

VERDOY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2020
7:00PM

Present were:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner D.Meservey (DM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Greg Serio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President Jasiewicz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner B. Meservey (BM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Jasiewicz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner D. Johnson (DJ)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief DiNovo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer Riley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner K. Wheatley (KW)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Carmichael	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dep. Treas. Scimeca
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner M. Brehm (MB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief Friedman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

Call to Order:

- The April 23, 2020 Commissioners Meeting of the Verdoy Fire District was called to order at the Verdoy Fire Department by Commissioner D.Meservey at 7:09 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approve Minutes:

- Motion by **DJ** and 2nd by **BM** to approve and waive the reading of minutes of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2020.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

- As of April 23, 2020, District Funds totaled **\$1,439,527.27**; Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **DJ**.

Payment of Bills:

- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **KW**, the Board approved payment of the vouchers as audited.

Commissioners:

D. Meservey

- Kudos to Chief DiNovo and safety coordinator Serio on handling the covid issues.
- A lot of positive feedback regarding the parades.
- The new full timer Ryan is working out very well.
- There will be executive session later.

B. Meservey

- Dave Ferrone from Tech II will be upgrading the computers to Windows 10, taking the server offline and making the necessary adjustments to the computers.
- E.O.S. has installed the new copier and it is up and running. Russ has been given a demonstration on the machine. They need to come back to fix the scanning issue to the computers which will be done after the upgrades are complete.
- Currently copier default is on automatic color on the computers. Must be changed when printing to black and white.

- A wi-fi adaptor and post script add on needed in order to print from apple products (ipad), scan to a USB thumb drive and print from any device over wi-fi.

D. Johnson

- Purchased the riding mower with bagger and walk behind mower from Home Depot. Everything was under \$5,000.
- The circulator in the storage room in the bays was repaired by Clough.

K. Wheatley

- Insurance:
 - New proposals are still coming in. Greg and I are going to online chat with Matthew from Gallagher next week. We will need to vote next month on new insurance coverage.
- LOSAP:
 - Penflex received our packet and they are in the process of preparing the annual report. Matt Kopach and I connected, and we are getting the paperwork together to have him start receiving monthly payments. LOSAP quarterly report.
 - Newsday article regarding inability to acquire points for LOSAP during pandemic. Department should look into finding ways to receive points.
- DUNS#:
 - In the process of reinstating our inactive DUNS#.

M. Brehm

- No Report

Attorney Serio:

- Board should approve birthday parades as sanctioned district events.

President Jasiewicz:

- Members room closed except for firefighter functions and day staff. See notification sent via email.

Report of Chiefs:**Chief DiNovo**

- We continue to maintain social distancing and safety throughout the fire house during calls. Members have adapted well and seem to be very understanding to our requests.
- Discussion on River Road walking path. Difficulty for first responders in the event of a rescue. The area provides limited access for vehicles.
- The Officers will be working to create a training program for our Junior Members. Chief Carmichael, Captain Santore and Lieutenant Rose will be heading this project. Possibly similar to probationary program.
- Discussion on new turnout gear, will request under purchases.
- Request that the BOFC draft a thank you letter to the Albany County Fire Coordinator.
- Birthday Party Parade details have been very successful, good community feedback.

- Discussion on continuing training with airport and installing a Stokes Basket on the roof of Truck 11.
- New guidance on the use of plastic and paper bags in conjunction with masks.

Purchases:

- Looking to spend up to \$ 400.00 for garage door openers for the front doors for the Chiefs and Safety vehicles.
- Looking to spend up to \$ 40,000.00 for ten new sets of turnout gear. Replacement Equipment line item.
- Looking to spend up to \$ 1,000.00 for a new floor mats for the three Chiefs cars and safety car. Repairs to equipment line item.

Chief Carmichael

- 61 and 453 are due for lube, oil and filter. Russ will be scheduling those.
 - R11 has a new coolant issue that was repaired and should be no charge.
 - N95 masks were purchased by me as a precaution. We are running low but I can get more. They were around \$140 for 5 boxes (50 masks total)
 - Bail out training, the trainer will have to be rescheduled after the COVID-19.
 - Still need to schedule tires for the cars
 - 62 vehicle will need brakes checked and possibly changed when tires are done.

Chief Friedman

- Training postponed
- Looking to be back in service 5/1/20.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:42 by BM, seconded by DJ.

Regarding firehouse use during closure.

Executive Session ended at 8:11.**Unfinished Business:**

None.

New Business:

- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **BM**, to adopt COVID-19 memorandum, *motion passes*
- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **BM**, to adopt parade as district functions, retroactive to 4/8.....*passes*
- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **KW**, to spend \$400 for garage door openers for the front doors for the Chiefs and Safety vehicles.....*motion passes*
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **DJ**, to spend \$1,000 for new floor mats for the three chief cars and safety car.....*motion passes*
- Motion by **KW**, 2nd by **DJ**, to spend up to \$40,000 to purchase 10 sets of new gear....*passes*

Adjournment:

- Motion made by **KW**, with a second from **DJ**, to adjourn the meeting at **8:40pm**.
All in favor, motion carried.

2020 Meeting Schedule (*All meetings begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted*):

- May 21 (Regular Meeting)
- June 18 (Regular Meeting)
- July 23 (Regular Meeting)
- August 20 (Regular Meeting)
- September 17 (Regular Meeting)
- October 13 (Public Budget Hearing)
- October 22 (Regular Meeting)
- November 19 (Regular Meeting)
- December 8 (Commissioner Elections)
- December 17 (Regular Meeting)

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas Jasiewicz
Secretary