

APPROVED

**THE PITTSFORD FIRE DISTRICT
January 13, 2022**

7:30 PM - Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Cline, Rickett, Schenkel, Wallace, Willard, and Whelan
Absent: Commissioners Willard and Peets

Also present: Chief Payne

Commissioner Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence for fallen first responders and those who have served in the military.

Chiefs Report

- Reported 58 calls year to date, and 973 calls in 2021
- The call attendance in 2021 was excellent with an average of 15 firefighters per call
- Due to the Omicrom spike in Covid, the Covid protocols have been updated
- Five firefighters have tested positive for Covid with no serious illnesses reported
- Reported on a presentation made to the Pittsford School District relative to a proposed ten percent tax reduction in property taxes for first responders. If adopted, the tax reduction would only cost each homeowner \$2.57.

The board complimented Chief Payne for an excellent presentation.

- Reported on Scott McLaughlin, a past member who lost his home in the Colorado wildfires. His home burned as he was battling the fires as a member of a fire department there. The fire department is considering what help may be offered to Scott.

Commissioner Cline moved, seconded by Commissioner Schenkel, to order a public hearing on February 10, 2022, for the fire district to consider a partial property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-K
The motion carried by an Aye vote of commissioners present.

Administrators Report

-Chairman Wallace reported for the Administrator that a grant application for replacement of air-paks had been submitted

Approval of Minutes

Following a review, Commissioner Schenkel moved, seconded by Commissioner Cline, the board approved the minutes of the December 14th and 27th meetings as submitted.
The motion carried by an Aye vote of commissioners present. Commissioner Rickett abstained as he was not present at the meetings

Public Input

-None

Commissioner Cline Report

-Due to the risks of Covid exposure and staffing issues at Pulse Medical, firefighter physicals have been placed on pause

Commissioner Peets Report

-Chairman Wallace reported in his absence that the district insurance carrier had amended our coverage to exclude exposure to PAFS. Upon investigation, all carriers are now adopting this exclusion.

Commissioner Schenkel Report

-Stantec has provided a draft Executive Summary, which is being reviewed by the committee prior to distribution to the board.

-The Organizational dinner was held, and reviews were positive.

-Expressed appreciation to Commissioner Whelan and the apparatus committee for the excellent transparency and detailed work devoted to designing new fire engines.

Commissioner Rickett Report

-Churchville Fire Equipment has agreed to evaluate Engine 3823's condition at no charge to the district.

Commissioner Whelan Report

-Work on an update of the district ISO rating is ongoing

-Discussed with the board the prospect of making modifications to retired Engine 3823 for community event and ceremonial utilization. The board concurred that the prospect should be studied. It is possible to investigate costs in order to budget funds for the project in 2023.

-Put forth a recommendation of the apparatus committee to proceed with a contract to order a new fire engine

Commissioner Whelan moved, seconded by Commissioner Schenkel, that, having completed a Permissive Referendum relative to the matter with no petition having been received requiring a Mandatory Referendum, that the Chairman is authorized on behalf of the district to enter into an agreement with Churchville Fire Equipment Corporation to provide a new and unused Pierce Enforcer Custom Pumper. Said engine will be manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. of Appleton, Wisconsin. Bid pricing was secured through Sourcewell purchasing consortium, to whom a fee is included in the purchase price.

The purchase price will be \$697,300.00. A 90% prepayment in the amount of \$627,570.00 is authorized to be made within thirty days of the execution of the contract in order to receive a discount of \$26,090.00 on the net price.

Hence, the net delivered price will be \$671,210.00.

The motion carried by an Aye vote of commissioners present

Commissioner Willard Report

-No report, absent

Commissioner Wallace Report

-Met with the Village Mayor regarding road and pedestrian projects. He shared concerns of the district relative to the village *Active Transportation Plan*. Some of the plan measures may have an adverse impact on the ability of the fire department to respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently.

Communications

-None

Unfinished Business

-None

New Business

-Chairman Wallace noted that President Biden's proposed OSHA mandate relative to employee vaccinations had been struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court

Treasurers Report

-The Treasurer submitted a monthly financial report and a listing of audited invoices for payment.

-Noted that the town and county tax bills have been issued and that the amount of the fire district tax levy contained therein is correct

-Reported that the annual district audit process is underway. It is anticipated that the accountants will present the audit at the March board meeting. Chairman Wallace noted the excellent work of the Treasurer in preparing for the audit.

Commissioner Schenkel moved, seconded by Commissioner Rickett, to approve the Treasurers report for December 2021 as submitted.

The motion carried by an Aye vote of commissioners present

Commissioner Schenkel moved, seconded by Commissioner Whelan, to approve the payment of the audited invoices as submitted

The motion carried by an Aye vote of commissioners present. Commissioners Cline and Rickett abstained from voting to approve invoices for reimbursement that had been submitted by them.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Commissioner Schenkel moved, seconded by Commissioner Cline, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried by an Aye vote of commissioners present and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Edwin R. Jeffries, Secretary