

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DeWITT FIRE DISTRICT
DeWITT, NEW YORK

December 12, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mr. Diamond at 6:00PM.

Pledge: Led by FF Boyle.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Karoglanian and seconded by Mr. Schultz to approve the minutes of the November 14th and November 28th meetings. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Reports of Officer's:

Chief Green reported that there will be a meeting of all involved fire departments and local governments to discuss the possibility of building a joint fire training center. The meeting will be held on January 10th 2018 at JD High School.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Fusco reported that the YTD Financials were sent prior to the meeting. (Addendum "A")

Vouchers: Ms. Fusco presented the Abstract of Claims Report. (Addendum "B"). Motion made by Mr. Karoglanian, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to approve the General Fund Pre-paid transfers and ACH's amounting in total to \$102,712.09. Also, pending checks (#31457 – 31491) and ACH's amounting in total to \$26,612.09. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Bank Reconciliation: Motion made by Mr. Karoglanian, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to approve the bank reconciliations for November 2017. All Commissioners present voting in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Correspondence:

- DeWitt Fire Department Inc., Re: Membership Change
- DeWitt Fire Department Inc., Re: Annual Election
- DeWitt Fire Department Inc., Re: Building Use
- OCVFA, Re: Building Use
- Hubbinette-Cowell Associates, Re: Cancer Disability Benefits Act

Response Statistics:

	DATE	GENERAL	E.M.S.	TOTAL
Year-To-Date Response Stats:	11/30/2017	633	1021	1654
	11/30/2016	640	1069	1709

Training Requests: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Apparatus and Equipment: No report

Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Finance: No report.

Long-Range Planning: No report.

Personnel/Staffing: No report

Legal: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Firefighter/EMT Canvas:

Chief Green reported that the canvas process and interviews were completed. He further reported that offers for employment will be made to James Peet and Connor Dupree.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Use:

A motion was made by Mr. Karoglanian, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to approve a building use request from the Onondaga County Volunteer Fireman's Association to use the large conference room on March 14, 2018 from 6:30PM-9:00PM, with no deposit required. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved.

DFD Inc. New Member: Mr. Schultz read a letter from the DeWitt Fire Department Inc. stating that FF Michael Metzger and FF Jeffrey Daly have been moved from Active Firefighter status to Life Member status.

DFD Inc. Annual Election: Mr. Schultz read a letter from the DeWitt Fire Department Inc. stating that the department held their annual election of officers at the December 7th meeting and that the following individuals were elected:

- President David Steinberg
- Vice President Daniel Vieau
- Secretary Jon VanValkenberg
- Asst. Secretary J. Claude Pilon
- Treasurer Courtney Stewart
- Asst. Treasurer Robert Goldman
- Sgt. At Arms James Murphy

Dental Insurance:

Mr. Schultz reported that BC/BS had notified the district that they would no longer be offering the current dental plan. Mr. Schultz worked with PFA Pres. Tompkins over the past several weeks to obtain quotes from BC/BS, Guardian and The Standard for replacement coverage. These proposals were reviewed with the union and their preference would be to stay with BC/BS's new plan. A motion was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to offer the new BC/BS Dental Blue Options Plan. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

Organizational Meeting:

Mr. Schultz stated that the annual organizational meeting must be held within the first 15 days of the year. The Board discussed this and stated that the 2018 organizational meeting will be held on January 9th, 2018 at 6:00PM with the regular board meeting to follow. The meetings for the remainder of 2018 will be determined at the organizational meeting.

Family Leave Resolution:

Mr. Schultz reviewed that NY State recently enacted the Paid Family Leave Act and that public employers, such as the DeWitt Fire District are not obligated to offer this. After a discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to maintain the District's opt out status. The following resolution was introduced:

Whereas, the DeWitt Fire District maintains a staff of paid employees and officers: and

Whereas, New York State Passed the New York State Paid Family Leave Act which will provide employers in the state with the ability to provide Paid Family Leave to their employees starting in 2018 based upon a plan set up by the state: and

Whereas, the New York State Paid Family Leave Act makes participation in the plan mandatory for private employers and optional for public employers such as fire districts; and

Whereas, the DeWitt Fire District is a public employer under the statutory definitions and terms of the New York State Paid Family Leave Act; and

Whereas, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the DeWitt Fire District has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents and taxpayers of which it serves to opt out of the New York State Paid Family Leave Act and not provide Paid Family Leave to its employees;

It is resolved that Pursuant to the laws and regulations applicable and in particular pursuant to the New York State Paid Family Leave Act the DeWitt Fire District shall opt out of the New York State Paid Family Leave Act plan and shall not provide Paid Family Leave to its employees; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Board of Fire Commissioners shall review the New York State Paid Family Leave Act plan on an annual basis and determine whether or not to opt in at a future time.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Diamond	Aye
Commissioner Schultz	Aye
Commissioner Karoglanian	Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

New Squad:

Chief Green reported that the current squad 9 has reached the end of it's serviceable life. He proposed purchasing a new squad. A motion was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to purchase a new squad of state bid from DeNooyer Chevrolet subject to a permissive referendum for the sum of \$57,465 (including wiring and lettering) with the money coming out of the Apparatus Reserve Fund. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved as follows:

Commissioner Diamond	aye
Commissioner Schultz	aye
Commissioner Karoglanian	aye

As a result of this decision, the following resolution was presented.

WHEREAS: The Board of Fire Commissioners of the DeWitt Fire District is of the opinion that the current 2006 Suburban operated as the Squad 9 has exceeded its serviceable life, and

WHEREAS: The Board of Fire Commissioners of the DeWitt Fire District is of the opinion that the continued use of the current Squad 9 presents a servicing issue to the District, Therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Board of Fire Commissioners of the DeWitt Fire District, Onondaga County, and State of New York will purchase a new SUV outfitted with necessary components to operate as Squad 9 for a sum not to exceed \$57,465.00 to be paid for out of the Apparatus Reserve Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED: Any monies received from the sale of the current Squad 9 shall be paid into the Apparatus Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6g, Paragraph 5 of the General Municipal Law, and be it further

RESOLVED: This Resolution is adopted subject to a Permissive Referendum pursuant to Town Law Section 176, Paragraph 23.

Mr. Schultz will place a legal notice with the Post Standard

Solvay Bank:

Mr. Schultz reviewed that with the departure of Mr. Pilon, it is necessary to update permissions with Solvay Bank regarding wire transfers. A motion was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to list Ms. Fusco as the authorizing party for outgoing wire transfers and to list Mr. Schultz and/or Mr. Resch as the confirming party. All Commissioners present voting affirmative. Motion approved.

Grant Writer

A motion was made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian, to authorize expending up to \$1,750.00 to hire TenKate Grant Services of Dryden New York to prepare a grant request for the next round of Assistance to Firefighters Grants. All Commissioners voted in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 6:50PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian to return to the General Session. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved at 7:07PM.

No business was conducted during the Executive Session.

Chief Contract:

A motion was made by Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Karoglanian, to approve a five-year (2017-2021) contract with Chief Green. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Motion approved.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schultz and seconded by Mr. Karoglanian. All Commissioners present voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Diamond (Chair), Karoglanian, and Schultz (Secretary), Treasurer Fusco, Chief Green, FF Boyle

Brian M Schultz
Secretary
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