

MONTHLY MEETING: February 8, 2022

Present:

Comm. Arthur Orneck
Comm. Martin McGannon
Comm. Charles Moseman
Comm. David Klaus
Comm. Jason Swart
Atty. Tara Tully
Chief Tim Mentrasti

Absent:

Secy/Treas. Jeanmarie Klaus
Asst. Chief Matthew Lauria
Asst. Chief Paul Liberatore

Meeting opened by Chm. Orneck at 7:00 p.m.

VOUCHERS:

Motion: Comm. McGannon to audit the attached submitted vouchers and authorize payment of those approved
Second: Comm. Moseman
All voting aye

PENDING

MINUTES:

Motion: Comm. McGannon to accept the Organization & January monthly meeting minutes as amended
Second: Comm. Moseman
All voting aye

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank Balances as of 01/31/2022:

Operating	\$ 359,083.34
Apparatus	459,457.45
Communication	127,422.17
Repair	160,357.68
Station #3	91,150.24
Ladder	625,834.35

APPROVAL

CHIEFS REPORT:

1. Alarms for the month were reported
2. See attached:
 1. Firefighter Pelosi completed the drone class in Oriskany. Others are taking the class online, but do not find it to be a good class. They would like to go to Oriskany. There was a discussion on bringing an instructor in to teach the drone class.
 2. Inventory of gear is being compiled to determine what can be kept & what has to be destroyed. There was a discussion on used gear
 3. Cross band repeater is up & helping out quite a bit at French Hill tower
 4. The Chief requested 12 sets of gear for 2022. He will get in touch with Morning Pride & report back next month with cost.
 5. There was a discussion on the Awards dinner February 19th. The Chief had asked if the District would help pay for it at the November meeting, but never got back with cost.
Motion: Comm. McGannon to reimburse the Engine Company 50% of the cost, not to exceed \$5,000
Second: Comm. Orneck
All voting aye
 6. Battery replacement
Motion: Comm. Orneck to replace 4 batteries for extrication tools at a cost of \$2,012
Second: Comm. Klaus
All voting aye

DIVE TEAM:

1. ROV training at the pool went well.
2. Chief is looking to do open dive with ROV

APPARATUS:

1. Engine 272 repairs are being completed
2. Ladder 51 is at Hudson Valley having requested work done, along with preventive maintenance
3. Comm. McGannon is working with the Chief and staff on the cost for a new Tanker/Pumper

JUNIOR CORPS:

1. There are currently 6 members
2. Comm. McGannon will meet with the Chief to get a new person to help on Wednesday nights. A by law change might be considered to bring them into the Engine Company at a younger age.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. The repeater is up
2. Engine 274 & Car 2532 were sent out to have radios redone.
3. The District needs to purchase portables & a crossband transmitter

Motion: Comm. McGannon to purchase 4 portable radios & a crossband transmitter under county contract a cost of approximately \$48,000

Second: Comm. Moseman

All voting aye

4. Motion: Comm. McGannon to withdraw up to \$48,000 from the Communications Reserve

Second: Comm. Moseman

All voting aye

The following notice will be advertised/posted

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Yorktown Heights Fire District in the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, at a meeting held on the 8th day of February 2022 duly adopted the following resolution, subject to permissive referendum.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE YORKTOWN HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF YORKTOWN, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO WITHDRAW UP TO \$48,000 FROM THE COMMUNICATION RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING 4 PORTABLE RADIOS & CROSSBAND TRANSMITTER.

WHEREAS the equipment is necessary for the enhancement of fire communication for the Yorktown Heights Fire District

RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Yorktown Heights Fire District that the District shall purchase pagers and it is further

RESOLVED that the purchase shall be made with monies withdrawn from the Communication Reserve Fund not to exceed the sum of \$48,000.00 and it is further

RESOLVED that this Resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the adoption of this Resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g (4) of the General Municipal Law and shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, unless there shall be filed in the interim with the Fire District Secretary a petition signed and acknowledged or approved in the same manner as a Deed to be recorded by resident tax payers of the District owning taxable real property aggregating at least ¼ of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property of the Fire District as such valuations appear on the latest completed assessment of the Town of Yorktown, protesting against such Resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their approval.

By order of the Commissioners of the Yorktown Heights Fire District.

Jeanmarie Klaus
Secretary
Yorktown Heights Fire District
914-962-5561

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

1. The water meter at Station #2 was tested – the report will be sent to the Town.
2. There are plumbing problems at Station #2. Some of the fixtures may have to be replaced due to age.
3. The tank for the oil separator at Station #1 may have to be replaced.
4. The concrete curb at Station #2 is starting to disintegrate and will need to be repaired.
5. The bluestone at the rear entry of Station #2 needs to be repaired

INSURANCE:

1. The estimate for Engine 274 was sent to the insurance company
2. Comm. Moseman is getting new ID cards for injuries
3. Mini Attack 8 was brought in for service. Park Ford left it outside & the pump froze. There was a discussion on whether to pursue Park Ford or go through insurance. It was determined to go through Park Ford.

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

1. JMC is not returning Comm. McGannon's phone calls. Joseph Riina P.E. is the only other firm to respond. Comm. McGannon would like to move forward with Joe Riina.
Motion: Comm. McGannon to hire Joseph Riina P.E.
Second: Comm. Orneck
All voting aye
2. There was a discussion on bonding & seqra review. Atty Tully will talk to Bond Counsel about bonding apparatus only. The Board will vote based on advice from Bond Counsel

UNIFORMS:

Comm. McGannon will look for a vendor & costs for Chiefs' jackets.

DRY HYDRANTS:

Comm. McGannon's email was forwarded to DEP

SERVICE AWARDS:

1. The points are posted in the firehouses & website
2. The Grievance Meeting will be on March 7th.

IT:

Comm. Klaus & Comm. Swart requested laptops

Motion: Comm. Orneck to purchase 2 laptops through Fiber1 Solutions, not to exceed \$2,200

Second: Comm. Moseman

All voting aye

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The State of NY requires Continuity of Operations Plan. Atty. Tully & Comm. Orneck will review the plan. The Board then has to adopt & post.
2. The Sexual Harassment Training went well. There was a discussion how to handle members that have not taken training. Atty. Tully suggested adding a failure to comply to the policy. Atty. Tully will send out letters to fire fighters that have not completed the training.
3. The Board is still waiting for the Engine Company to supply their membership list. Atty. Tully will write the Board of Directors requesting the list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: Comm. Moseman to enter into Executive Session at 10:47 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Second: Comm. Orneck

All voting aye

Meeting reopened to public at 10:56 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Comm. Swart would like to form small committee to review incidents with apparatus. Committee would review incident report & see what can be done in the future to prevent incident.

Motion: Comm. Swart to form Incident Review Committee consisting of 2 Commissioners, Chief & Chief's representative.

Second: Comm. Klaus

All voting aye

2. The meeting agenda & minutes have to be posted to the website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Comm. McGannon to adjourn at 11:12 p.m.

Second: Comm. Moseman

All voting aye.

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APPROVAL

**Yorktown Heights Fire District
2022 Payout Record**

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Vo.#	Claimant (Name & Address)	Appropriation:		Check:	
		Acct.#	Amount	Amount	Number
27	Con Ed	A3410.4	230.00	230.00	eft
28	Con Ed	A3410.4	556.38	556.38	4155
29	AT&T Mobility	A3410.4	94.00	94.00	4156
30	Standard Life Insurance Company of NY	A9045.8	1,127.28	1,127.28	4157
31	Arco Cleaning Maintenance	A3410.4	1,290.00	1,290.00	4158
32	The Journal News	A3410.4	78.00	78.00	4159
33	Yorktown Plumbing & Heating Inc.	A3410.4	282.00	282.00	4160
34	Hi-Tech Fire & Safety Inc.	A3410.4	195.90	195.90	4161
35	Wex Bank	A3410.4	1,373.68	1,373.68	4162
36	Halston Media	A3410.4	141.20	141.20	4163
37	Capital One Bank	A3410.4	451.78	451.78	4164
38	Staples	A3410.4	57.48	57.48	4165
39	Optimum	A3410.4	8.40	8.40	4166
40	MES-New York	A3410.4	181.25	181.25	4167
41	AAA Emergency Supply Co. Inc.	A3410.4	2,898.67	2,898.67	4168
42	Paraco	A3410.4	754.72	754.72	4169
43	Almeida Oil Co.	A3410.4	2,971.14	2,971.14	4170
44	BST	A3410.4	3,100.00	3,100.00	4171
45	Verizon	A3410.4	731.59	731.59	4172
46	Tully Law Office PC	A3410.4	1,250.00	1,250.00	4173
47	Ruscon Truck Service & Equipment	A3410.4	2,868.90	2,868.90	4174
48	Defensive Solutions Corp.	A3410.4	286.33	286.33	4175
49	U.S. Treasury	A601	2,309.39	2,309.39	54797077
50	NYS Employment Taxes	A601/A9030.8	634.86	634.86	80306046
51	Klaus, Jeanmarie / dd fee	A3410.1	1,904.75	1,904.75	dd
52	Fiber1 Solutions	A3410.4	1,489.68	1,489.68	4176
53	Verizon	A3410.4	199.36	199.36	4177
54	Con Ed	A3410.4	541.87	541.87	4178
TOTALS			28,008.61	28,008.61	

I certify these claims were audited and allowed by the Fire District Commissioners. Each claimant was paid the amount opposite his name.

Fire District
Sec/Treas.

Date Feb-22 Jeanmarie Klaus

CHIEFS REPORT: FEBRUARY 2022 MEETING

Training:

In-House F.A.S.T. Class Underway

Pelosi – Completed F-107 Class will take the exam shortly

Purchases:

Morning Pride Bunker Gear is in, issued and in the field. Great Feedback from the guys.

New:

New radio system is in and appears to be working well including cross ban.

Request to size next 12 members for gear at some point in the next 30 days. Will work with morning pride rep to ensure deliver and invoice after May.

Repair/ Replacement:

Replacement Edrualic Batteries- 4 @ \$503. - \$2015.40

Dive:

Scuba and under water Drone training are under way.

Multiple ICE rescue drills scheduled

Apparatus:

Car 2531 – 55,500miles 2015 suburban

Car 2532- 8,001 Miles 2019 Tahoe

Car 2533- 77,066 miles 2016 Tahoe

U-83. 58,285 miles 2013 Tahoe

U-36- 99,106 Miles- 2011 Suburban

U-143-

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