

# Verdoy Fire District

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## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Present were:

Commissioners Germaine (PG)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Terry Hannigan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President Jasiewicz	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer Scimeca	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Bentley (PB)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Leonardo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Friedman (EF)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Carmichael	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Call to Order:

- The December 20, 2018 Commissioners Meeting of the Verdoy Fire District was called to order at the Verdoy Fire Department by Commissioner Russell at 7:02PM.

### Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

### Approve Minutes:

- Motion by **EF** and 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB** to approve and waive the reading of minutes of the regular meeting held on November 29, 2018.

### Correspondence:

- Notices of status changes from the Association
  - Motion by **LV**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **EF**, to accept the status changes of Joe Conroy & Dave Meservey.

### Treasurer's Report:

- As of November 30, 2018, District Funds totaled \$930,727.59; Motion by **LV**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB**.
- Brief discussion on payment for new Engine (*See New Business*)
- Travel Policy – Terry Hannigan will provide an updated draft in January

### Payment of Bills:

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

### Commissioners:

#### **Germaine**

- No report

#### **Russell**

- MDP Circuit Breaker Replacement; Project has been completed and C.T. Male will run their tests

- Cooperative Purchasing; looking at options; C.T. Male has provided some assistance; more to come
- 3 Upcoming projects: Envelope, Front Ramp, & Emergency Lighting (Cooperative Purchasing maybe??)

**Vroman**

- Election results were filed with the town on December 12, 2018
- Job description for the Treasurers job – Updated to reflect that resume are due by January 22, 2019. Will be sent to Times Union for publication.
- Organization Meeting: Date will be January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7PM
- Received the LOSAP Data Package and once the year comes to an end will get the necessary information back to PENFLEX for processing
- Working on getting updated quotes to install a projector in the Banquet Hall
- The draft organizational meeting agenda has been posted to the drop box

**Bentley**

- Emergency Lighting for inside the station; focus in stairwells at a minimum
- Carpet for Chiefs office; Waiting on an installation date
- Banquet Room; would like to make it look more like a firehouse by hanging up firehouse related pictures and removing the plastic flowers/plants.

**Friedman**

- Being a Commissioner and an Officer in the Association (*See New Business*)

**Attorney Hannigan:**

- Tim Hannigan will be at the Organizational Meeting in January
- New Sexual Harassment Reporting requirement (If witnessed, Supervisors must report even if recipient did not report)
- Discussion on payment process for 2019; Option is Flat Rate or Hourly. Commissioner Germaine will reach out to the Hannigan Law Firm and provide a response for January Meeting.

**President Jasiewicz:**

- No Report

**Report of Chiefs:**

- **Chief Politis**
  - Final inspection visit for new Engine – Request for a Commissioner representative; should be the Commissioner that is on the Engine Committee
    - Traveling is: Nick DiNovo, Mike Warner, John Krill, & Corey Friedman; trip date is January 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
  - End of year wrap-up
    - Purchase helmets/front for new officers
    - Recognition awards for outgoing officers
  - Request for credit card to have for trip for new Engine inspection; Already been requested, should arrive any day.
  - AV support for upstairs community room; looking to move TV in Training room to upstairs banquet hall near large table and add project to opposite end.

- Discuss updating downstairs bunk room
- Personnel committee needs to meet to discuss a replacement for Evan Dessingue, looks like he might be hired by Albany Fire Department within 3 weeks' time.
- Would like to donate the old Hurst Equipment to the Pleasantdale Fire District – *(See New Business)*
- **Restricted Membership Program Update:** Looking to come up with a brochure and figure out who is going to run the program.
  
- **Chief Leonardo**
  - **Small Vehicle Updates** – still having issues with Squad 11 being dead; been going on for several months, will continue to monitor
  - **Large Vehicle Updates** – Engine 452's backup alarm was repaired; Still having air leak issues on Truck 11.
  - **Town Fuel Farm** – Work was scheduled to begin 12/10; work just started
  - **Carpet in Chiefs Office** – A 2019 project?; Had a feeling this would happen
  - **Floor Machine** – Needs 2 new batteries & bottom scrub brush. Approximate cost is \$1000
  - Disappointed that the board is not keeping up with the small maintenance items
  - **New Development in the Fire District** – Three new construction projects on the drawing board.
    - **Office Building Troy-Schenectady Rd near Rosendale Rd:** located next to Rite Aid, a three story, 17,949 sq. ft. office/retail building on 1.49 acres. Approved by the Town Planning Board.
    - **Apartment Building 926 Troy-Schenectady Rd:** A three story, 80 unit, 4100 Sq. Ft. apartment building. Not approved by the Planning Board, only a concept plan.
    - **Office Building Troy-Schenectady Rd between Whitney Rd and Bailey Ave:** located on the northside of Rt 7 when the current empty lot sits undeveloped, a three-story 49,000 sq. ft. office building on 2.4 acres. Not approved. Project has to return for concept acceptance before final approval.
  - **2018 in Review** - It was a mediocrity year in my opinion. We made several improvements but have more work to do. There were a few items that I was unable to accomplish, but it was not for the lack of trying. Verdoy is struggling just like everyone else in the volunteer fire service. I know that Verdoy can be successful than everyone else, but not until we get the right people in those strategic positions. If anyone would like to sit down with me one on one to discuss more, please let me know. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief for 2018.
  - **Emergency Services Meeting:**
    - New Tactical Fire Ground Simulations Course
    - Rehab trailer will now be located at the Maplewood Fire Department
  
- **Chief Carmichael**
  - No Report

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Requesting that effective January 3<sup>rd</sup> (new billing cycle) we drop Broadview Networks for Telephone service and switch over to Verizon Fios (adding to our current internet access).

- Broadview – Base Rate for 6 lines → \$185.94
- Verizon Fios – Base Rate for 6 lines → \$165.00
- Communications
- Looking to change up the Incentive Award Program – President Jasiewicz

**New Business:**

- Motion by **EF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB**, to borrow \$200,000 from Key Bank and the balance from Apparatus Reserve fund. Total Bill is \$562,437.44.
- Motion by **EF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB**, to notify the Association that we are dropping our objection where a Commissioner cannot serve as a Captain or Lieutenant.
- Motion by **EF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **LV**, on donating the old Hurst Equipment to Pleasantdale Fire District. The equipment has already been removed from inventory.
- Motion by **LV**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB**, to spend \$1000.00 under account code **A104.20** to purchase 3 Red Fire Helmets. (budgeted – Y or N)
- Motion by **LV**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PB**, to spend \$350.00 under account code **A104.20** to purchase 4 Helmet Shields. (budgeted – Y or N)
- Motion by **EF**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **LV**, to contact VFIS to start paperwork for Cancer coverage.

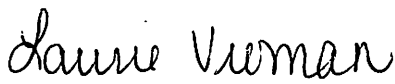
**Adjournment:**

- Motion made by **PB**, with a second from **LV**, to adjourn the meeting at **9:21pm**. *All in favor, motion carried.*

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

- January 3rd (Organizational Meeting)

Respectfully Submitted

  
Laurie Vroman  
Secretary