

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DeWITT FIRE DISTRICT
DeWITT, NEW YORK

August 25, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bronstein at 6:08PM.

Pledge: Led by Ms. Fusco.

Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Scicchitano and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to approve the minutes of the July 28th Regular Meeting and August 11th Special Meeting. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Reports of Officer's:

Chief Green reported that after an extensive risk assessment, the DeWitt and East Syracuse Fire Departments have identified that our operational efficiency and the safety of the public and our members is currently being compromised because of non-interoperability of our fire hose and fire hydrants. Subsequently, we applied for funding to improve the safety of our firefighters by retrofitting to national standard thread connections. All of our mutual-aid partners have switched to these hydrant adapters. This has left us with a huge interoperability issue. We were awarded \$64,065.45 with a local match of \$6,406.55 (\$70,472.00) to be shared with the East Syracuse Fire Department.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Fusco reported (via teleconference) that the July financials were sent out prior to the meeting.

Vouchers: Ms. Fusco presented the Abstract of Claims Report. (Addendum "A"). Motion made by Mr. Vander Molen, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian, to approve the General Fund Pre-paid transfers, ACH's and checks (32954-32958) amounting in total to \$148,177.02. Also, pending checks (32959-32991) and ACH's amounting in total to \$99,557.54. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Correspondence:

- None

Response Statistics:

	DATE	GENERAL	E.M.S.	TOTAL
Year-To-Date Response Stats:	07/31/2020	423	706	1129
	07/31/2019	518	559	1077

Training Requests:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Apparatus and Equipment: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Karoglanian reported that he reached out to Lan-Co regarding catch basin repairs and was quoted \$600 to repair each for a total cost of \$1,200.

Finance: No report

Long-Range Planning: No report.

Personnel/Staffing: No report.

Legal: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of Engine 1:

No new information.

COVID-19:

The Board continued their discussion regarding employees that are out of work due to a positive COVID-19 test. The Board agreed to pay any full-time employee that tests positive for COVID-19 their full standard wage in lieu of the employee using sick time.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS PPE

Chief Green presented two purchase orders for EMS Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including hand sanitizer, surgical masks and N95 masks to be purchased from Henry Schein Inc. at a cost of \$2,507.07 and surgical masks to be purchased from McKesson at a cost of \$1,085.76. A motion was made by Mr. Vander Molen and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to authorize the purchases. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant:

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Molen and seconded by Ms. Scicchitano to accept the AFG grant mentioned in the Chief's report. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

CD Renewal:

Mr. Schultz reported that Ms. Fusco will be renewing our CD with Solvay Bank for a period of 3 months at a rate of .3%. A motion was made by Mr. Karoglanian and seconded by Mr. Vander Molen to authorize the renewal. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

Catch Basin Repairs:

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Molen and seconded by Ms. Scicchitano to authorize Lan-CO to repair two catch basins at a cost of \$600 each for a total of \$1,200. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Molen, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 6:31PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Vander Molen, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to return to the General Session. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 7:27PM.

No business was conducted during the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Scicchitano and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Bronstein (Chair), Karoglanian, Scicchitano, Schultz (Secretary) and Vander Molen. Treasurer Fusco (via teleconference), Chief Green, DFD President Steinberg

Brian M. Schultz
Secretary
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