

Brockport Fire District Commissioners
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2022 6:30 PM
Station 3 – 191 West Avenue; Brockport, NY 14420

Present: Commissioners Patricia Connors, Allyn Hammel, Bill Bird, David Georgiev; Treasurer Debra Kuhn; Chief Scott Wainwright.

Excused: Commissioner Debra Bax, Deputy Chief Jose Medina, Assistant Chief Tim Smith, and Attorney Ray DiRaddo.

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Connors at 6:30 PM

Pledge Moment of Silence

Public Comments – None

Approval of January 3, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Georgiev seconded by Commissioner Hammel to accept the minutes January 3 with one correction – the year.

4 Yes 0 No

Approval of Special Meeting of January 12, 2022 Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Hammel seconded by Commissioner Bird to accept the minutes of January 12.

4 Yes 0 No

Chiefs Reports

- Reviewed submitted reports.
- Quint 230 is at Churchville Fire Equipment for Preventive Maintenance. Some significant repairs are needed. An updated estimated quote is needed.
- The County also offered some more COVID rapid tests for the District.

Motion by Commissioner Bird seconded by Commissioner Hammel to accept the Chiefs reports.

4 Yes 0 No

Treasurer's Report

RESOLUTION 2022-21

Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is approved for the proposed budget transfer of \$275,551 from the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to the General Checking for the purpose of purchasing the pumper chassis from Churchville Equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Bird seconded by Commissioner Hammel to approve.

4 Yes 0 No

RESOLUTION 2022-22

Payment of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer is approved to transfer \$35,217.91 for regular bills and \$2,256.71 for payroll for a total of \$37,474.62 from the General Fund to the General Checking account.

Motion by Commissioner Hammel seconded Commissioner Georgiev to approve.

4 Yes 0 No

Secretary’s Report (written report submitted)

- Harassment Training - emails are ready to go and will set that up this week and send out an email to everyone about it.
- Physicals - we are working on some dates for mid-March or early April at the latest.
- Phone Quotes - need to check with Greg on the POT lines so we know for sure where we are for total dollars.
- 2 backordered Chief's laptops - problem with them which Greg is addressing,

New Business

- **Legal Notice of Public Hearing** for Partial Tax Exemption for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Voluntary Ambulance Services under Real Property Tax Law Section 466-k.

Motion by Commissioner Hammel seconded by Commissioner Georgiev to have the Secretary publish the Legal Notice of Public Hearing for Partial Tax Exemption to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property for Members of Volunteer Fire Companies or Voluntary Ambulance Services under Real Property Tax Law Section 466-k. Said Hearing will be scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2022, at 6:30 PM and will be held at Brockport Fire District Station 3, 191 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14420.

4 Yes 0 No

RESOLUTION 2022-23

PROPOSAL TO ADOPT PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SECTION 466-K

WHEREAS, the Brockport Fire District and Brockport Volunteer Firefighters Association is faced with the challenge of recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters; and,

WHEREAS, the Brockport Fire District’s Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from fire district taxes, to the extent of 10% of the assessed value, for real property situated in the Brockport Fire District and owned by eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service or by such enrolled member and spouse residing in Monroe County; and,

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of this tax exemption, each individual taxing entity must pass a resolution or local law for members to receive this benefit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that,

1. the Brockport Fire District’s Board of Commissioners hereby proposes to adopt the provisions of Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law, and hereby proposes to provide to eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such eligible enrolled member and spouse residing within the Brockport Fire

District, a partial tax exemption from fire district taxes, to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property.

2. That each incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department within the Brockport Fire District shall file a notice annually with the Assessor of each Town (Clarkson and Sweden) in Monroe County, certifying its enrolled members with two (2) or more years of service, and listing the number of years of service served by each such enrolled member together with the enrolled member's residence address. The certification shall provide the required information as of the taxable status date for each year (March 1).
3. That the Brockport Fire District's Board of Commissioners further proposes the adoption of the provision of such law that grants eligible enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrue more than twenty (20) years of active service, as certified by the appropriate authority, the 10% exemption, as set forth above, for the remainder of his/her life as long as his/her primary residence is located within the Brockport Fire District.
4. That it shall be the responsibility of each eligible enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service seeking such exemption to file any required application for such exemption with the Assessor before the taxable status date (March 1) as may be required by the Assessor.
5. That this partial tax exemption shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after January 1, 2022.
6. That a Public Hearing on said proposed partial tax exemption from fire district taxes to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of the property pursuant to Section 466-k of the Real Property Tax Law shall be held on the 7th day of February, 2022, at 6:30 PM, at Brockport Fire District Station 3, 191 West Avenue in the Village of Brockport, New York.

- **Contracting with G&G Municipal Consulting & Grant Writing**

Commissioners Hammel and Connors checked the references provided by G&G Consulting and were satisfied with the results. The Commissioners and Treasurer had met with Jay Grasso on January 12th and were impressed with his knowledge and background.

Motion by Commissioner Hammel seconded by Commissioner Georgiev to enter into a one-year contract with G&G Municipal Consulting & Grant Writing at a yearly cost of \$13,500 to be invoiced on a quarterly basis.

4 Yes 0 No

- **Asbestos testing and possible abatement of basement at Station 1.**

Commissioner Bird feels that the testing needs to be done prior to any future plans for the water heater or boiler.

Motion by Commissioner Georgiev seconded by Commissioner Bird to proceed with arranging for the testing of asbestos in the basement at Station 1.

4 Yes 0 No

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Hammel – No report.

Commissioner Bird reported that the heaters in the truck bay at Station 1 are not working. They will be looked at sometime this week. Also, Alliance Door will be updating the truck bay doors at Station 3.

Commissioner Georgiev – Thursday (January 20), at 1:30 PM, Dan Peter from LaBella Associates will meet at Station 1 and look at all of our Stations to begin the process of quoting us for how much it will cost to do a full thorough plan of replacing the Stations and what they would recommend. There is no cost involved to obtain the quote for a full report. Other firms will also be contacted.

Also, he spoke to Justin regarding the website and Justin emailed a couple of test subjects for the member section last week. If the Chiefs have anything that they need in the member section, to let Commissioner Georgiev know.

Motion by Commissioner Hammel seconded by Commissioner Bird to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia P. Connors (Secretary pro tem)
Brockport Fire District