

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York 14543
Approved Meeting Minutes December 19, 2023

Roll Call: Chairman Scott Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Commissioners Scott Goodman, Doug Platt, Robert Faugh, Dale Sweet, Mike Terzo, Chief Jon Faugh, Asst Chief Mike Terzo Jr

Town of Rush: No representation

Rush Fire Department member(s) were also in attendance: Jim Princehorn and Zach DuBois

Report From the Town: No report

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Sweet indicated the name of the road was incorrect in the discussion topic of 400 Rush W. Rush Road - correction: Rush Scottsville Rd. In addition, Asst Chief Terzo indicated that when the President was speaking about the elections, he had made a suggestion to have a nominating committee. This was added to the meeting minutes prior to the December meeting and prior to the motion to approve November.

Motion to approve November 2023 Meeting Minutes with correction, by Commissioner Sweet, second by Commissioner Platt, passed 5 - 0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Faugh reported that the new SCBA is in use.

There was a discussion about the fire alarm at Rush Firehouse 2.

Commissioner Terzo reported that he had gotten a message from a Rush resident that when the fire alarm went off at station 2, it went off for a long period of time, and was very loud. What can be done to minimize? The Chief suggested changing the timer to shorten the timing.

Buildings and Grounds:

Building 1: the emergency lights on the 588 overhead door have been replaced.

Vehicles: No Report

Equipment: No Report

Information Technology:

New contract received for ZOLL Data Systems (EMS Charts). Signed by Commissioner Terzo. The Commissioner asked the Secretary to make sure that the contact name with ZOLL is changed.

Entry to Red Alert was discussed - Commissioner Terzo will work with laborers to update Red Alert with information from the Inventory review done in October.

SOGs and SOPs: no report

Personnel:

- Commissioner Terzo discussed that Phil Gibeau has taken on a new job and is willing to work ~~as~~ Saturdays. Commissioner Sweet said he would like the job duties on Saturdays to be identified.
- **Motion** to open up a laborer shift on Saturday made by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Faugh and passed 5 - 0.
 - Meanwhile, the secretary will post the position with Monroe County Fire Coordinator: Steve Schalabba and Commissioner Platt will reach out to Ken Bowers (MCFDOA) to circulate.

Commissioner Goodman indicated that the Treasurer and Secretary positions have now been filed with the Civil Service Department as Exempt Positions. This means that they are considered non-competitive positions.

Publicity and Associations: no report

Physicals: Tentative 2/19/2024

Bills:

Following a review of the November 2023 General Fund Invoices, Commissioner Terzo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Platt and approved 5 - 0 to pay vouchers in the amount of \$35,796.04 voucher #'s 2023- 249 through 2023- 278

- The Vouchers were reviewed by Commissioner
#1 Terzo, #2 Faugh, #3 Sweet

Election Update:

The Commissioner election was held on December 12, 2023. Douglas Platt is the successful candidate.

Inventory, Inspection and Dinner:

- Inventory was discussed, specifically that some of the items inventoried in 2022 were still on the 2023 individual list. The secretary indicated that she had missed updating Red Alert prior to the inventory date for 2023 and that could have been a reason for some of the errors.
- It was noted that we need more gloves (Asst Chief Terzo indicated that he had ordered several pairs of gloves earlier in 2023).
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Insurance/Budget/Attorney:

Liaison Town Board:

Nothing received as of 12.17.2023

Membership:

- Secretary Stappenbeck received applications for 3 potential new members:
 - Joshua Calley - No Background Verification Approval Form, Only Application for Membership Form
 - Chad Miller - Only Background Verification Approval Form
 - Will Stanton - application for membership AND Background Verification Approval Form

Old Business:

Ambulance Billing -

- Commissioner Scott Goodman asked if the Board wants to move forward with billing. Rush would still transport for BLS calls, residents would then receive a bill. He will reach out to Frank Manza to get details and Attorney Peter Weishaar. Asst Chief Terzo indicated that he would look into if Rush would be able to incentivize with gift cards/merchandise from Grainger.
- **Motion** made to move forward with third party billing by Commissioner Platt, seconded by Commissioner Terzo, Passed 5 - 0

- It was suggested that a workshop to iron out the details would be needed.
- Commissioner Terzo wants some education efforts to inform the community.
- **A motion** made by Commissioner Platt, seconded by Commissioner Terzo to accept the **Training Policy** shared by Asst Chief Terzo at the November meeting. Passed 5 - 0

New Business:

- ZOLL Data Systems (EMS Charts) contract renewal. This needs to be signed
- Pipitone Contract Renewal was signed by Commissioner Terzo.
- NYS DOL posters outdated. New posters will probably be shipped to the Firehouse - should not need to be ordered.

Chief's Business:

Motion to approve Jon Faugh as Fire Chief of the Rush Fire Department made by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Platt. Passed 5 - 0.

Motion to approve Michael Terzo Jr. as 1st Assistant Chief of the Rush Fire Department by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh. Passed 5 - 0.

Motion to approve [Daniel Kwiecien](#) as 2nd Assistant Chief of the Rush Fire Department by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Platt. Passed 4 - 1: Commissioner Terzo voted nay.

Surplus Inventory: **Motion** by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh to take out of service air packs with bottles. Ask one of the laborers to research trying to sell the air bottles.

Adjournment: **Motion** to adjourn by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh. Meeting adjourned 8:29 PM by common consent.

Respectfully submitted
 Kitty Stappenbeck
 Rush Fire District Secretary