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Hughsonville Fire District

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Meets Second Wednesday and
Fourth Wednesday of each month

Board of Fire Commissioners

John Lorenzini - Chairman
Michael Schappert – Deputy Chairman
Mark Liebermann, Vincent Galvin,
Anthony Martino, Jr.

Paul Rogers, Jr. – Chief of Department
Justin R. Jerrick – 1st Assistant Chief
William H. Beale – District Duty Captain

MINUTES April 12, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners

Attendees: Commissioner John Lorenzini– Chairman
Commissioner Michael Schappert - Deputy Chairman
Commissioner Vincent Galvin
Commissioner Anthony Martino, Jr.
Commissioner Mark Liebermann

Chief: Paul Rogers, Jr.
1st Assistant Chief: Justin Jerrick (Absent)
District Duty Captain: William H. Beale
District Secretary/Treasurer: Kim Flower
Attorney for District: Greg Supple, Esq.

Commissioner Lorenzini opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed.

Guest Speakers

- Judy Smith from Baptist Church regarding placing clothing drop shed on property. The shed will be checked weekly and more if necessary. Commissioners requested that they check with town to be sure it can be done and requested secretary to ask district insurance company. We will not be responsible, in any way, for the shed.

Legal

- Attorney Supple looked into firefighters tax exemption. He prepared a notice for the Commissioners to consider, the only variable is the number of years a firefighter must serve. A public hearing must be held prior to adopting. Commissioner Lorenzini spoke during last Town Board meeting regarding exemption.
- Motion to authorize the secretary to publish legal notice of public hearing in Southern Dutchess News and to hold the public hearing during May 10, 2023 meeting at 7:00 pm was made by Commissioner Lorenzini.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS section 466-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law, has recently been amended to authorize a tax exemption of Ten (10%) percent of the primary residence assessed value for certain Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Ambulance workers and

WHEREAS the Hughsonville Fire District hereby authorizes such tax exemption in accordance with NYS Real Property Tax Laws for the following designated Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Ambulance workers.

NOW THEREFORE the Hughsonville Fire District does hereby enact the real property tax exemption pursuant to the Section 466-a of the NYS Real Property Tax Law for Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Ambulance workers. Such tax exemption shall be Ten (10%) percent of the assessed value of primary residence property located within the Hughsonville Fire District.

Such tax exemption shall apply to Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Ambulance workers, who have served a minimum of two (2) years of active service.

Any enrolled member of the Hughsonville Fire Department who has attained more than 20 years of active service, shall be granted the ten (10%) percent exemption for his or her life as long as their primary residence is located in Dutchess County.

Any surviving spouse of a member of the Hughsonville Fire District who was killed in the line of duty and who has not remarried, shall also be entitled to the ten (10%) percent exemption in accordance with the foregoing statute.

Treasurer's Report

- Purchase orders, bills, and checks were signed.
- Motion to approve abstract dated April 12, 2023 consisting of 32 items for a total of \$ 325,377.09, with a transfer from general savings to checking was made by Commissioner Martino.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- \$90,000 will be taken from apparatus reserve fund as per resolution 2022 for Scott packs and replenished when grant money is received.

Secretary's Minutes

- Motion to approve the secretary's minutes for March 22, 2023 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

Correspondence

- Motion to approve Thomas Gallman request for meeting room Saturday, April 15, 2023, 12pm – 11pm, was made by Commissioner Schappert.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

- Motion to approve Frank Paulo request for meeting room Friday, May 19, 2023, 4pm – 11pm, was made by Commissioner Schappert.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes

- Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to approve Ray Leslie request for meeting room Sunday, May 21, 2023, 4pm – 6pm, was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to approve Ray Leslie request for meeting room Saturday, June 10, 2023, 12pm – 4pm, was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to pay per diem for FDIC training as follows: Duty Captain Beale and Vincent Galvin \$345, Members Wigdor, Cruz, Sample \$483 and member Schappert \$552 was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Motion to allow Michael Schappert to drive 45-68 to FDIC training April 22 – April 29 was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

Commissioner Report – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Chief's Report

- All (20) new air packs received from grant are in service. All apparatus has uniform packs.
- Motion to surplus old packs, bottles, and masks, which are outdated was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Thermal imaging cameras in chiefs cars are now upgraded.
- Motion to surplus old imaging cameras, using chiefs discretion was made by Commissioner Schappert.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Notification to Commissioners that member John Sample obtained small burn to his leg during training. No medical attention was needed. Injury report was taken. Will give copy to secretary.

A. Apparatus (Repairs)

- 45-55: Taken to Eagle Diesel to complete repair to a/c from last year waiting for parts. Front retractor was not working but is now repaired by Hopewell. Intermittent problem with backup camera. Hopewell came but was working at that time.
- 45-46: Hopewell ordered LED lights on ladder that were not working. They will also replace a switch that works intermittently.
- 45-11: Is at Firematic getting hose bed cover installed.
- 45-32: Currently working in RPM mode only. Hopewell looked at pressure regulator. The current model is discontinued so looking for same model elsewhere.
- Motion to allow Captain Ward the use of a district vehicle while district duty captain attends FDIC, April 24th – 29th was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes

- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

B. Radios and Pagers – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

C. Fire Prevention – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

D. Uniforms – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

E. Purchase request (s)

- Motion to approve \$6,944.22 for purchase of (6) additional masks, (3) 5.5 air cylinders, and (6) additional fleece mask bags, from MES was made by Commissioner Schappert. Motion seconded by Commissioner Galvin.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

F. Training Report

- Only one member did not complete quarter one training: Robert Schulz
- Motion to remove member Robert Schulz from active roles was made by Commissioner Schappert. Motion seconded by Commissioner Liebermann.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

- Michael Flynn is still on medical.
- District Duty Captain Beale will be setting up a meeting next Thursday, 6:00 pm with all FDIC attendees to go over what is needed and how it all works.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel

- Clerk, Lynne Versaci has been sent letter of termination . She had not put any hours in for months and after meeting with Commissioner Liebermann and Commissioner Schappert she was still not meeting the schedule as discussed. She will not be reappointed.
- Chief Rogers and secretary Flower will enter reports and attendance.

- Motion to approve new active member Joseph Newman pending background check, physical, and lens was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- The company removed associate member Erik Williams and Ryan Prahach due to non-payment of dues. Michael Flynn is still out on medical.

Boy Scouts/Explorer Post

- Boy Scouts will be holding clothing drive this weekend.

Buildings and Grounds

- Motion to approve \$3,750 for fence repairs, by Adams Fence and submit to insurance to recover from car damage that occurred December 11, 2022 was made by Commissioner Liebermann.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes
- Cleaner will be requested to rent a carpet cleaner to clean all runners.
- No one has heard from any of their contacts regarding boiler replacements.
- Secretary will contact Sigma Trembley to request quote for split units in meeting room and upstairs or possibly handing wall units. (Possibly 2 upstairs and 3 in meeting room) Will request all with heat so potentially be able to remove boiler. Commissioner Schappert will look into state website also.

Building Expansion

- Commissioner Schappert has a name to contact for asbestos abatement. He will contact them at his earliest convenience.

LOSAP

- All Commissioners have received the 2022 Annual LOSAP report.

Policies and Procedures

- There was a meeting with Lexipol. Prices quotes were received and for all modules are approx.. \$24,000 but not all are needed. Each module is approx.. \$3,600 ea. Will be put on May Agenda for further discussion.

Technology, IT Digital Communications

- The chiefs are having problems signing in. Keeps asking for admin password. Commissioner Schappert will have to go outside normal vendor as he is not able to get any pricing from them. He will have discs in hand, by end of next week and Roberts IT will be asked to install.
- Commissioner Schappert has wifi hot spot in 55's bay up and operational. All will be sent the password. He will also be tweaking some things. Right now works in main building and butler building.

Website Committee – *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Public Information Officers– *No reports and/or discussions unless otherwise noted*

Old Business

- Old 45-11: Commissioner Martino spoke with Jim today. A few places interested in purchasing have fallen through. Chile may be interested. There will be an answer by this Friday. Commissioners all agreed to lower price to \$65,000.
- Commissioner Schappert sent a note to the purchasing in county asking if can use single source, regarding the generators. He has not heard back as of yet. H.A. Schreck can not maintain certain generator brands (Kohler, Generac and Cummings due to software) on our maintenance contract.
- Commissioner Schappert will set up bid specs for generators and secretary will put on Bidnet and advertise locally.
The county contact person stated all was sent to lawyers to draw up contract.

New Business

- Motion to approve the grand writer for \$2,750 with a deposit of \$1,350 to write grant for new turnout gear was made by Commissioner Lorenzini.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Schappert.
 - Commissioner Galvin Yes
 - Commissioner Schappert Yes
 - Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
 - Commissioner Martino Yes
 - Commissioner Liebermann Yes

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Liebermann at 8:09 pm.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Martino.

- Commissioner Galvin Yes
- Commissioner Schappert Yes
- Commissioner Lorenzini Yes
- Commissioner Martino Yes
- Commissioner Liebermann Yes

All quotes were obtained in accordance with the purchasing policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Flower
District Secretary