

Board of Commissioners
Sennett Fire District
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2023
CO#2 - Franklin St. Firehouse

Present: John Komarisky
William J. Feocco
David Morris
Urson LaSagna
Tyson Turner

John Komarisky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Financial Reports and Bank Statement reviewed by Board members.

Lens Report: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by David Morris to accept. Seconded by Urson LaSagna. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the January 12th, 2023, organizational meeting and regular meeting were approved. Motion to accept by Urson LaSagna. Seconded by Tyson Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communications:

- Property Tax exemption for volunteer firefighters - On December 9, 2022 Governor Hochul signed Assembly Bill No. 10155-A and Senate Bill No. 9131 into law as Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022. The new law is McKinney's RPTL § 466-a § 466-a. Volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. It provides all local governments with the "option" to provide a property tax exemption to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers in their jurisdiction. It is effective immediately. The exemption is subject to local government approval and each taxing entity that wishes to provide the exemption must approve it by local law, ordinance, or resolution after holding a public hearing. A motion was made by Tyson Turner to pursue adoption of McKinney's RPTL § 466-a providing a property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. Seconded by Urson LaSagna. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - o Letters will be sent by the secretary to the town supervisor and the school districts in the town indicating the district's intention to pursue the exemption.
 - o The board will discuss the steps necessary for approval of this exemption – including a public hearing – at the next meeting.
- 2023 Department Line officers submitted by Chief Sean Holmes and reviewed. Motion to accept by David Morris. Seconded by Tyson Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Ad proof for the organization meeting minutes received.
- Cayuga Lake National Bank monthly municipal deposit letter received.

New Business:

- The ice machine at Co#2 was not working. John determined that the water valve had been inadvertently turned off by Lily Plumbing.
- The Isaac Heating PM agreement for Co#2 will be billed bi-annually at \$1,100.00. This agreement is for maintenance on the air conditioning and the heating units. John will tell them to go ahead with this agreement only.
- Department members are still resetting and relighting the heating unit at CO#1. The last two Isaac service calls have not addressed the issue. The flames in the unit are orange rather than blue. John will ask Lily Plumbing to look at it.
- Insero has been contacted regarding the 2022 audit and the secretary is waiting for the arrangement paperwork. Insero plans to begin work in March with completion in June.
- The NYS Annual Update Document is complete except for the assets (land, buildings, equipment) page. The treasurer pulled figures from last year's Insero audit regarding these items to show to the board. The board would like Heather to ask Insero how they came up with the figures and if the answer is reasonable, those figures will be used for the AUD.
- The following motion was made by Urson LaSagna regarding the LOSAP program – The service credits earned by volunteers in the Sennett Fire Department's SAFER program will count towards that volunteer's vesting in the Sennett Fire District's 11-A LOSAP Program. Motion seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.
- A second motion was made by Urson LaSagna to appoint Tyson Turner as the LOSAP director for the district for fiscal year 2023. Motion seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried. This position will be filled each year by appointment at the annual meeting. A description of duties will be developed before the 2024 annual meeting.
- Chief Holmes will post the current list of members and their 2022 points earned in the firehouse. Heather will send Penflex the minutes from this meeting regarding service credits. Leah (Penflex) will then forward all paperwork so the district can begin the 11-A program.

- CAE&T is servicing the air compressor at CO#1. This is PM service.

Old Business:

- Air System at Co#2. Discussion is still on going.
- Tyson is currently working on the Security system and will test on the 21st of this month to determine which units are working and which are not. Tyson also sent out an email regarding the ESET software download, and he will be glad to help with any installations.
- Lily Plumbing has repaired the expansion tank and the sink and replaced the grease trap with a much larger one – Co#2.
- Thursday night, the department noticed the chest freezer at Co#2 has failed. Chief Holmes will research the cost of a new unit and its purchase will be allocated to the “Purchases Other” account in the budget.
- John will sanitize the ice machine at Co#1 and Co#2 with materials purchased from Donovan and Luksa.

Deputy Chair:

- No Report.

Chief Report: Sean Holmes

- The department has purchased 1000’ of forestry hose as well as nozzles which will be partially paid for by grant.
- The department applied for the radio grant as well as the grant for the thermal imaging cameras. Old items will be traded in if possible to mitigate the cost of new units.
- The new Tahoe is in service.
- The annual Holmatro service was performed and there were no issues.
- Several volunteers are taking advantage of external training programs.
- Chief Holmes will check with Wellnow on the remaining physicals. The bills on the February warrant are for 2022 physicals and the district will see bills again at the end of 2023.
- The department responded to 25 calls last month.

The February Warrant for \$ 38,693.58 was approved. Motion to accept by Tyson Turner. Seconded by Urson LaSagna. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 PM. Motion by David Morris. Seconded by Tyson Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Christopher

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Secretary/Treasurer