

RUSH FIRE DISTRICT, BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

1971 Rush-Mendon Road, Rush, New York 14543
Meeting Minutes February 18, 2025

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM followed by **Pledge of Allegiance**

Attendance: Commissioner Scott Goodman, Commissioner Bob Faugh, Commissioner Dale Sweet, Commissioner Michael Terzo; Chief Jon Faugh, Councilmember Jeanne Morelli, Fire Commissioner Rick Tracy, Treasurer Aletha Steehler, Secretary Kitty Stappenbeck

From the Fire Department: Social Member Jim Princehorn

Absent: Commissioner Doug Platt

Report From the Town:

Ms. Morelli reported:

- Building 3 at White Springs Farm is getting a grant to redo the roof; application deadline was today (2/18)
- Dollar General is coming before the Zoning board this Thursday, 2/20
- Proposed water district, did not pass, off the table: if a smaller group wants to petition for a smaller district, they can come before the town

Mr. Tracy reported:

- Burn ban is in effect from March 16 through May 14. This does not include agriculture - farmers can apply for a burn permit during that time. Mr. Tracy would let the Chief know if he gets any requests during that time.
 - The Fire Department should be aware that Wildwood is doing some burning for next few days
- House on Rush Mendon that was a problem is now vacant and should no longer be a concern; the Chief has the information.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** to accept the January 21, 2025 meeting minutes by Commissioner Sweet seconded by Commissioner Terzo. Passed 4 - 0.

Chief's Report:

One structure fire - mutual aid program is working. Commissioner Terzo asked the Chief if there was a problem running the pumper, the Chief replied that the button was not pushed, but once it was, water started to flow. Commissioner Terzo was under the impression that someone from Henrietta fire assisted the Rush firefighter in the operation. The Chief was unaware of this.

Aletha thanked the chief for the quick response as the fire was near her house. The laborer on duty that day, Brian Ely, responded quickly. It was mentioned that having the laborer on duty is beneficial.

Buildings and Grounds:

Commissioner Terzo reported:

- Siren works again, fixed for \$877, but if had to replace the Federal box is \$1400 to replace.
- Commissioner Sweet indicated septic needs to be done, he will contact company for a date
- Boiler was inspected and we are good to go

Vehicles:

- 582: on-going problem with 582, brow lights
 - replace battery conditioner, and plug end that plugs into the truck
- 588 issue with department lights HarRob will need to look at
- 589 still out, had been waiting for parts, should be back soon; CHS is aware
- 584 problem with air-ride system, HarRob is aware

Pickup trucks are in, but waiting for the caps

They will have small decal on the door and striping will be done before delivery

The contract indicates payment upon delivery

Commissioner Sweet needs to know when we take possession of the trucks so he can get Insurance on them.

Equipment:

Thermal cameras can go on the trucks anytime per the Chief

Commissioner Terzo will arrange with Dave Hood to put the mounts for the cameras in

Information Technology:

- Issue with member's email account: Kables is looking into.
- Secretary will meet with Kables personnel to prepare for in-house scanning on 2/22

SOGs and SOPs:

- Pickup Trucks: Capitalization Policy Needed, including a Depreciation Schedule and New Expense account line on the budget. MMB will send us a document
- SOG for the Lucas Device # 9-7.7 will be distributed to membership 2/19/2025
 - send out asking for feedback
- SOP for updated training for fire police will be distributed to membership 2/19/2025
 - send out asking for feedback

Personnel:

- Job Posting for Treasurer position: Secretary was given the go ahead to post job with GVP as well as list on the District website. Rush Resident preferred - basic job description
- Laborers discussion: Commissioner Terzo wants to have 2 laborers on when possible because we are not able to fill all 5 days. This would not increase the budget as we had budgeted for 50 hours per week.
- Commissioner Goodman talked about filling the days with career firefighters, indicating we would need a public hearing, pass resolution, civil service has to be involved as far as retirement for career firefighters. He will follow up with the Civil Service.

Publicity and Associations:**Physicals:**

There are a few members whose physicals are needed, but there are extenuating circumstances for all: Salamas, both Guy and MaryBeth out of town (Guy is awaiting surgery), James McNeil (out of town with no specific date of return to Rush, Luther Keyes (his email has not worked since December and was not accounted for with the original mailing.

Bills:

Following a review of the 2025 General Fund Invoices, Commissioner Terzo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sweet and approved to pay the vouchers in the amount \$16,975.92; voucher numbers 2025-41 through 2025-67 (voiding #47). Passed 4 - 0
Vouchers were signed by Commissioners Faugh, Sweet, Terzo

Tax dollars were received from the town.

Inventory, Inspection and Dinner: no report

Commissioner Terzo asked the Chief about AED's and if he knew where they all are.
He had gotten an email indicating that the DO of the ambulance wants to purchase 2 more.
The Secretary will pull the list from Red Alert.

Insurance/Budget/Attorney:

- Treasurer reported that the audit is almost complete.
- Commissioner Sweet reported that the Group Life insurance beneficiary forms are about 80% complete.

Liaison Town Board:

We received another zoning applicationsend email saying that it is too early in the process for comment
tell them the address is wrong

Membership: no report

Old Business:

- NY Class - town uses this, all money is in, just draw on when needed. Secured by Treasurys (not fdic). The Board would like a ZOOM with the NY Class representative
- Received a DEC grant \$2500 has to be used for UTV
 - Commissioner Sweet asked how big the project was.
- Ambulance Billing: Commissioner Goodman indicated he would like to see Rush merge with CHS, and it would be open to our EMT's to join CHS as mutual aid. Some of the EMT's are already employed by CHS so they would not be mutual aid. CHS would keep 589 at Rush but take ownership of it.
 - Chief Faugh indicated that our members don't want to merge with CHS and the people that are CHS members don't want to ride our ambulance. They all have their own reasons.
 - Rush either has to merge with CHS, get rid of the ambulance or bill - there is no choice in the billing aspect if Rush keeps the ambulance.
 - Commissioner Goodman will reach out to Chief Manzo to come talk with the Rush EMTs.

New Business:

- American Red Cross Fire Alarm Campaign -Rush gets them for free and Rush Fire District installs

Motion to accept project with Red Cross by Commissioner Terzo, seconded by Commissioner Sweet, passed 4 - 0.

- Commissioner Goodman will call the Fire Bureau to get CO detectors. He will put together a bag with drill, hammer, etc to use for installation.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting by Dale Sweet, seconded by Bob Faugh . The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm by common consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Kitty Stappenbeck
Rush Fire District Secretary