

Board of Commissioners
Sennett Fire District
Regular Meeting
October 17, 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 7:44 PM.

Financial Reports and Bank Statement reviewed by Board members.

Lens Report: None

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

The minutes of the regular meeting on September 13, 2023, were approved. Motion to accept by Urson LaSagna.

Seconded by William Feocco. David Morris abstains. Four votes in favor. Motion carried.

Communications:

- CNYRFD is hosting a seminar on 10/28/23 at 8 AM. John Komarisky, William Feocco, David Morris and Heather Christopher will meet at 7:30 AM at Weedsport Electric Motors and travel together.

New Business:

- David Morris's seat is up for re-election this year.
- Regarding elections the board made the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sennett Fire District will not be permitting absentee ballots, and it is further.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sennett Fire District adopt, as its official nominating petition, the attached form to be used by all candidates for the office of Fire District Commissioner of the Sennett Fire District, and it is further

RESOLVED, that only registered electors of the Sennett Fire District may obtain signatures on the nomination petitions, as provided in the approved form, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the signature of the witness to the signers on the nomination petition must be notarized by the President of the Sennett Fire District, and it is further

RESOLVED, that signatures of all signers of the nomination petitions must be dated between October 1st preceding the date of the annual election and the date the petitions are required to be filed with the Secretary of the Fire District by November 22, 2023, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Sennett Fire District shall make the nomination petitions available to any interested party no earlier than September 9th preceding the date of the annual election.

- Tyson Turner made the motion to accept the above resolutions. Seconded by William Feocco. David Morris abstained. Four votes in favor. Motions carried.
- **Penny Feocco, Diane Hewitt and Sue Foster** were mentioned as possible election inspectors. Barbara Komarisky and Mary Jo Turner were mentioned as possible alternates. Urson LaSagna made a motion to approve these election inspectors and alternates. Seconded by John Komarisky. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The treasurer will send out a request to each. The rate of pay for inspectors was approved at \$70.00 each.

Old Business:

- Building maintenance
 - o Air conditioner at Co#2 – Ed Oakes from Isaac Heating says the part for this repair is still on backorder.
 - o Door locking system – Quotes were received from Kelley Brothers on both a mechanical and a cloud-based keypad locking systems. Sean will email quote copies to the board members. Discussion continued regarding fobs versus keypads. The conversation was tabled pending further investigation.
 - o Boiler at Co#1 – Lily Plumbing does not know what the air intake “value” on the boiler should be. Jason Green suggested replacing the window with a louver digitally controlled to open when the gas valve turns on.
- Air system at Co#2 bids were opened. A single bid was received from CAE&T totaling \$17,998.00 for the full work-scope excluding the compressor. Deltek, Inc. out of Herndon, VA was emailed specifications but did not send in a bid. Motion to accept the bid by CAE&T was made by Tyson Turner. David Morris seconded. Urson LaSagna abstained. Four in favor. Motion carried.
- Public Wi-Fi at Co#2 setup has been completed. Tyson Turner submitted network names and passwords to the secretary. A sign will be posted with the information needed to sign onto the guest network.

- LOSAP funding has been deposited at Lyon's Bank. The fire district will receive monthly statements for review. The treasure will reach out to Kim Emperato at Lyon's Bank for additional information with regard to the investment account.
- John will contact Dale with Elite Electric to discuss the feasibility of installing a light fixture under the awnings that is tied into the same sensor that controls the parking lot lights.
- After final review of the proposition to provide tax relief pursuant to real property tax law §466-A to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, the Sennett Fire District Board made the following resolution...

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sennett Fire District hereby grants a tax exemption of 10% of the assessed property value of property in the Sennett Fire District owned, or co-owned, by a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker, provided that the exemption shall only apply to volunteers that meet the Exemption Criteria and the Minimum Service Requirements as set forth in EXHIBIT A of the resolution, and provided that the exemptions shall only apply to volunteers that are certified in accordance with the certification process set forth in EXHIBIT B of the resolution.

Motion to approve by Tyson Turner. Seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

- After final review of the spending limitation and the tax cap calculation, which is under by \$5,893.00, a balanced budget of \$441,300.00 for 2024 was approved. Motion to approve by Urson LaSagna. Seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

Deputy Chair: William Feocco

- No Report.
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Chief Report: Sean Holmes

- The department responded to 36 calls last month, bringing the total to 368 for the year.
- A request has been made to move the garbage back to the kitchen door to keep bags from being dragged across the parking lot. The container must be six feet from the wall.
- Physicals are being scheduled for the week ending October 28th. Auburn Internal Medicine is the provider.
- Rescue 1 broke down at a call last week due to a faulty fuel filter. Pullen's towed it to Repair Plus.
- The bay doors at Co#2 need weather stripping. Also, the 2nd bay door does not always open. It works for a while before catching. Bay four is the only door with an electric eye. All other doors have pressure switches. Co#1 has no door protection. John will coordinate with Johnsons Overhead Door regarding these issues.
- Sean has requested bathroom fans at Co#1. John will see about getting quotes.
- The department's annual Turkey raffle will be held on 11/3.
- The department is selling tickets for a tractor raffle to be held in May 2024. One thousand tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each.

The October Warrant for \$37,358.61 was approved. Motion to accept by Urson LaSagna. Seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned. Motion by Urson LaSagna. Seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Christopher

Heather A. Christopher
Secretary/Treasurer