RIDGE ROAD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission's Monthly Board Minutes
7/21/2025

Present: **Kenneth D. Bowers, Commissioner / Secretary / Vice Chairman**
John Hayes, Commissioner
Eric Stoerger, Commissioner

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

Absent: **Tom Richardson Commissioner / Chairman**
Dave Messbauer, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:29 PM by Vice Chairman Bowers

PUBLIC FORUM
Charlie Beck from the Fire District was in attendance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Stoerger led the Pledge

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES
The Board Minutes from the June 16th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were sent, and all updates have been incorporated.
Commissioners Hayes and Stoerger 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 July 21st, 2025 for review and approval for payment. The total claims were $325,647.99 for the District and $536,288.96 for the Stoneridge Project. Commissioner Bowers represented the Board at the bill review. Significant payments included ($8,150.00)to BLP Sealcoat for Seal coating the parking lots at Ridgeway and HQ

($15,192.12) to Cummins Sales and Service for Repairs to E252 ($11,135.00) to Eastern Security Services for Balance owed for Cameras and Access Controls on district buildings, ($14,337.95) to NYS Ins Fund Worker's Compensation for Premium installment on Workers Comp Policy, ($17,417.00) to North Greece Fire District for Quarterly Mechanic Services, ($7,475.00) to Utica National Insurance Group for Commercial and Auto Insurance premium installment, ($213,202.23) for our Health, Retirement and Life Insurance Plans.

For the Stoneridge Project up to July 21st, 2025 for review and approval for payment. Total Claims were $536,288.96.

Question was raised around Bob Floyd's replacement, the Chief passed out the posting that we will be involved in during the interviewing process.

After a short discussion, the Board moved as follows.
Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes 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 July 21st, 2025 for a total of $16,709,721.56, CD Summary as of 7/21/2025,

1) Reinvest $11.1M in General CD 2) Reinvest the balance of the URUA CD, 3) Reinvest the balance of the Bond CD, 4) Reinvest $1.9M StoneRidge CD all maturing on 8/20/2025.

We received the Health Care Workers Bonus from the State. Which will be distributed as a paycheck.

$230.00 Donations for this month.

After some discussion, the Board moved as follows:
Commissioners Stoerger and Bowers moved to accept the Treasurer's investment Strategy for the month. Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes moved to accept the Donation of $230.00 Motion unanimously carried. {See Attachment B}

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

Commissioner Bowers will be the Commission representative on the 2026 Budget committee.

Treasurer Frisicano brought up the idea of involving someone from the General Public on the budget committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence:
- Deputy keeping us Updated on the Stoneridge Project
- Chief email on NG giving a group citation for work at their fire.
- Deputy keeping us updated on the new 253 progress

- Updates from Michael Tubbs from Christa on our StoneRidge Project
- Update from the Chief on his response to the past Chief's letter
- Email from the Chief on Apparatus purchasing
- Note from Chief on degree completions
- Note from BC Gebo on swearing in event
- Note from the Deputy on phone Scams
- Note from the Deputy on the new 250 Draft
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To be included as attachments:

- Travel for Training Report
- District Newsletter
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report
- District summary report
- July Financial Summary from Treasurer Frisicano

To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's agenda

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 1 FF on light Duty work related injury
- 1 Capt out on a non work related injury back early fall
- The Chief updated the board on the Healthcare Workers Bonus, He requested the board to match the HWB Bonus payment of $1,500 to our part-time civil employees and $3,000 to our full-time civil employees. This would align with the work requirements of the HWB.

Commissioners Hayes and Bowers moved to go ahead with the request to match the HWB Bonus payment of $1,500 to our part-time civil employees and $3,000 to our full-time civil employees. This would align with the work requirements of the HWB. Motion unanimously carried.

- July 1st was the Press release for the Assemblyman Jensen Grant
- BC Howcraft has submitted the Federal AFG Grant for 2025, the 2024 grant we still have not heard back on
- It's been a busy month, July 4th. with 2 working fires. BC Gebo recognized his crews for their work on the 4th. July 16th BFD had a multifamily structure fire. All companies worked seamlessly together.
- He provided some data on our response to Irondequoit based on questions from last month's meeting.
- We had a window replaced in the duty room. He asked the board what they wanted to do with the rest of the windows that are in need of replacement.

Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes moved to go ahead with getting the rest of the windows replaced not to exceed 13K. Motion unanimously carried.

- They haven't completed the carpet cleaning yet but it will happening shortly

Commissioners Stoerger and Bowers moved to approve the Strategic Plan presented last month by the Chief. Motion unanimously carried.

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DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

- Our Stoneridge project is moving along, they have started working on punch list items. AC is on which allows them to lay the flooring. Bay Doors going on next week. Big Move on Aug 11th. Looks like by the 18th of Aug we will be responding from that station.
- The new 253 final Inspection Mid July 27 - 29th.
- Still working out bugs with the new cameras at Ridgeway.
- Working with Gates on getting 20 Cancer screens for our folks.
- Commissioner Stoerger further discussed the incident with the bay floor.

OLD BUSINESS

- Deputy acquired a trailer for moving stuff back and forth.

NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner Bowers received the Travel for Training in July/August

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

Motion to approve the New Budget Policy Commissioner Stoerger, 2nd Commissioner Bowers, unanimously carried.

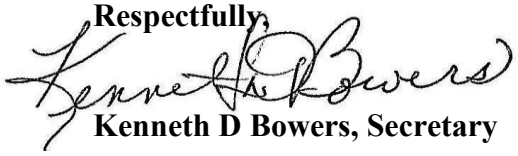
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Next Monthly Board Meeting August 18th @ 6:30pm
- Next County Meeting Sept 18th @ St Paul's Exempts 6.00pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Commissioners Stoerger and Hayes moved to adjourn at 7:26 Motion carried.

Respectfully,



Kenneth D Bowers, Secretary

Addenda:

To be included as attachments:

- General Abstracts for July {See Attachment A + B}
- July Financial Report {See Attachment C}
- Travel for training report {See Attachment D}
- RRFD Vehicle Status Report {See Attachment E}
- District Summary Report for July {See Attachment F}
- District Newsletter for July {See Attachment G}

To be included in folder with minutes:

- Chief's Agenda