10/20/26
Budget Hearing and Workshop Minutes

Public Budget Hearing called to order at 1800 hours.
In attendance were Chairman Strong, VC Staufer, Comm Gallino, Comm Buchner, Comm Handel, DM Lattman, and Treasurer Donegan.
The meeting began with a salute to the flag and an introduction by Chairman Strong.
Treasurer Donegan discussed an overview of the 2027 budget and a comparison with prior years' budgets.
Chairman Strong opened the floor to the public. There were no public present. There were no questions or comments.
Public Budget Hearing adjourned at 1810 hours.
Regular meeting called to order at 1815 hours.
A motion was made by Comm Strong to adopt the 2027 expenditure budget in the amount of $10,362,105.00, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

Treasurer Donegan presented the treasurer's report. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to pay all bills: 55 bills totaling $689,325.33, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
Treasurer Donegan discussed payroll concerns with the board.
Chief Martin, Assistant Chiefs Bernier, Freund and Kowalchuk, and guest Tom Logan entered the meeting at 1830 hours.

CHIEFS REPORT
30 presented the personnel report. Motion made by Comm Gallino to accept personal leave request from James Dickinson 10/19/26-1/1/27. 2nd by Comm. Handel, all in favor.
30 presented equipment requests:
Co. 1 requested Captain's office chairs from Uline totaling $1,060.00. Motion made by Comm. Handel to approve the purchase, 2nd by Comm. Staufer, all in favor. Comm Staufer asked the chiefs to remind company officers that house requests should be given to the house commissioner and not the chief staff.
Co 2 requested a set of irons for B-19 and E-3. The quoted price was $742.50 for (2) sets from MES. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Co. 2 requested a battery-operated saw for B-19 totaling $1,099.00 from Home Depot. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Co. 2 requested a battery-operated fan for L-14. Two quotes received. 1. Firematic- $5,400.00 2. MES- $5,707.50. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase from Firematic totaling $5,400.00, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Chiefs requested a helmet for the new 33 totaling $486.77 from MES. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Boots requested for Ex-Capt. Malhotra. Hi Tech totaling $464.84. Motion to accept purchase made by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

Discussed need for a boat mover. Quotes were presented for $2,099.99 and $8,500.00. The Board discussed the quotes. 31 to reach out to Billy from LI Proliner to discuss more options. Discussed the condition of the old gator trailer and the old drill team trailer and future use of the current gator.
30 discussed responses when handling multiple alarms and requested permission for the paid EMS staff to request additional manpower for drivers when needed.
31 asked the board what their plans are for current B-19 when new B-19 is in service. The Board plans to relocate current B-19 to Co. 1. 31 to make a list of repairs needed.
32 discussed the request for hurst tool straps. Was told they are no longer made. They will find an alternative to consider.
33 thanked the board and DM for their support with Fire Prevention. Open House went well and had a large community turnout. School visits are almost complete.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS
Comm Staufer- The trailer for the new UTV is at Proliner. It will be 23A. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase of $850.00 to add stabilizers to the rear and spare tire. 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
No updates on new E17. Still projected delivery early 2027.
No updates on new R4. Projected delivery 2029.
Comm Buchner- We received approvals from Crown Castle for the 800 equipment to be placed on the cell tower on the district property. Close to finalization.
Comm Handel- Discussed motor and safety switch issues with Co. 1 bay doors. It is a potential safety hazard. Will get quotes for replacement.

DISTRICT MANAGER TO CHIEFS
Pump testing took place today at Co. 2.
Ladder testing is scheduled for 11/6.
The boat trailer has been registered and insured and is now at Co. 1.
New Ambulance 16 was delivered last week from Proliner. It has been registered and insured. Heather will work on the state paperwork.
Gerard is finished installing all new iPads. DM asked the board what their plans are for the 16 old iPads. One will be used for dispatch for the recently purchased Avenza maps subscription for the DEC maps; as the app can only be downloaded on an Apple/Android device and not a computer. We will keep 3 in district as backups. Discussed selling the remaining 12 to the volunteers. Motion made by Comm Handel to surplus 12 Apple iPad 9s at $50 value to be sold to volunteers first, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
Gave a copy of the remaining 2026 company signal 8 budgets to the chiefs.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS
Comm. Staufer- Maintenance needed in the Co 3 officer room. Rob requesting $2,000.00 budget for materials. Board ok'd.
No heat in Co. 3 officer room. Rob to get quotes for split units which will also take care of AC in that room as well.

Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase of pairs of boots for 2 new full time EMS employees Nelly and Troy. Pricing of $722.26 from Hi Tech. 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor
Motion made by Comm Stauffer to approve purchase of EMS supplies from Stryker totaling $2,519.00. 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase of EMS supplies from Hammer Medical totaling $2,994.36. 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase of uniforms for new EMS employee Dan Manzella from Inkterprise totaling $181.00. 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.
Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve a $300 budget for Thanksgiving meal for EMS and Dispatch staff and $300 budget for Christmas meal for EMS and Dispatch staff, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.
The new IV pumps were delivered and 1hour OT per employee is needed for training on the equipment before putting in service. Board ok'd.
Comm Buchner- Discussed per diem dispatch staffing. Frank conducted interviews. Motion made by Comm Buchner to hire 3 per diem dispatchers based on the recommendations of our dispatch supervisor, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.
Comm Handel- Discussed the contract for the property purchase and the existing barn on the property. Explained the breakdown of steps and fees from Larry Davis who is in the process of the land division for the property purchase. The steps and fees include a single and separate search, an aerial map, a radius map, a variance fee, a SEQRA fee.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT
Requested confirmation to send Rob to the NFPA gear cleaning class being held at Selden FD on 1/26. Board confirmed. DM to notify Rob.
The spare responder car was posted on Garage for sale at $25,000. Board approved an offer of $23,000. The buyer will be at the district next Tuesday for pickup. DM to prepare necessary paperwork. Gerard to prepare vehicle for sale.
The flooring has been relisted again on Auctions International. No contact from highest bidder after our $6,000 counter offer.
Received letter from Petro regarding install of an electronic meter device to monitor fuel levels. Board asked for more information.
Still did not receive final estimate from Kessel for E-15. Joe is still waiting on the parts estimate from Pierce.
Did not receive estimate yet from Vaughn electric for a second quote on the 9/11 memorial site lighting. Will follow up.
As requested by the board, researched a second quote for PM and service agreements for our generators from Command Power Systems, previously North Shore Generator. After discussion, the board decided to stay with Power Pro. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve the one-year service agreement from Power Pro, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Room Request-
McCabe- Co. 1- 11/28/26 – 3p-11p. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept room request, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

Comm Handel made a motion to approve the Standard Workday Resolution for the District Treasurer, establishing a standard workday of six (6) hours per day and seven and seven-tenths (7.7) days per month for retirement-reporting purposes. 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

Motion made by Comm Strong to enter executive session at 1940 hours to discuss district personnel. 2nd by Comm Buchner. all in favor.
Motion made by Comm Strong to exit executive session at 2010 hours.

The BOFC is hiring a full-time MM1 position M-F 7:30a-4p at 27.50/hr.
The BOFC is hiring a temporary part-time office assistant for hours as needed within the district office regular business hours.

Motion made by Comm Strong to adjourn meeting at 2011 hours, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

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