

VERDOY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Meeting Agenda
July 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner M. Brehm (MB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chief Friedman	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____

* Unless otherwise stated, all commissioners listed as present were present for each vote.*

Call to Order:

- The June 23, 2020 Commissioners Meeting of the Verdox Fire District was called to order at the Verdox Fire Department by Commissioner Dave Meservey at 7:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approve Minutes:

- Motion by **BM** and 2nd by **MB** to approve and waive the reading of minutes of the regular meeting held on June 18, 2020.

Correspondence: N/R

Treasurer's Report:

- As of June 31st, District Funds totaled **\$1,219,014.71**; Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **DJ**.

Payment of Bills:

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

Commissioners:

D. Meservey

- Updates on Covid.
- Status of 451 bumper repair – for Chief DiNovo (it's currently being built)
- Reminder for commissioners that the training HAS to be done this year. Pinsky has online video of the seminar available. Another link in the email is for credit where you enter the 6 codes from the video.
- Executive session for 2 issues.

B. Meservey

- Life members watch was ordered. Was a little bit more than usual due to the fact that they haven't raised the price in several years. Will take roughly a month and a half to get.
- Working on trying to get the firehouse phone system transferred over to Verizon since Windstream is going out of business and will cancel service mid October.
- Will be looking to purchase a new iPad to replace the one on Rescue-11 since it's swelling like Chief's DiNovo's a couple month back.
- Microsoft Office upgrade: Currently office will not open up on certain computers in the station due to its age. I'd like to purchase 5 copies of Office 2019 for the following computers, administrator, district secretary, association, chief and officers laptop. I'd also purchase just the Powerpoint program for the training room computer for presentations. (5 full copies @ \$194.99 ea., 1 Powerpoint @ \$99.99).

D. Johnson

- Waiting on Clough to finish repairs in hallway
- I will need to get with Attorney Serio to put the roof RFP together and sent out
- We should address the dehumidifier in the office suite hall and members room hall.

K. Wheatley

- Amended legislation for the LOSAP program. Deferring decision until the end of the year.

M. Brehm

- Holding on Colonie Team sports invitation at the firehouse.
- Possibly create a video to send out to all students or virtual tour of the firehouse.

Public Session: No Report

Attorney Serio:

- Possible new law coming pertaining to the creation of safety zones. More to follow.

President Jasiewicz:

- Members asking about the hall rental. Members have reserved, looking for district opening plan or have to look elsewhere?
 - Answer: Recommended to keep close until the September meeting and then revisit.
- Incentive Award Program: Is complete and has been posted for the members. Points retroactive to the beginning of the year
- Looking for District to pay for 10 hours of programming of the firehouse software at \$50/hr.
- Permission granted from parents of Brian Meservey Jr. to begin background check.

Report of Chiefs:**Chief DiNovo**

- I would really like to make it a point to thank all of the members for their outstanding effort this year. We have been doing a great job with our responses to calls. Our drill attendance has also been up. Thank you everyone and keep up the good work.
- There appears to be an issue with our SCBA's when we exhale, it creates a loud high pitched sound. The vendor and the manufacturer have already been contacted and they are going to fix the problem on all of the packs. It is NOT a safety concern at this point.
- Discussion on relocation of Boat 11 back into the district. Looking to purchase a dock, any and all fees, electric and any costs associated. Discussion about lease, contract with resident to follow if approved.
- Discussion on purchasing a new Chief's vehicle. It would be Car 63 for the upgrade and would run somewhere around \$55,000 all fitted out with lights, etc.
- A member lost his own personal G5 pager at the boat drill the other night. Looking to purchase a replacement under new business.

Chief Carmichael

- Vandermolen had to raise their labor rates due to the pandemic.
- Looking to spend \$463 for a new sawzawl, screw gun to replace the ones from Rescue-11 that were damaged at a call.

Chief Friedman

- N/R

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Commissioner Brehm to reinstate the Timesunion Newspaper, 2nd by Commissioner Johnson.....***All in favor, motion passes***
- Audit and management letter have been electronically distributed to all commissioners as well as a paper copy of the engagement letter.

New Business:

- Commissioner B. Meservey looking for a motion to spend up to \$450 to purchase a new iPad for Rescue-11.....Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **MB**.....***all in favor, motion passes***
- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **MB** to spend up to \$500 for sawzawl and tools, ***all in favor, motion passes.***
- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **MB** to spend up to \$700 for new G5 pager, ***all in favor, motion passes.***
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **MB** to spend up to \$1100 for new software licensing***all in favor, motion passes.***
- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **KW** to approve a background check on Brian Meservey Jr...***all in favor, motion passes.***
- Motion by **DJ**, 2nd by **BM** to enter executive session at **8:42pm**.....***all in favor***
 - Move out of executive session at **9:30pm**.

Adjournment:

- Motion made by **DJ**, with a second from **KW**, to adjourn the meeting at **9:35pm**. *All in favor, motion carried.*

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

- 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