

## **CHARLTON BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING**

October commissioners meeting 10/5/09

MEETING-Monthly

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Milne, Doug Sargent, Duane Rabideau, Kevin O'Connor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Heilman

Meeting CALLED to ORDER: 7:00pm

### CORRESPONDENCE -

- Neville changed to Ellenville
- CT MALE - questions per email received

Minutes from the month of September -Kevin O'Connor made a motion approving the minutes from September, Duane Rabideau 2nd the motion, motion carried.

### CHIEF'S Report -

Calls for September: 13

EMS 12 Brush Fire 1

R184 Odometer/Speedometer installed and calibrated

Survivor lights on 181 and 182 installed and in service

Looking at Holmatro rescue equipment for new extrication tool- Demo tool should be available in about 2 weeks, Kevin O'Connor asked if this is the same as Harmony, the Chief said yes it is.

Need 182 for fire prevention at Charlton Heights school on Oct 7th from 7am to 4 pm.

Need all apparatus for fund drive on Sunday October 18th from noon to 4pm

### TREASURERS Report -

FEMA/SEMO money were received totaling \$14,860.01. Financials reviewed for September. Kevin O'Connor made a motion accepting the treasurers report, Duane Rabideau 2nd, motion carried.

### OLD Business -

- CT male-RE: NYSERDA wants timeline regarding our application for assistance. Dave Milne stated he would like to go to bond mid-end of January, the board looked at

Tuesday January 19th or Tuesday January 26th. Doug said that January 19th would be good, the board agreed. Duane said the letter to NYSERDA should be sent. The secretary will get a letter to NYSERDA and a copy to CT Male. Bond attorney will be notified regarding date decided.

- Dave Milne asked why putting in the culvert at the new location was not a good idea. Duane stated it would cost a lot more money in the end. Dave stated that the county would be willing to put it in, Duane feels that grading needed would not be able to be completed by the county. Duane stated we have access now and we should leave it as is. Dave stated in talking with Kevin, the county would do it.

- Dave asked if flu shots were tonight and if they were H1N1 shots. The secretary told them Dr. Halbig was coming with regular flu shots, H1N1 will be distributed through the county.

- New pagers, according to the rumor mill, Vischer Ferry took our new pagers and West Charlton's new pagers. Ours had to be reordered. The treasurer received a bill well over six weeks ago for the additional batteries, it has not been paid due to our pagers not being received. The bill was net 30 days, the treasurer contacted Motorola who stated that our pagers and batteries were shipped to the county weeks ago, the Chief was informed and in contact with the county.

- Shed-Kevin O'Connor asked about the shed; Dave Milne has to call BOCES. Nothing has been brought up to the fire company yet. It was mentioned that the prison also makes sheds and can make a custom shed but we would have to move it. It was mentioned that BOCES may be building a house this year.

- Kevin O'Connor asked about the IRS letter, Doug stated this change is mandatory, we knew this was coming down for the last three years, Duane Rabideau agreed and that is the cost of doing business.

- Kevin O'Connor asked if we received the FEMA money, Kevin was informed that this was just covered in the treasurer's report and yes we did receive the money from FEMA/SEMO.

- Letter-to be sent to the Emerichs stating that we are aware they have hayed the field and that by doing so they are haying at their own risk. The secretary will draw up a letter and send it to Dave for review. It was mentioned whether we could put up no trespassing signs, the secretary is to contact John Pennock and find out. The property is not part of the snow mobile trail.

- Dick Jevitt made a phone call regarding the shed, a 9 x 12 shed from the prison is \$975, we would be responsible for moving it. A 12 x 18 shed is what we were looking for, they can build a custom shed but if we get one custom sized we might have to get a permit due to size. The board asked John Morgan if he got a permit for the shed by the water tower, he said yes because it was in the residential section. John Morgan

mentioned going to Queensbury to price sheds, that is where he got his. John stated he got the best price from the company in Queensbury.

- Neville went bankrupt so the Association of Fire Districts annual conference was moved to Ellenville-by Hunter Mountain. There is no interest from the board in attending this year's conference.

- SAFER Grant-aides in recruitment

Dave asked if someone sits around designing the names of these grants, Kevin O'Connor said he would look into it and then changed his mind. The secretary will look into the specifics of the grant. Ed Winslow asked if it was for fire codes. It was mentioned to Mr. Winslow this grant does not pertain to fire police or fire codes.

#### NEW Business -

- Snow plow bids will be accepted at the November meeting, the secretary will put a notice in the paper with requirements of snow plowing. 2" clearing the lot and in front of bay doors to be shoveled, salt and sanding the lot also required.

- Doug Sargent made a motion approving all requests from the Chief for use of 182 and all apparatus, Kevin O'Connor 2nd the motion, motion carried.

-Doug Sargent asked for a timeline type of calendar for going to bond be formatted and sent to the commissioners. The secretary asked if he wanted this emailed or mailed, Doug stated mailed. The public meeting would probably be held somewhere between the 4th and 8th of January.

- The pen purchased by the secretary that records notes and meeting minutes in special binders for use with the pen seems to be working well. Duane Rabideau wondered why the pen was so large, the secretary explained how it works when plugged into the computer and that what is written can be converted to text.

- Kevin O'Connor mentioned that Providence was going to vote tomorrow on their new facility.

- It was asked where the public meeting will be published, the secretary stated if she could get it into the community notes she would but definitely the legal notices. The public meeting will be on the website. The town newsletter was mentioned, the article by Duane is in it and the newsletter is supposed to go out this week sometime.

-Trent Mitchell made a comment that some seniors do not see the website or have access to it.

Privilege of the Floor - none

Meeting Adjourned - 7:30pm