RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission's Monthly Board Minutes
1/20/2025

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

District: **Sean McGarry, District Chief**
Joe Muniz, Deputy District Chief
Cheryl Garofalo, District Administrator / Deputy District Treasurer
Richard Frisicano, District Treasurer

Absent:

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Chairman Richardson

PUBLIC FORUM
No members of the public or District were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Stoerger led the Pledge

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES
The Board Minutes from the December 10th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.
Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board Minutes from January 2nd 2025 Board Organizational Meeting Minutes were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.
Commissioners Stoerger and Bowers moved that the minutes be approved. Motion unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

District Administrator Garofalo presented the Abstracts of both the District and the Stoneridge Project of audited claims for the period up to January 20th, 2025 for review and approval for payment. The total claims were $195,593.45 for the District and $294,367.39 for the Stoneridge Project. Commissioner Bowers represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included ($8,269.46) to Andrew Conlon for Crown Atlantic Cell Tower Taxes, ($7,150.73) to Andrew Conlon for SBA Cell Tower Taxes, ($69,216.10) to Jerome Fire Equipment for Compressor and Accessories {$50,000 reimbursed by J. Jensen} ($25,800.83) to NYS Insurance Fund for Premium installment, ($17,417.00) to North Greece for Mechanic Services Quarterly Payment, ($23,559.62) for our Health, Retirement and Life Insurance Plans.

For the Stoneridge Project up to January 20th, 2025 for review and approval for payment. Total Claims were $294,367.39.

After a short discussion, the Board moved as follows.
Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger moved to approve both abstracts for payment. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment A & B}

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the month which included the Account balances report as of January 20th, 2025 for a total of $5,196,866.43, CD Summary as of 1/20/2025, Rick proposed that we reinvest $838,328.55 in the URUA 0781 for 28 days @ 4.45% rate. Invest $Tax Levy Check -$100,000.00 in new General CD until 2/19/2025 @ current rate, Balance on the Bond Reserve CD for 28 Days @ current rate, Balance - Jan Expenses for the SR Checking Acct #4558 28 Days @ current rate
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No Donations for this month.

Rick presented his plan to get the fund balance up to the 17% per our policy.

After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:
Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger Bowers moved to accept the Treasurer's plan for getting the fund balance up to the 17% per our policy. Motion unanimously carried.

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

Commissioners Messbauer and Stoerger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

Commissioners Bowers and Messbauer moved to accept the Grant from Assemblyman Jensen's office for $50,000.00 with the District paying the balance for the purchase of the SCBA filling station. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence:

- Updates on the Stoneridge Project
- Note from Treasurer asking about a motion for Jensen Monies
- Note from Chief on Lt Injury
- Note from Chief on FF Flanagan's degree Completion
- Note from BC Gebo on Good Night Lights
- Note from Deputy with SCBA Fill Station Surplus info
- Note from Chief on Dec Board Actions

To be included as attachments:

- Travel for Training Report
- District Newsletter for Jan 25
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report
- District summary report for YE and Jan 25
- Financial Summary from Treasurer Frisicano

To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's agenda

CHIEF'S REPORT

- We have 1 FF out on work related Injuries.
- One Lt out with a work related injury expected to be out 4 to 6 Months
- Another Lt out going through PT for 2 - 4 weeks
- With the resignation of the probationary FF the Chief and Deputy with Board's approval has offered a job to a transfer from Canandaigua to fill the spot with a Feb 13th Start
- HCWB opened back up and our claims have been submitted
- Leary Grant $8K for the training tools has been submitted
- The Deputy and Chief have met with Senator Coomey's office on the Residential Sprinklers Bill.
- The Chief updated the Board on 3 significant incidents, job well done by all.
- The Chief sent a letter to the 2 residents who attended our public hearing on the budget, he has not heard anything back.
- First Responder hockey night in December was a great success Thanks to BC Gebo
- Steve Schalabba has left the County Coordinator's office and is going to Brighton.
- Turnout Express Contract for this year with no increase needs to be signed. Everyone has been pleased with the service.
- The Chief will miss next Month's board meeting, he will be on Vacation.

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger moved to approve the signing of this year's contract with Turnout Express with no increase. Motion unanimously carried.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

- Our Stoneridge project is back on track. Should be seeing steel going up soon, concrete has been poured on the Admin side.
- E254 should be returning this week from Firematic. The truck has been refurbished top to bottom.

- He updated the board on the action item given to him the previous month around undercoating our vehicles. Crown is used by many fire districts around us @ $380 per engine.
- Commissioner Bowers asked the Deputy if we should be doing some of the improvements found at Firematic on the new vehicles going forward like the new E253. **The Deputy to get a price on undercoating the new E253.**
- Eastern Security was in working on the upgrades to HQ entry access.
- Capt Williams working on a couple of windows in HQ's dayroom that have broken plastic latches.
- Christie Carpets is coming back to fix the carpet tiles that have seams coming up.
- Replacement Tahou and Pickup have been ordered

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bowers received the Travel for Training in Jan/Feb

Motion to approve the training, Commissioner Stoerger, 2nd Commissioner Messbauer, unanimously carried.

The Treasurer handled a phone call from one of our residents asking about a reduction in her taxes. He has agreed to look further into this for the board. He will email the board with what he finds out.

Commissioner Stoerger asked about the RG&E ad for Car Chargers, we aren't putting in the chargers at Stoneridge just the conduit for further considerations.

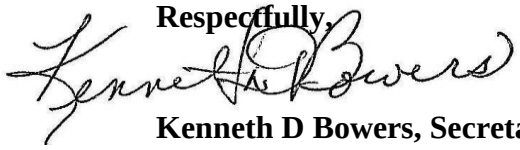
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Monthly Board Meeting Feb 17th @ 6:30pm
- Next County Meeting February 20th @ St Paul's Exempts 6:00pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioners Bowers and Stoerger moved to adjourn at 7:51 Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary

Addenda:

To be included as attachments:

- General Abstracts for Dec {See Attachment A + B}
- Dec Financial Report {See Attachment C}
- Travel for training report {See Attachment D}
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment E}
- District summary Report for Dec {See Attachment F}
- District Newsletter for Jan {See Attachment G}
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To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's Agenda