

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York 14543
Meeting Minutes– December 20, 2022

Roll Call: Chairman Scott Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Commissioners Scott Goodman, Doug Platt, Dale Sweet, Michael Terzo. Chief Jon Faugh, Assistant Chief Michael Terzo Jr.

Absent: Commissioner Bob Faugh

Town of Rush: Councilman Dan Chase

Rush Fire Department member(s) were also in attendance.

Report From the Town: No report at this time.

Presentation: Wendy Mancuso, President of MedEx: Ambulance billing - Presentation is included at the end of the minutes.

Presentation: Dave Reitano, member of the Rush Fire Department: Investment Proposal - Presentation is included at the end of the minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 15, 2022 Meeting minutes made by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Platt. Approved 4 - 0.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Faugh indicated that calls seem to come in on the days the laborers are not in the office, so it is hard to judge the success of the plan. The laborers are busy performing agreed upon tasks around the station.
- DOH review of the ambulance, all went fine. The only issue was some of the policies: need to be updated for current process, others reviewed for accuracy and date change to show they have been reviewed

Buildings and Grounds: Eye wash stations are now equipped with buckets to catch the water. Commissioner Terzo purchased 'ice melt' - salt will not be used.

Vehicles:

- 583 is still at Tracey Road Equipment, issue with air tank
- 588 needs front step fixed - this is the second time in a few months; Commissioner Terzo will fix and shorten step to avoid issues going forward
- 582 EMS bag removed from compartment and is now in the cab; Commissioner Sweet indicated there is a water leak around the light causing the bag to be wet

Equipment: Go Jacks ordered, received and installed on rescue truck (passenger side, front compartment)

Information Technology: Commissioner Terzo and Department member Jim Princehorn will run a data line from the data closet to the large meeting room for the laptop to be used for training.

SOGs and SOPs: Commissioner Terzo asked Chief Faugh if the safety committee will update the SOGs identified by DOH. Commissioner Goodman will work with Chief Faugh to accomplish

Personnel:

- Need for additional part-time laborers: Much discussion ensued regarding role of these employees. Commissioner Goodman indicated that he needs to add both Treasurer and Secretary to Civil Service.
- **Motion** to use original posting with slight change to wording: Purpose is to be 'First Responder on scene and is not tied to the Ambulance' made by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Terzo and approved 4 - 0.
- Secretary will post on District website and with Steve Schalabba to communicate to Monroe County Fire/Ambulance service.

Publicity and Associations:

- Commissioner Terzo would like something to be published in the next Town newsletter regarding hiring laborers and their purpose. Discussion relative to waiting a bit to see how it is really working.
- Commissioner Platt reported on the MCFDOA November meeting: the topic of the education portion was Cancer prevention in the fire service. He suggested that we bring the presentation to the station and will follow up with information.

Physicals: Feb 20, 2023: Secretary asked if email to notify members is sufficient. The answer was to use district email.

Bills:

Following a final review of the December 2022 General Fund Invoices, Commissioner Terzo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and approved 4 - 0 to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,127.27, voucher numbers 2022-266 through 2022-292

- The Vouchers were reviewed by Commissioners Terzo, Sweet and Platt.
- Treasurer asked that she be notified of expense amounts to carry forward for approved purchases by December 29, 2022 (date of final FY meeting)

Inventory: will be handled as follows

- Linsey McConnell - gear issued
- Jessica Frost - Training records
- Dave Hood - Red Alert Truck Maintenance

Insurance/Budget/Attorney: Commissioner Sweet gave report on Cancer insurance bill - should be received soon. He updated the member list as required and submitted to insurance company.

Liaison Town Board: No planning or zoning board applications to review. Commissioner Sweet asked Councilman Dan Chase if he knew of any - Mr. Chase replied that we could check the Town's website, but he didn't think there was anything new

Membership: no report

Old Business:

- Line Officer Qualifications - member response by Dec 7, 2022
 - Discussion about the chiefs not being notified of member responses. responses were sent to the entire board as well as secretary, but Commissioner Sweet objected to the Chiefs not being able to review ahead of time as they should have input.
 - Commissioner Platt felt that the membership had plenty of time to respond and only 4 responses were received. He indicated we should move forward
 - Commissioner Goodman suggested to put topic on hold until the end of year meeting, December 29
 - Secretary will forward responses to Chief Faugh, and Assistant Chiefs Smith and Terzo Jr.
 - Secretary will remove 'preferred' qualifications and redistribute SOG

New Business:

- Commissioner approval of Chief, Assistant Chiefs for 2023
 - Discussion about qualifications - use old or new? Can't use new because they have not been approved
 - Chairman said motions should be made for each office:
 - **Motion** to appoint Jonathan Faugh as Fire Chief made by Commissioner Platt, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, approved 4 - 0
 - **Motion** to appoint Kevin Smith as Assistant Chief made by Commissioner Platt, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, approved 3 - 1. Commissioners Goodman, Sweet, Platt voted AYE; Commissioner Terzo voted NO
 - **Motion** to appoint Michael Terzo Jr. as Assistant Chief made by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Platt, approved 3 - 0 - 1. Commissioners Goodman, Sweet and Platt voted AYE; Commissioner Terzo abstained from vote because of family connection.

- **Request from Leary School** to use the Rush Fire District parking lot to shuttle family for an event at the school: March 15, 2023; 6 - 8 pm. **Motion** to allow by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Terzo, approved 4-0
- **End of year Meeting:** Thursday December 29, 6 pm. **Motion** to set meeting time by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Platt, approved 4 - 0
- **Organizational Meeting:** Thursday, January 5, 2023, 6pm. **Motion** to set meeting time by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, approved 4 -0

Adjournment:

Commissioner Sweet made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Platt and approved 4 - 0 to close the meeting. It was adjourned by common consent at pm.