

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DeWITT FIRE DISTRICT
DeWITT, NEW YORK

January 28, 2025

Call to Order: Mr. Vander Molen called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Pledge: Mr. Vander Molen

Minutes: A motion by Mr. Militi, seconded by Mr. Huyck to approve the minutes of the January 14th Regular Meeting. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative except Mr. Skahen who abstained. Motion approved.

Reports of Officer's: Deputy Chief Cowan reported the following:

1. East Syracuse Fire Protection District:
 - a. The calls, hiring and transition have been going well.
 - b. Continues to keep an open dialogue with the Town Board.
2. Total calls to date between the two Districts are 257.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Fusco reported that she has almost finished preparing the NYS OSC Annual Financial Report and will be sending out a draft version to approve at the next meeting. She also reported that she expects to receive the 2025 Town & County taxes from the Town of DeWitt by the end of the week.

Vouchers: Ms. Fusco presented the Abstract of Claims Report. (Addendum "A"). Motion made by Mr. Militi, seconded by Mr. Skahen, to approve the General Fund Pre-paid transfer and ACH's amounting in total to \$106,141. Also, pending checks (35208–35233) and ACH's amounting in total to \$108,047.66. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Bank Reconciliation: None.

Correspondence: None.

Response Statistics:

	DATE	GENERAL	E.M.S.	TOTAL
Year-To-Date Response Stats:	12/31/2024	962	1,436	2,398
	12/31/2023	987	1,587	2,574

Training Requests: A motion by Mr. Huyck and seconded by Mr. Upton to authorize the following training requests. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

1. Deputy Chief Cowan: Fire Service Mental Health Wellness and Suicide Prevention Symposium (Nashville, TN) – no cost to the District
2. Deputy Chief Cowan: Executive Fire Officer and Leadership Symposium (Emmitsburg, MD) - \$200 registration
3. Chief Green: Executive Fire Officer and Leadership Symposium (Emmitsburg, MD) - \$200 registration

Building Use Request: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Apparatus and Equipment:

1. E-8: Functioning well. EVT Boyle continues to keep on top of everything.
2. R-7: This vehicle is going to serve as a vehicle at Station 2. In the process of being outfitted to be put in service.
3. Demo may be available after spring for purchase by District. The cost is pricing from 2 years ago. This would go to Station 2.

Buildings and Grounds: None

Finance: None

Long-Range Planning: None

Personnel/Staffing: Chief Green reported that 5 out of the 7 new hires have started and completed a week of orientation. They will start on shift at Station 1 and eventually rotate to Station 2. The remaining 2 firefighters will start on 2/3/2025.

Legal: Executive.

OLD BUSINESS:

DeWitt Firefighter Benevolent Association 2%:

A motion was made by Mr. Skahen, seconded by Mr. Militi, to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the 2% funds to the DeWitt Firefighter Benevolent Association that were received in 2024 by the District. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Skahen, seconded by Mr. Militi, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel and legal matter. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 7:37PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Skahen, seconded by Mr. Militi, to return to the General Session. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 8:55PM.

No business was conducted during the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

DeWitt Fire District Extension:

A motion was made by Mr. Skahen, seconded by Mr. Upton to authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners to sign the resolution to extend the DeWitt Fire District as presented to the Board at a date to be determined by the Town of DeWitt Board. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

NYSLRS PFRS Plan 384e Upgrade:

This topic was tabled for after negotiations with the union.

PPE Purchase:

A motion was made by Mr. Militi seconded by Mr. Huyck to authorize the purchase of 13 new sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$48,867, state contract pricing. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

New Engine Bid:

A motion was made by Mr. Huyck seconded by Mr. Upton to authorize Chief Green to pursue a new engine on a short order bid with Fort Gary Fire Engine. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Vacation Time Rollover:

A motion was made by Mr. Skahen seconded by Mr. Militi to authorize the carryover of Captain Kehoe's 2024 unused vacation time, to be used by the end of first quarter 2025. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn by Mr. Skahen, seconded by Mr. Militi. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:59PM.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Huyck, Militi, Skahen, Upton, and Vander Molen. Chief Green, DFC Cowan, Ms. Fusco, Mr. Steinberg, LT Philopena, FF Van Der Water, FF Baker, and FF Bassett.

Kerrie Fusco
Secretary
January 28, 2025