

<p>RUSH FIRE DISTRICT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS 1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York 14543 November 19, 2024</p>

Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Chairman Goodman at 7:05 PM followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Commissioner Scott Goodman, Commissioner Bob Faugh, Commissioner Dale Sweet, Commissioner Doug Platt, Commissioner Michael Terzo; Chief John Faugh, Asst Chief Mike Terzo; Treasurer Aletha Steehler, Secretary Kitty Stappenbeck

Rush Fire Department member(s) were also in attendance: Riley Evans-VanBuren and Jim Priincehorn

Absent: Asst. Chief Dan Kwicien

Town of Rush: Councilmember Jeanne Morelli, Fire Marshal Rick Tracy
Councilmember Morelli reported:

- The Town Board passed a resolution to allow the RFD's use of building 3. Although it needs work, it has been approved for use by the Rush Fire Department. Secretary to follow up on the email from Pat Stephens regarding insurance for the lease. She will forward to Commissioner Sweet; once all the paperwork is in place, the building can be used.
- Second public information presentation by Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Connectivity Plan: Wed Nov 20 , 6 pm - Town Hall Board room
- Town adopted the 2025 budget with 4% increase; includes 2% over the cap

Fire Marshal Tracy reported:

- Due to drought conditions, the Governor has issued a burn ban in New York State through the end of the month
- A lot of work is being done at Sri Vidya
- Rush Marketplace has poured concrete where tanks are. Hope to finish that before the plants close
- Reviewing fire alarm plans
- Commissioner Platt asked if a test had been done on the fire extinguishing system on gasoline pump; Mr. Tracy said that there is no longer a requirement in NYS for a depression system on a new build. NYS was one of the few states that ever had this requirement. The code enforcers could not find any evidence that the damage was contained due to the suppression system; therefore the requirement was eliminated

Approval of Minutes: Treasurer Steehler noted two small adjustments to the bills for October: Verizon overpayment of .85 and Nextiva underpayment of .43

Motion by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2024. Passed 5 - 0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Faugh will address items in the appropriate place as we move forward with the meeting

Buildings and Grounds:

Pipitone did maintenance on A/C system

Laborer Dave Hood got snowblower ready for use and refinished the bench out front

Gutters were cleaned at House 2

HVAC heat exchanger bad at House 2 - Commissioner Terzo gave the go ahead to replace

Need to fix siding on house 2 - discussion on how to fix - Commissioner Goodman looked at siding and he had called the company

Vehicles:

588 to Caledonia Diesel - they cannot find the short, but found that the ground wire to the starter was loose, replaced the pump for the cab lift

582 has to go next - to fix exhaust

587 - The Chief took it to Shamrock, had to order parts, should be in on Monday and will get fixed - sway bar and front end parts

Equipment:

- Asst Chief Terzo updated the Board on cameras - he got three quotes: MES, Dival, and Fire Store, which was the lowest price. He will forward the quotes to Treasurer and Secretary

- Cost is approximately \$3300 per camera and includes the truck mounts

- \$2558.97 camera

- \$647 Truck Mounts

- \$52.94 Detachable lanyard

- Ladies Aux willing to buy one; Fire dept maybe will buy one; District to buy the third

- Rush Lions club may be willing to buy one. Asst Chief has been invited to their meeting on Thursday and will discuss

- Jason Klein will demo the camera as soon as he is able

- Purchasing 3 cameras will provide consistency among the trucks and reduces training for members (they only have to learn how to use one type of camera)

Information Technology:

Secretary Stappenbeck reported that the contract for the scan project through Docufree is up on November 20. Bill for services will come out of 2024 budget (had been carried over from 2023 budget)

Secretary met with Kables to get their plan of how to host this information. After further contemplation, the secretary does not feel that we need such a robust document management system (retrieval) Commissioner Terzo asked if we can do the scanning ourselves and yes, that is the plan. Secretary will work with a laborer to see what documents may be upstairs in the fire house

Chief Faugh indicated that the TV at house 2 is not working, Commissioner Terzo will take a look.

SOGs and SOPs:

- The Chief indicated that DO Dubois got the clearing process finalized and was supposed to present at the Board meeting. The Chief will check with him to see if he can present in December.
- Commissioner Goodman indicated that the SOG for the Lucas device is still not complete- there are items that need to be added

7:30 pm: Commissioner Terzo made a motion to move to go to Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Platt, passed 5 - 0

7:55 pm: Motion to resume regular session by Commissioner Platt, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, passed 5 - 0.

Publicity and Associations: no report

Physicals:

Commissioner Platt confirmed the date for Rush Fire Department physicals:

January 27, 2025.

Secretary will put a 'hold the date' on Google calendar.

The board agreed to wait until after January 1 to send an email to the members to see who wants to have the full body scan done. Date will probably be in March 2025

Motion by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Faugh to go forward with 10 individuals for the full body scan. Passed 5 - 0

Bills:

The treasurer report was emailed to board members. If anyone has any questions, please let the Treasurer know.

Include vouchers in the amount of \$ 19,507.83 2024- 254 through 2024- 286

- Reviewed by Commissioners Terzo, Faugh, Sweet
- **Motion** to pay the bills in the amount listed by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Platt, passed 5 - 0

Inventory, Inspection and Dinner:

- Chief Faugh indicated that 4 sets of gear went out Monday
- Lindsay indicated that she was confused about what was going to be swapped out vs. repaired. Commissioner Sweet said that a list had been started for repairs.

- The important piece was the date on gear. Most of that should have been listed on the individual sheets.

Insurance/Budget/Attorney:

- Commissioner Sweet had information on 2025 Safety initiative grant - applications being accepted - he gave the flyer to Assistant Chief Terzo.
- Assesment rate is 7.1%; it was 9.2% so it has gone down a bit
- Cancer insurance has to be renewed- anyone with 5 years has to be added - by Dec 1

Liaison Town Board: Secretary to reply to town planning board that no issues were found on the followins applications.

2024-10P: Chapman Rd., S. Gress subdivision of a 7.9 parcel and construction of a single family home

2024-11P: 999 Rush Henrietta TL Rd., J. Pischerer - conversion of existing building to a Youth Training Center

2024-12P: 1650 Rush Scottsville Rd., Diane Wyant - subdivision of parcel to sell

Membership:

- Member background checks from the October meeting both came back OK
 - Secretary has emailed information on physicals to both individuals, forms and who to contact.
- New member Macintyre Moyse presented - **Motion** to accept member pending background check - by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Platt. Passed 5 - 0.

Old Business:

Ambulance...Commissioner Goodman sent an email to the board and Chiefs with his correspondence from Mr. Manzo of CHS Ambulance regarding ideas on the fate of Rush Ambulance going forward.

Here is the synopsis of that email:

Scott Goodman (on behalf of the Rush District of Fire Commissioners) had a conversation with Frank about a CHS merger

This is all preliminary and a rough draft

Rush EMT's would become members of CHS and will be required to go through the usual CHS EMT medic/ driver clearing process with CHS FTO. . Rush EMT's will be required to maintain the same clinical competencies, QA standards, etc... as all CHS medics. All medical charting and billing will be under CHS

The Rush ambulance would become property of CHS, they would cover insurance, maintenance, and etc.

The Rush CON issue will have to be discussed with our attorney as CHS's CON covers the Town of Rush already

There was some discussion among the Board; If Rush goes with this proposal, CHS would take over the ambulance, but would keep a rig at Rush. This is important because CHS would keep an ambulance within the town. Rush would not have to bill, the charts would cease to be an issue. Rush would NOT have to transfer the CON to CHS. The Chief mentioned that he had talked to a few Ambulance Crew members who did not like the idea of CHS taking possession of the Rush Ambulance. Board instructed the Chief to attempt buy-in by discussions directly with the medics. Riley was asked how he felt about all this - he said he is getting cleared for medic, then has to clear for driving. He doesn't see that he would have time to get cleared with CHS and go to college as well. With mixed reviews by the members about merging with CHS, In January the District will start the process of ambulance billing using MedEx of Leroy NY

New Business:

- Commissioner Platt suggested that the Board does not need a separate year end meeting to pay remaining December bills. The board should do in the regular December monthly meeting.
- The Organization meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, January 7 at 6 pm. The Secretary will ensure this is posted in the GVP.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty Stappenbeck, Secretary

The italicized paragraph under 'Old Business' was added to the meeting minutes on 1-8-2025 by the District Secretary.

Email attachment:
Exploratory CHS_Rush Ambulance

to Commissioners, Jonathan, Michael, Dan,
Zachary

Good Morning, I spoke with Chief Manzo of CHS and this is his reply for a possible merger with CHS.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Frank Manzo** <fmanzo@chsmobilehealth.org>
Date: Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 9:15 PM
Subject: Re: Rush Fire District
To: Scott Goodman <sgoodman@rushfiredistrict.org>

Hi-

I just pulled my leadership team together quickly this afternoon for some brainstorming.

- Drivers Only
 - We will make a position for this. It will be volunteer only (not possible to be paid).
- EMT/ Medics
 - Non-current CHS employees- Will be required to go through the usual CHS EMT medic/ driver clearing process with CHS FTOs
 - Medics can remain volunteer or can apply for per diem paid status
 - Will be required to maintain the same clinical competencies, QA standards, etc... as all CHS medics.
 - For CHS employees, we would pay them for the time they are on a Rush call
 - All charting would be under CHS
- Rig
 - Envision CHS taking ownership of the Rush ambulance. We will then cover maintenance, insurance, etc...
 - We will likely have to re-number and put a "operated by CHS" on the sides.
 - Supplies will be provided by CHS. We could keep a small substock in Rush
 - Gear will be modified to match CHS BLS gear set/ bags.
- Dispatching
 - Do EMS members use voice pagers still? My only concern here is we cannot generate tones from CHS dispatch. We would have to figure this out.
 - If not, I would anticipate we could eliminate the RUSE CAD group and just add the area to CHSE. When a job in Rush is received, we would send a truck out of Henrietta, as we do today, and potentially add a Rush Bryx Dispatch group to alert the Rush/ CHS member of a call in the district. If they crew the Rush ambulance, we will cancel the Henrietta truck, as we do today.
- CON

- o Rush FD would need to transfer the CON to CHS. This avoids going through a NYS closure process, which is a mess.
- o I would think Rush FD would become a BLSFR agency so the laborers, etc.. can still perform EMS and do charts.

These are my first thoughts. Bottom line is this is doable. The lower call volume makes it a little easier than if Rush was a higher volume agency.

Let me know what you think and/ or what I'm missing.

-Frank

From: Scott Goodman <sgoodman@rushfiredistrict.org>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 2:29 PM
To: Frank Manzo <fmanzo@chsmobilehealth.org>
Subject: Rush Fire District

This message originated from outside of CHS Mobile Integrated Healthcare.

Hi Frank,
I have been asked by Chief Faugh to get more information on what a possible merger with CHS would look like. I imagine a lot of it will be the requirements to be a volunteer. We do have a few members that only drive and they have expressed concerns that they won't be able to drive anymore.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks

Scott

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Mon, Nov 18, 2024,
6:20 PM

■ **Kitty Stappenbeck**
<kstappenbeck@rushfiredistrict.org>

to Scott, Commissioners, Jonathan, Michael, Dan,
Zachary

Thank you Scott - this all sounds doable and I am interested to hear the discussion tomorrow night.

Next steps and potential budget impact should be considered - just my thoughts.

See you tomorrow night

Kitty

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Secretary/Deputy Treasurer

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Mon, Nov 18, 2024,
9:18 AM

■ **Scott**
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