

# Verdoy Fire District

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Present were:

Commissioners Germaine (PG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Terry Hannigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President Conroy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Russell (PR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Tim Hannigan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Vroman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Vroman (LV)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Politis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer Scimeca	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Bentley (PB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief DiNovo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Friedman (EF)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Carmichael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Call to Order:

- The June 27, 2019 Commissioners Meeting of the Verdoy Fire District was called to order at the Verdoy Fire Department by Commissioner Germaine at 7:01PM.

### Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

### Approve Minutes:

- Motion by **PB** and 2<sup>nd</sup> by **LV** to approve and waive the reading of minutes of the regular meeting held on May 30, 2019.

### Correspondence:

- Verdoy Volunteer Fire Association – New Member
- Received quotes for the purchase of SCBA's from the following vendors:
  - MES → \$180,847.82
  - Dival → \$181,220.00

### Treasurer's Report:

- As of May 31, 2019, District Funds totaled **\$1,032,272.10**; Motion by **EF** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **LV**
  - Audit is complete; Copies will be by the mailboxes when I receive them
  - Capital One Credit Card in process – have to receive 1 in order to add everyone required.

### Payment of Bills:

- Motion by **LV** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB** the Board approved payment of the vouchers as audited.

### Commissioners:

#### **Germaine**

- Lengthy Discussion on Social Media Issues at Fire Scenes – have photographers check in with Command at every scene
- Scheduling of Workshop to discuss:
  - Future plans on our apparatus
  - Implementing paying people at night and figuring out the financial logistics for that

- Having a conversation with our attorney regarding setting up a North side Battalion response, working together to minimize cost on equipment and get a clearer picture on types of apparatus we can collaboratively work with
- Workshop Scheduled for **Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**

**Russell**

- C.T. Male Updates
  - The signs around the building are posted
  - The trees have been tended to
  - The Roof Ladder was ordered; will be about 6 weeks before they start the install
  - The roof paint worked, but is not happy with the way it looks; TREMCO is coming back to put paint on in a different location
  - Sprinkler system hasn't worked all year; company we have been using is not helping to get the system back up and running again; looking for alternative options
  - The following items will be taken care of with the money from the Capital Reserve Fund
    - Attic Access
    - Metal Roof Restoration
    - Exterior Sealants
    - Seal Coating the parking lots

**Vroman**

- Day Program – Personnel Updates → Brent Lecuyer as resigned effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**Bentley**

- Small Vehicles – Squad 11 is still not working the way it should; suggest replacing it with a new vehicle – *see new business*
- Policy to facilitate response from home, integrated with a paid station crew/ response from home – Workshop Topic
- Cage contents → a lot of items in the downstairs cage that will be cleaned up within the next 2 months; report on update in August
- Fire Police → was discussed that you can be a Fireman and act as Fire Police, however you can't be registered with the state as Fire Police and act as a Fireman.
- DXing of Floor Machine – *see new business*

**Friedman**

- Duty Safety Officer Program → Policy is a work in progress; more to come on this as there is a draft policy going around at this point.
- Repair of Russ's computer → had to replace the hard drive and also upgraded him to Windows 10.
- Sale of 452 → Left the building about 2 weeks ago

**Attorney Hannigan:**

- More issues going on with the Cancer Bill; possible changes again.

**President Conroy:**

- Not present; no report

**Public:**

- Greg Serio voices his concerns with the current safety policy and inquired as to why the BOFC is not enforcing the current one.

**Report of Chiefs:**

- **Chief Politis**
  - Craft Fair at Verdoy – Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am -2pm – *see new business*
  - SCBA replacement – *see new business*
  - CPR Class/refresher- Bentley/Germaine working on setting up a class to get current members needing certification up to date.
  - Cribbing Returned. The vendor we ordered the plastic cribbing from sent the wrong model. We have returned it and placed an order for the correct type.
  - Chief's Preliminary 2020 budget is being submitted to you before July 1. Last year you had a budget meeting on a Sunday evening in July. I will be home for a brief visit and able to attend a budget meeting of it's on Sunday evening, July 21.
  - Replacement of Sq-11- We support moving ahead on replacing Squad 11. We suggest purchasing a new chief's vehicle and rotating the 63 vehicle into the SQ-11 position
- **Chief DiNovo**
  - The Lieutenants have been assigned to an apparatus
  - Fire Prevention plans are under way – looking for the board's approval to build a burn pod to be used in the parking lot. – **ALL IN FAVOR; APPROVED**
- **Chief Carmichael**
  - New member approval - Matthew Bendon – *see new business*

**Unfinished Business:**

- Duty Safety Officer Program
- Social Media Issues at Fire Scenes

**New Business:**

- **Resolution 19-31 BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 176(23) OF THE TOWN LAW, THE VERDOY FIRE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE VERDOY FIRE DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO DISPOSE OR SELL THE WALK BEHIND FLOOR MACHINE WITH AN ESTIMATE VALUE OF LESS THAN \$20,000.00.**

**MOTION: LV**

**SECOND: PB**

**VOTE: PR – Yay, EF – Yay, LV – Yay, PG – Yay, PB – Yay; motion passed**

- **RESOLUTION 19-32 BE IT RESOLVED THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-G OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**



**OF THE VERDOY FIRE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$185,000.00. FROM THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND TO PURCHASE SCOTT X3 PRO SCBA AIR-PAKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM MES. THE EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND IS A "TYPE" FUND AS DESCRIBED BY PARAGRAPH 2.B OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 6-G. SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

**MOTION: LV**

**SECOND: EF**

**VOTE: PR – Yay, EF – Yay, LV – Yay, PG – Yay, PB – Yay; motion passed**

- **Resolution 19-33 BE IT RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 176(23) OF THE TOWN LAW, THE VERDOY FIRE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR FIRE DISTRICT USES AND PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF SUCH APPARATUS WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF LESS THAN \$20,000.00. 2010 FORD EXPEDITION VIN 1FMJU1G57AEB45178.**

**MOTION: EF**

**SECOND: LV**

**VOTE: PR – Yay, EF – Yay, LV – Yay, PG – Yay, PB – Yay; motion passed**

- **RESOLUTION 19-34 BE IT RESOLVED THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-G OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE VERDOY FIRE DISTRICT DOES HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$205,000.00 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR BUILDING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS. THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND IS A "TYPE" FUND AS DESCRIBED BY PARAGRAPH 2.B OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 6-G. SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.**

**MOTION: EF**

**SECOND: LV**

**VOTE: PR – Yay, EF – Yay, LV – Yay, PG – Yay, PB – Yay; motion passed**

- Motion by **LV** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **EF** to approve Matthew Bendon as a new member.
- Motion by **LV** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PG** to allow the Auxiliary to hold a Craft Fair on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 10am to 4pm; will coordinate with the Chief for placement of apparatus.
- Motion by **EF** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB** to spend \$45,000 under account code **A104.3** to purchase a 2019 Ford Interceptor from Delacy Ford under piggyback.
- Motion by **PB** 2<sup>nd</sup> by **LV** to sell the 2010 Ford Expedition to Red Truck Sales in the amount of \$10,000.  
**VOTE: PR – Yay, EF – Abstain, LV – Yay, PB – Yay; motion passed**
- Effective July 31, 2019, Laurie Vroman resigns as Commissioner due to her impending move out of the fire district.
- Pursuant to Town Law (174(4), there is no qualified resident of the Verdox Fire district willing to perform the Fire District Secretary's Duties
  - Motion by **EF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB** to approve Laurie Vroman to remain the Secretary for the Verdox Fire District.

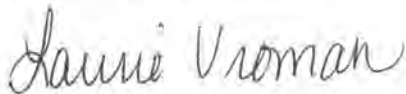
**Adjournment:**

- Motion made by **LV** with a second from **PB** to adjourn the meeting at **8:52PM**. *All in favor, motion carried.*

**2019 Meeting Schedule** *(All meetings begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted):*

- July 25 (Regular Meeting)
- August 22 (Regular Meeting)
- September 26 (Regular Meeting)
- October 15 (Public Budget Hearing)
- October 24 (Regular Meeting)
- November 21 (Regular Meeting)
- December 10 (Commissioner Elections)
- December 19 (Regular Meeting)

Respectfully Submitted



Laurie Vroman  
Secretary