

VERDOY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Meeting Agenda

January 21, 2021

7:00PM

Present were:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner D Meservey (DM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counselor Greg Serio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President Caney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner B. Meservey (BM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Counselor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary Malatesta
<input 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"/>	Other
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner T. Girard (TG)	<input checked="" 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 January 21, 2021 Commissioners Meeting of the Verdoyle Fire District was called to order at the Verdoyle Fire Department by Commissioner DM at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Approve Minutes:

- Motion by **BM** and 2nd by **KW** to approve and waive the reading of minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2020.

Correspondence:

- Paying for magazines for past members.
- New restricted firefighter Zaid Ashar.

Treasurer's Report:

- As of December 31st, District Funds totaled **\$988,078.74**; Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **TG**.

Payment of Bills:

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

Commissioners:

D. Meservey

- Commissioners training - Two on the table. March 25th-28th and May 5th-7th. Both at Turning Stone. Wednesday May 5th is a golf and dine for people that are interested. Thursday May 6th is the training from 8am-3pm. Has to be completed within 270 days of being elected.
- Building- right now two companies. CT Male and BBL. Whatever one we choose we will either lose 1 or 2. If we hire Male, Brian will have to abstain from voting. If we go with BBL, we will lose myself and Brian on voting due to conflict of interest. We will be financing the building to get repairs done. Dennis S. has agreed to work with Dennis R. in the finance process. Will have quotes by Friday. Lots of repairs need to be done to the building.

- 2020 was a very good and rough year. Covid destroyed a lot of plans. I will also be taking about the Covid policy under old business.
- The daytime program is under construction as of now. We have the three people we want to move forward with.
- Apparatus- T-11 valves and stokes basket installation to be this month. Chief will have more.
- As always like last year, the room is set up to provide distancing from one another per the CDC guidelines. I would like to ask that you continue to remove your mask when speaking so I can clearly understand what is being said and asked for.
- Need tires for the pickup truck with plow very badly. It will cost \$980.00 for all four tires.

B. Meservey

- Conversion from Firehouse software over to Red Alert is almost complete. The Kiosk is being tested right now with training to come in the next week or two for the officers before it's put in service. Want to thank Elliot personally for all of his assistance and hard work with the Firehouse switch over process as well as the switch over of computers to a local shared drive off the server. Without his assistance it would have cost the District a lot more money to have an outside source come in to help.
- Looking to purchase a wi-fi adaptor for the color copier along with a postscript add on which will give us the capability to print from anything in the firehouse on the wi-fi network as well as printing from a thumb drive. Total cost would be \$395.
- Looking to update the radio room more into a command center at the Chiefs request by purchasing a new computer tower with three monitors and monitor tree stand. Will be looking to spend up to \$1,300 for the project. After I have it set up I'd like to have the computer that's set up there now be lent out to the secretary to use if wanted and the TV monitor that's in there now will go back in its original location with cable hooked back up to it.
- Discussion and pricing regarding Verizon Fios for the department to roll into an all in one package with internet and phone. Bundle package will cost a little over \$500.00 a month for all three.
- Working on a rough draft of the next newsletter. Will be looking to spend what we did last time in order to get it printed and mailed out to the residents.

D. Johnson

- RTU has been replaced by Altek.
- Roof patching completed.
- Compressor for cooler was not broken, breaker was accidentally turned off.
- Building in general discussion for future repairs.

K. Wheatley

- Scheduled a walk through with ESIP rep. for January 29th.
- Working on securing a date for sexual harassment training through PERMA. There will be an online training. We still have Target Solutions until March 2021. If using training through your job it has to be New York State certified.
- LOSAP – mailing out year end statements to members.
- Started the process for filing service award credits for 2020. Will post points for 30 days.

T. Girard

- **No Report**

Public Session:**Attorney Serio:**

- **No Report**

President Caney:

- Discussion of adding HEPA filters to all HVAC units including gym, community room, members room and training room. This would alleviate remove COVID-19 particles.
- Provide ULTIMATIUM AIRBORNE MITIGATION SYSTEM for any room that has members in it. This can be added to HVAC system or be portable.
- Remove gym closing from 10pm to 5am since there is only one member allowed at a time. This would help our afternoon members/workers who work 3-11pm, 2-10pm, 11-7am, etc. so that they could come to the firehouse and work out before or after shift.
- Incentive Program
- WEBEX- to use during Association Meeting.

Report of Chiefs:**Chief DiNovo**

- Would like to purchase Ionization machines for the three apparatus. Will have prices for the meeting. Not Budgeted and will cost \$5704.98.
- Would like to purchase an electrostatic sprayer for the firehouse and will have prices for the meeting. Not Budgeted and will cost \$500 to \$700 for the machine plus the liquid.
- Would like to purchase seat covers for the apparatus in preparation to attempt carcinogens from spreading throughout the cab. (Budgeted Item)
- Would like to purchase a stokes basket for Truck 11 and have it mounted when the PM is completed.
- Question for the BFC and Treasurer, was the \$5,000.00 allotted for the truck 11 valve replacement transferred to the 2021 budget?
- Would like to spend up to \$300.00 on Radio room updates.

- I will be presenting a DX list to the BFC for approval on old equipment.
- I would like to donate DX hose to Albany County, at the request of Chief Paris.
- Chief Hack has requested to use our Webex account to hold Town of Colonie Emergency Services meetings.
- The new Chiefs car has been ordered and we are working on prices for the upfit.
- Would like to purchase new intake valves for truck 11 and 451. I will have quotes and an explanation at the meeting. This is not a budgeted item and will cost up to \$6000.00. We will wait on this for a couple of months.
- Would like to make changes to the new safety policy. The gaiter masks that we purchased do not meet CDC approval. Must wear a N95 mask, a surgical mask, or a 2-ply mask. The gaiter masks can be worn outside the firehouse.

Chief Carmichael

- No Report

Chief Friedman

- Discussion of training/online training.
- Officer development program- 1st official drill.
- New online learning platform.

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **KW** to spend up to \$8000.00 on Ionization machines and electrostatic sprayer out of the health and safety budget. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **TG** to spend up to \$60.00 on seat covers out of the health and safety budget. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **KW** to spend up to \$2400.00 on a stokes basket for Truck 11 out of the miscellaneous budget. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **TG**, 2nd by **KW** to spend up to \$300.00 on Radio room updates out of the building and grounds budget. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **TG** to DX \$9751.24 of old equipment. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **KW** to donate DX hose to Albany County. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **KW** to allow Chief Hack to use our Webex account for Town Emergency Services meetings. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **KW** to approve the new safety policy. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **KW**, 2nd by **TG** to spend up to \$395.00 for copier. All in favor, motion passed.

- Motion by **KW**, 2nd by **TG** to spend up to \$2000.00 for newsletter. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **KW**, 2nd by **TG** to spend up to \$1050.00 for monitors and computer for chief's desk. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **TG**, 2nd by **KW** to spend up to \$975.00 to buy computer parts to build computer for radio room. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **TG**, 2nd by **BM** for New York State Certificates for Sexual Harassment. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion by **BM**, 2nd by **KW** to accept new junior member for a six-month probationary period. All in favor, motion passed.

Board Entered Executive Session at 9:10pm and exited at 9:15pm.

Adjournment:

- Motion made by **KW**, with a second from **BM**, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. All *in favor, motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Malatesta
Secretary