fire District (the “District”) held on February 21st, 2022 at the Ridge Road Fire Station HQ, at which time a quorum of the Commissioners was present.

On a motion of Commissioner Bowers seconded by Commissioner Richardson the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, the District’s Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from fire district taxes for real property situated in the District and owned by eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service or by such enrolled member and spouse residing in a county have a population of between 735,000 and 750,000 inhabitants based upon and recorded by the two thousand ten federal census; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the population of Monroe County was between 735,000 and 750,000 inhabitants based upon and recorded by the two thousand ten federal censuses: and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Commissioners duly held a public hearing on February 21st, 2022, with respect to the question of whether the District should adopt a resolution providing the partial exemption authorized by Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That that the Board of Commissioners, after having given the public an opportunity to be heard at a public hearing, hereby adopts the provisions of Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law, and hereby provides to eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such eligible enrolled member and spouse residing within the District, a partial tax exemption from fire district taxes, to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property.
2. That each incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department within the district shall file a notice annually with the Assessor of each Town in Monroe County where the district is located, certifying its enrolled members with two (2) or more years of service, and listing the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member together with the enrolled member’s residence address. The certification shall provide the required information as of the taxable status date for each year (*i.e.*, March 1).
3. That the Board of Commissioners further adopts the provision of such law that grants eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrue more than twenty (20) years of active service, as certified by the appropriate authority, the 10% exemption, as set forth

above, for the remainder of his/her life as long as his/her primary residence is located within the district.

4. That it shall be the responsibility of each eligible enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service seeking such exemption to file any required application for such exemption with the Assessor before the taxable status date as may be required by the Assessor.
5. That this partial tax exemption shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after January 1, 2022.

On roll call vote, the following vote was recorded:

AYES: Commissioners Bowers, Richardson, and Hayes

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners Stoerger and Messbauer.

I, Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ridge Road Fire District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of Resolution passed by said Commission on said date.



Secretary

Dated: February 21st, 2022

Adopted: February 21st, 2022

Kenneth Bowers, Secretary

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
RIDGE ROAD Fire District  
1299 Long Pond Road, Rochester,  
New York 14626

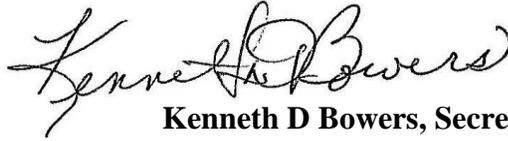
### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Ash Wednesday March 2nd**
- **Lent Begins March 7th**
- **Daylight Savings March 13th**
- **St Patrick's Day March 17th**
- **Next Board Meeting March 21st @ 18:30 hrs.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Commissioners Hayes and Richardson moved to adjourn at 19:27. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth D Bowers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary**

**Addenda:**

- A. February 21st Abstract of claims
- B. Financial Report incl CIP P&L
- C. February Newsletter
- D. Ray DiRaddo's response to annual audit
- E. Travel for training report
- F. RRFD vehicle report
- G. Incident Summary reports for last month {See Attachment - G}
- H. Separation MOU
- I. Letter from Harris Beach