

EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT

August 16, 2023

COMMISSIONERS MEETING – FINAL

Regular Meeting 7:00

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Stephen Forschler, Chairman
Michael DiGiacomio
Kevin Fierro
Howard Shapiro
Russell Tompkins

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Robert Simon, Treasurer

Chairman Forschler called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- RBC Statement July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 – Commissioners copied.
- RBC Portfolio Review for Period Ending 6/30/2023 – Commissioners copied.
- RBC Fitch downgrades US dated August 3, 2023 – Commissioners copied.
- From M&T Bank – Month End Collateral Statement Dated August 1, 2023 – Mr. Simon copied.
- From Marshall & Sterling – Package Installment 2 of 2 – Invoice – Mr. Simon copied.
- Memo to DCDPW dated July 29, 2023 from Chief Estes re: speed limit on SPT – Commissioners copied.
- Receipt for Payment dated July 28, 2023 for tailgate – Mr. Simon copied.
- From NYS Workers Comp, Case #FA070780 – Notice of Proposed Conciliation Decision – Hold for Mr. MacLeod
- From Firefly Admin Inc Re: LOSAP – Why Consider a Change – Commissioner Shapiro
- From Pinsky Law Group – Board of Director & Executive Officer Training October 27 and 28
- From Fire Law Publishing – Fire Service Law & Management Resource Manual Advertisement
- From Paychex – Poster – to Mr. Simon for posting.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Shapiro and seconded by Commissioner Tompkins to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2023 as presented.

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| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | Commissioner DiGiacomio | Aye |
| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Chairman Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Fierro to authorize an additional \$1,329.60 to cover the repair of the cot.

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| Commissioner DiGiacomo | Aye | Commissioner Fierro | Aye |
| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIALS:

A motion was made by Commissioner DiGiacomo and seconded by Commissioner Fierro to pay the bills per the abstract dated July 31, 2023. A refund of \$63.75 will be coming from 911 Uniforms.

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| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | Commissioner DiGiacomo | Aye |
| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Chairman Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Fierro to authorize Mr. Simon to pay \$3,571 to Veith Electric.

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| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Commissioner Shapiro | Aye |
| Commissioner DiGiacomo | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0 This work was done at the prevailing wage rate.

CD's – Mr. Simon said he sent in the request to add Commissioner Fierro and his own name to the paperwork at the end of July. His contact was on vacation at the end of July so there has been no progress.

Independent audit – Chairman Forschler and Mr. Simon signed the representation letter so the audit should be submitted at any time. There is nothing outstanding holding it up.

A motion was made by Chairman Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Fierro to accept the bank statement for the period ending on July 31, 2023 and in agreement with that noted on the balance sheet as put forward by Mr. Simon and Mr. Passikoff. Mr. Passikoff dropped off the budget worksheets for the board members to use at the budget workshop.

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| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | Commissioner DiGiacomo | Aye |
| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

Tailgate – The tailgate was listed on Craigs List for \$599 for two months with no bids. A bid was received from Matt Lawler for \$600 which exceeds the \$599.

A motion was made by Commissioner Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Shapiro that the board accept the bid from Matthew Lawler for \$600 for the tailgate.

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| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Commissioner DiGiacomio | Aye |
| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

Power unit – The power unit for the old jaws was listed on Craigs List for a month with no bids. We have an offer from MES for \$1,000 which is what it was listed for on Craigs List.

A motion was made by Chairman Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Tompkins to accept the bid in the amount of \$1,000 from MES for the unit.

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| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | Commissioner Tompkins | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner DiGiacomio | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0

Central Hudson – Commissioner Fierro said Veith Electric has done their part. We are waiting for Central Hudson to make the connection. Commissioner Fierro will contact Don Veith for more information if needed. We will need a lock. Chief Estes said we will move the lock from the dumpster to the Central Hudson panel and put the old lock on the dumpster.

Car 1 Don Estes Monthly Calls: 10 Year to Date: 66

- Call volume in the last two weeks has been nothing.
- The drill will be on Tuesday, August 22nd on SCBA, decon and rehab.
- The budget is put together. The main part will be the purchase of two sets of interior gear.
- The tires were fixed on the haz mat trailer.
- The flow test on the SCBA's was completed. We have 10 packs flow tested and completed.
- We are seeking approval to replace the flush unit on the men's urinal. Jim Ruffell said he will do it. The cost of the unit is \$150.

A motion was made by Chairman Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Fierro to approve Jim Ruffell Sr. to replace the flush valve on the urinal.

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| Commissioner DiGiacomio | Aye | Commissioner Shapiro | Aye |
| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0

- Bail out is complete minus one member with a foot injury. Chief Estes said at 70 years old plus, he can do SCBA but can't do full blown interior status anymore. He can do car fires but not full-blown bail out.
- Mr. Gammone has had all vehicles inspected and the tires are updated on the fly cars. The only thing we are waiting for is the repair on the snow chains that dropped on 38

and did not retract. The AC was re-charged on the Chief's vehicle and is working and cost nothing.

- The hose testing was done and no hose needed replacing. We are in excellent shape as far as spare hose.
- All members have good pagers now with 4 or 5 spares. Once the county's new radio system goes in, every mobile will be thrown away. The county is paying for the entire system.
- Chief Estes said in the spirit of complimenting members who step up and take classes, Steve Forschler has massively stepped up and taken the 79-hour basic exterior firefighting operations class and he was the oldest member in the class. Steve is now not only one of the best pumps ops and driver but also a firefighter. Kudos!!!!
- On 63, the fabricator came on Monday to get the final measurements to start the build out for the front mounting of the pump and safari rack on top. When it's ready, he will call the radio and light people and we will get everything off of the old 63 and transferred to the new 63 and the new 63 will go in service. The hold-up has been due to supply chain issues. It should be done within a month. It won't be difficult to transfer equipment from one vehicle to the other. The trailer has a lot of equipment on it. We can't get rid of it until we have somewhere to store the equipment. It will be two-thirds empty by the time the truck is stocked.

Car 2 – Jim Bathrick – Not present.

Car 3 – Chris Gammone – Not present

EMS - Susan deHaan Monthly Calls: 5 Year To Date: 76

- The power loader is fixed.
- Ms. deHaan just came from Fran Mark park where she did Narcan training for the park director and six other people.
- We had a presence at the "Shoot Out in the Park" on the sixth of August. It was the third annual shoot out to promote mental health awareness.
- The tires were changed out on 38-7 thanks to three members of our community. The department will send out a thank you note. Ms. Thompsett said she will take care of that tomorrow. The truck went to SRS in Hyde Park and Sean, who lives on Centre Road, also did the brake pads and inspected it at no cost to the district. We still need a muffler and will get a price.
- We have two new members on the rescue squad, Joseph Horesky and Sean Carroll. We want to get another tablet to do electronic PCR's. Right now, we have two tablets – Ms deHaan has one and there is one in the ambulance. The new tablet would be available for people to take home with them when they take calls. We would have two tablets then, one on the ambulance and one to take home. The third tablet would also come in handy when there are multiple patients. The cost is \$452.17.

A motion was made by Chairman Forschler and seconded by Commissioner Fierro to authorize \$500 for the purchase of a third table for the rescue squad to do electronic PCR's.

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| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Commissioner Shapiro | Aye |
| Commissioner DiGiacomo | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

- The rescue squad will be primary first aid for Clinton community day.

Fire Police - Jim Ruffell Sr. – Not present.

Company/Membership – Maryann Thompsett, President

- August 27th is the rain date for the Renegades game.
- We are gearing up for Community Day on September 2nd.
- T. O'Brien and P. VanLeuven cleared the background check. Ms. Thompsett will notify them to get their physicals. Chairman Forschler notified TEK they would be coming in.
- People are getting locked out of the meeting room due to a problem with the door lock. The locksmith is coming Friday morning.
- The company is putting together a binder with the by-laws, policies, etc. to give to new members. They would like to add a blurb about LOSAP. The secretary will look for a summary.
- Something to be considered at the budget hearing – at the 50 and 60 year marks of the annual dinner, there will be many dignitaries that need to be invited. Please keep that in mind when discussing the amount for the annual dinner.
- Ms. Thompsett will keep after Gavin Burns and Matt Estes to get their physicals. Maybe a letter is in order.

Town of Washington – Commissioner Shapiro said Gary Ciferri, the supervisor of the Town of Washington, wants to have Tim Collopy, the mayor of the Village of Millbrook, present at the meeting. The meeting has been hard to set up between vacation schedules. Both Supervisor Ciferri and Mayor Collopy will be back at the beginning of September and will be available. Commissioner Shapiro said Supervisor Ciferri is willing to listen.

Old business:

MES – Chief Estes's adapter will be here tomorrow.

Bond Counsel Proposal – Chairman Forschler said we have received four responses from Harris Beach, Barclay Damon, HodgsonRuss, and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. The board will review

these at the September meeting. The secretary will contact each firm to have a pdf of the submittal sent to Rod MacLeod, Jim Passikoff, and Bob Simon.

New business:

Ms. Thompsett will hand out the beneficiary forms at the next company meeting for the new life insurance.

Commissioner Tompkins said regarding the money that was donated for the tires, he thinks we should do more than just thank the residents, possibly buy them tickets to the surf and turf dinner. Chairman Forschler said while he understands what Commissioner Tompkins is thinking, that would be setting a precedent that when people send a sizable gift, they will get something in return. We regularly receive monetary gifts. Also, sometimes you take something away from the person who gave the gift. There is something to be said in receiving a gift graciously.

Public Comment:

A motion was made by Commissioner DiGiacomo and seconded by Chairman Forschler to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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| Commissioner Shapiro | Aye | Commissioner DiGiacomo | Aye |
| Commissioner Tompkins | Aye | Chairman Forschler | Aye |
| Commissioner Fierro | Aye | | |

Motion carried 5-0.

The budget workshop will be held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the firehouse.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Buechele, Secretary
East Clinton Fire District