

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York 14543
Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Commissioner Scott Goodman, Commissioner Bob Faugh, Commissioner Dale Sweet, Commissioner Doug Platt, Commissioner Michael Terzo (joined at 7:12 PM); Chief Jon Faugh, Asst Chief Michael Terzo Jr., Asst Chief Dan Kwiecien, Treasurer Aletha Steehler and Secretary Kitty Stappenbeck

From the fire Department: Jim Princehorn

Town of Rush: Councilperson Jeanne Morelli, Fire Marshal Rick Tracy

Report From the Town:

- Ms. Morelli reported: info meeting on new proposed water district in the pavilion
- MRB engineering consultants to discuss specifics and every landowner within that district should have received a packet of information
- The landowners affected by this will decide if the town will go forward - there is a petition the landowners will fill out and mail back to the town
- 125 residences fall within this water district, southeastern part of the town
- Mr. Tracy reported that he is happy with progress of Sri Vidya outstanding items
- He asked for another update before the February District meeting
- He thinks this will wrap up the process for fixes/improvements
- Rush Mendon Road - legal action ongoing - he will keep chief updated - details were not shared with the board

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting minutes: Commissioner Sweet asked for the following corrections to the December 17, 2024 meeting:

1. p, 1 last sentence: SP department to department
2. p. 2 under 'Vehicles' SP Terzo to Terzo
3. p. 4. under 'Liaison Town Board' attach email from Commissioner Sweet
4. fix Dan Kwiecien underline and blue color
5. p 5. SP Adjourn to Adjournment

Motion to approve Dec 17, 2024 meeting minutes with corrections made by Commissioner Sweet and seconded by Commissioner Platt. Passed 5 - 0.

Motion to approve the Org Meeting Minutes on Jan 7, 2025 made by Commissioner Sweet and seconded by Commissioner Platt. Passed 5 - 0

Chief's Report:

Another busy month - specific items will be addressed throughout the meeting

Buildings and Grounds:

Commissioner Goodman met with the Rush seniors: They asked for some improvements regarding handicap accessibility at the Fire District.

- A railing alongside the walkway to the ramp was suggested by Commissioner Goodman and he will get prices.
- The Seniors also wanted the outside steps painted yellow on the edges for better visibility.

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- It was also suggested to install a hand-motored door open; Department member Princehorn indicated this can be done although it is expensive, but programmatically possible.

7:12 PM - Commissioner Terzo joined the meeting and reported on the following:

- Insurance company inspected boiler - originally installed in 1971 and still working
- Siren - Federal transponder is not working so fix is to put a pager on it and the siren will blow one time only. Commissioner Terzo will have this fix installed.

Vehicles:

- 582 - Caledonia Diesel found a leak in the fuel pump; but cannot find the issue with the brow lights - HarRob will come out to look at them.
- Commissioner Terzo asked the Chief if DO DuBois told him that new software was loaded on the Ambulance laptop - the chief responded no.
- The Chief reported that a magnetic charger was put on the ambulance laptop

Equipment: Asst Chief Terzo reported that the thermal cameras have been received- County will come in second Monday in Feb to train - and live training for the members will be in March

Information Technology:

The scanner (approved at December 2024 meeting) has been ordered.

When received, the secretary will work with Kables team to configure it and set up time for training.

SOGs and SOPs:

- Commissioner Goodman indicated the Lucas SOG was completed - he will send it to the secretary. The secretary will forward it to the membership after formatting it correctly.
- Asst Chief Terzo has updated the training for Fire Scene support because the requirements are different from that of Exterior Firefighter
 - It was suggested that the Chief talk to the body about the changes

Motion to accept the updated training for Fire Scene Support by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Platt, passed 5 - 0.

The secretary will send out the training and Lucas device updates to the membership

Personnel: No report

Publicity and Associations: No report

Physicals: January 27, 2025 Doug confirmed that healthworks is confirmed for Monday one day only - The secretary indicated that the FF signed up for Tuesday will come on Monday at 7:30 Healthworks will accommodate

Bills:

Following a review of the January 2025 General Fund Invoices, Commissioner Sweet made a **motion**, seconded by Commissioner Terzo and approved 5 - 0 to pay the vouchers in the amount of \$ 35,210.84; voucher numbers 2025-001 through 2025-040.

Vouchers were signed by Commissioners Sweet, Platt and Terzo.

Inventory, Inspection and Dinner:

- 5 sets of Tech Gen gear, and 2 sets of exterior were received

- New helmets are in - new Chiefs helmet is ordered for Asst Chief Kwiecien
- Pagers - the chief indicated that 4 more pagers are needed

Insurance/Budget/Attorney:

- Census for group life, updated last month. Newer people to fill out beneficiaries and will be in a separate file
 - Updated census for EAP renewal - cost is based on # of people
- Commissioners Sweet and Terzo updated cost of apparatus, sent to Insurance agent Wilkins so policy can be updated
- Cancer forms were updated and sent to NYS
- Treasurer Steehler reported
 - Audit is starting - MMB - Tom Zuber picked up the box of invoices last week
 - Jason is starting the financial audit to update comptroller's office
- The Secretary reported that Peter Weishaar of McConville, - accepted the District's request for him to continue as the District's attorney for 2025

Liaison Town Board:

There were no new Planning or Zoning Board applications to review, however the Fire Marshal spoke about Dollar General having to go through zoning process; the district has not yet received the full Zoning Board application
 Commissioner Sweet asked that the Secretary send acknowledgement that the Board had received the initial plans.

Membership: New Member Brennon Lang. **Motion** by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Platt to accept Brennon as a new member pending the background check. Passed 5 - 0.
 The Secretary will send one more email to new members MacIntyre and Jones regarding physicals.

Old Business:

No update on Ambulance Billing.

New Business:

Commissioner Goodman will set up zoom call with NY Class to see about using their services for investment and increased interest,

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Faugh. The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kitty Stappenbeck, secretary for the Board of Fire Commissioners, Town of Rush