

<p><b>RUSH FIRE DISTRICT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS</b> <b>1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York 14543</b> <b>Meeting Minutes– April 18, 2023</b></p>
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**Roll Call:** Chairman Scott Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Present:** Commissioners: Goodman, Terzo, Faugh, Sweet; Chief Jon Faugh, Assistant Chief Mike Terzo Jr.; Town of Rush Councilman Dan Chase

**Rush Fire Department** member(s) was also in attendance: FF Jim Princehorn

**Absent:** Commissioner Platt

**Rush Town Report:**

- Comprehensive plan update committee will have an open house on June 14th for citizen input.
- Rush town code update committee - issues with some of the businesses that are trying to come into town; committee will see if changes need to be made. What is allowed or what isn't and what do businesses have to do to operate in the Town of Rush.
- Mr. Chase has not heard anything regarding the BOCES building that the Fire District uses - Commissioner Terzo asked about the horse trailers that are near the FD area; he would like them moved 3 trailer widths to the North. Councilman Chase will follow up at town board meeting

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Meeting minutes: **Motion** to approve minutes from March 21, 2023 by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh, approved 4 - 0.

**Chief's Report:**

- Chief Faugh has been busy with his EMT classes on Mon, Wed evening and most Saturdays.
- Asst. Chief Assistant Chief Terzo clarified the agreement with Honeoye Falls Fire Department - they would like one truck to begin and if it is an active fire, rescue and second truck to follow.
- Asst. Chief reported that he has been 'reauthorized' to teach the extrication class and he has 10 Rush Fire Department members and 4 neighboring fire department members signed up
  - Commissioner Sweet asked if Rush department members could retake the class (is there room?); Asst. Chief replied that yes, he would welcome those who want to retake as a refresher

**Buildings and Grounds:**

- Commissioner Terzo reported that Leo J. Roth has to come out to change the hoses at the back of the truck bay
- Wants to install gutter guards at the W. Rush Fire house - he needs a short work detail to get some light clean up done at W. Rush (the siding on the east side of the building is coming off)
- Commissioner Sweet indicated that the outside light sockets are shot at Hse 1. He will work with Larry Kaplan to get them replaced.

**Vehicles:**

- Commissioner Terzo reported that HarRob had looked at 582 radio (not scanning)
- The chrome hub on 588 needs to be replaced
- Radio for 589 will be coming back
- Commissioner Faugh should turn in his radio to the chief so that it can be re-numbered. Work on radios will be done Thursday, 4/20
- Commissioner Sweet indicated he purchased foam from Churchville:
  - \$235/5 gal bucket (no freight chg)- asked Commissioner Terzo how that price compares to the foam he (Terzo) had purchased. By end of meeting, Terzo reported that his foam is \$219/5 gal bucket, also no freight.
- 582 exhaust pipe needs repair - another instance of an 'accident' that no one reported. Commissioner Faugh tried to fix, but could not
- Commissioner Faugh mentioned an issue with the title to the truck that was sold

**Equipment:**

- Assistant Chief Terzo ordered a demo life vest so it could be evaluated by the FD members. (it was discussed at March meeting that he would like to buy 6 vests this year and 6 next year).

**Information Technology:**

- New computer installed in the Commissioners' office. Should be much faster than previous one. This is an item that can come off the parking lot list.

**SOGs and SOPs:****Personnel:**

- Matt Hauf will work 1 - 2 days per week starting in May.
- Secretary Stappenbeck asked Commissioner Terzo if he wanted to do a phone interview with a potential candidate. Yes - secretary will arrange

**Publicity and Associations:****Physicals:**

Secretary reported that the remainder of physical reports had been received by Healthworks. Physicals for 2023 are completed.

## **Bills:**

**Following a review of the April 2023 General Fund Invoices, Commissioner Terzo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Faugh and approved 4 - 0 to pay the vouchers in the amount of \$28,923.57; #'s 2023- 77 through 2023- 98.**

- The Vouchers were reviewed by Commissioners: Terzo, Faugh, and Sweet.
- Update on Audit: Treasurer Steehler said that she signed the contract with Mengel, Metzger and Barr; Tom Zuber indicated that audit would not be completed until the end of June, which is past the required deadline, but not to worry about it
- Treasurer Steehler is working with Witmer to get the invoices for nozzle purchase for Asst. Chief Terzo
- She is also working with Boundtree to get the account and/or invoicing set up properly

## **Inventory, Inspection and Dinner:**

- Linsey is working on
- Commissioner Terzo indicated that we will need to find a new place to have the dinner next year; Wildwood Country Club was suggested by Commissioner Sweet.

## **Insurance/Budget/Attorney:**

- The group life renewal policy is due, but Commissioner Sweet could not open the file sent by Gary Wilkins; insurance renews in June, but we will not pay bill until file is able to be reviewed
- Commissioners Sweet and Platt met with Gary Wilkins to review the value of the buildings, trucks, etc. The original bill did not include the higher values, so we should receive a small bill to account for the increases. All the buildings are pooled together: house 1, house 2, scout house and all the buildings on the grounds
- Clause for replacement cost is included in the bill
- Treasurer Steehler reported that the rebates for workers comp insurance premiums had been received from NYSIF: \$7016.44 for members and \$92.10 for office staff.

**Liaison Town Board:** Commissioner Sweet presented and no issues were found with either application. Secretary to respond to town.

- 2023-03P: 7566 W. Henrietta Rd: Jonathan Ciarico; special permit to continue existing landscaping business
- 2023-02Z: 30 Boulder Creek Dr: Michael and Elizabeth Sweazy; setback exception to allow inground pool installation (filled in by prior owner)

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### **Membership:**

- Background check submitted for new member, secretary just received correct consent form on 4/19. Results will be emailed to commissioners
  - Asst. Chief Terzo has reached out to the membership to see if he can get some help (mentoring) for the new members, but so far, no response

### **Old Business:**

- Commissioner Faugh mentioned that there was an issue in getting the title for the Freightliner chassis; when it was sold, Rush FD did not have. Now the truck will be sold again and we have to find a way to get the title.
  - Commissioner Terzo said he will reach out to his contact at DMV to see what needs to be done.

### **New Business:**

- Commissioner Goodman received an email from the supervisor regarding the 2nd annual Veterans parade and did Rush Fire want to participate. It will be on November 11, 2023. The information was given to Chief Faugh for him to follow up with the members.
- Use of small meeting room for Girl Scouts for school year Sept 23 - June 24
  - **Motion** to approve request by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and approved 4 - 0.
- Discussion regarding billing for ambulance services:
  - Commissioner Faugh does not want to do, said he has talked to the Rush ambulance crew and they do not want to do either
  - Commissioner Terzo wants more data before making a decision
  - Chief Faugh said it is 'too much trouble' and if Henrietta shows up, they will be the ones to get paid.
  - Commissioner Goodman said that at some point, everyone in NYS will be paid.
  - The District will hold off on any formal decision for now.
- Discussion on the Lucas apparatus
  - Overall feeling is that we should have one, but more information is needed, especially regarding the way it works.
  - Perhaps use the May fund drive letter to let residents know that is what will be purchased with the money

### **Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Terzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Faugh and approved 4 to 0 to close the meeting. It was adjourned by common consent at 8:15 pm.**

**\*\*Secretary's note:**

The zoom meeting ended itself - this was the 40 minute mark.

Secretary told the board that the meeting ceased to be recorded at this point and that she would investigate some other source for recording meetings