

EAST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 16th 2023

Meeting may be recorded for note keeping purposes with the number in attendance

George Heissenberger 12/2020	Jeff Kachmaryk	Zach Legters	Ryan Duvall	Mike Long
2023	2024	2025	2026	2027

Called to Order: Meeting was held in the community room and was called to order by Chairperson Heissenberger at 6:30PM.

Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Chairperson George Heissenberger	X	
Commissioner Zach Legters	X	
Commissioner Mike Long	X	
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X	
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X	

Chief Pete Koppmann __X__

Secretary Heather Barbaro __X__

Bruce Treat__X

Additional guests: Bruce Treat__X__Tricia Breeze__Joann Long__X__Derrick Legters__X__George Duvall__X__Andrew Duvall__X__Geoff Breeze__X__Joyce Koppmann__X__Nick VanOrman__X__Korbyn Simmons__X__Brad Pinsky__X__

Public Comment: Chairperson Heissenberger wanted to open it up to public comment. With lower attendance he did not see a reason to set a time limit at this time. He asked the comments stay on subject and follow Roberts Rules of Order.

-Chairperson Heissenberger recognizes Joyce Koppmann.

Joyce Koppmann, secretary of the Fire Department, shared she has put the meetings for the district on the sign out front for the whole year. If anything, additional needs to be added to get it to her the sooner the better for communications.

-The only other potential addition would be District elections, which is the second Tuesday in December. The other is the mandatory budget meeting which is in October to be determined.

Chairperson Heissenberger then asked if anyone else from the public had a comment. He then selected Geoff Breeze to speak.

-Geoff Breeze "This is in regard to the camera removal. About six months ago in June, July and August 2022, Commissioner Rhoda, Duvall and Kachmaryk voted to install and activate two cameras in the upstairs ready and unready room of the fire house, despite strong objections from the Fire Department members per a written letter and presence in the meetings, as well as the dissent of the other two commissioners (Legters and Heissenberger) as documented in the minutes. These two cameras monitor the decompress lounge and gym area of the fire station accessed only by FOB of the Fire Department members. The upstairs cameras are unnecessary and unwarranted given the full security in the rest of the building, no insurance discount, no precedent for need in the first place, and based on the documented objections of the Fire Department.

As a gesture of goodwill and partnership with the Fire Department, I am asking the commissioners to evaluate that decision and remove those two upstairs cameras, as well as update the EB Fire District Security Camera Policy to reflect their removal. This action would go a long way in regaining the collaboration between the two entities. And I'm donating my time if that happens to take them down as you know that's what I do George."

-Chairperson Heissenberger asked him if he has the statement to be provided to Heather to capture what was said. He will take it under advisement and what he recommends the board do is reconvene the camera committee and it will be discussed.

-Geoff Breeze "I have one more thing in regard to the district polos and they have been ordered yet. And if the order can be cancelled and not paid for by the district. And the two commissioners that were going to pay for them. So I asked that be removed and if further down the road if there are polos needed they are paid for by the commissioners instead of the taxpayers."

-Chairperson Heissenberger " Ok we can bring that up when we get into new business."

Chairperson Heissenberger then asked before he gets into it if Commissioner Duvall have ordered them.

-Commissioner Duvall " Yes they know our sizes, and have many in stock."

Geoff Breeze "Was there an invoice?"

Secretary Barbaro has gone down several sizes and not asked to be updated as well as others on the board not asked.

-Chairperson Heissenberger " They look to have already been ordered and to get with Commissioner Duvall for sizing."

-Commissioner Long "If they have been ordered? What happens with us changing commissioners and she hasn't been sized? I haven't been sized. I think we should discuss that."

-Chairperson Heissenberger said he would put it under old business then.

Geoff said "There is no invoice, no sizes and he wonders how they could have been ordered."

-No additional public comment at this time.

Fire Department: Nothing more than the information on the sign at this time.

Minutes: With a correction on page four of December 19th's meeting minutes to Bailey Road there was no further discussion on the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes for December 19th with the change of Bailey Road that Zach mentioned made by Chairperson Heissenberger. Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Chairperson George Heissenberger	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Mike Long	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-The December 9th meeting minutes were previously not approved so Chairperson Heissenberger asked if there was any further discussion or changes to those minutes before they could be voted on again.

-There were no additional comments or changes that the board brought up.

-Motion to approve the December 9th meeting minutes made by Commissioner Long. Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Chairperson George Heissenberger	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Mike Long	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Secretary Barbaro also shared she completed the January 4th Organizational meeting minutes and those had been emailed out.

-Commissioner Legters asked the exact date be added to the top of the minutes.

-Motion made with the change to specify date and approve the organizational meeting minutes made by Commissioner Legters. Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Chairperson George Heissenberger	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Mike Long	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

Membership: Chairperson Heissenberger is the representative of the district board, but there was not a meeting, yet he could attend so he will begin in February.

Several physicals were handed to the secretary to file. Two additional returns to duty letters. These were for Terry Hall and Jim Barden.

Chiefs Report: 12:48 in recording

The Code of Ethics signed by Korbyn Simmons and Bill Smith was handed to Secretary Barbaro to file for the year.

-Chief communicated with the board and with those in attendance that Fishers Fire Department is reducing their staff. Typically for any mutual aide calls it has been 6 people responding. Now it will be 4.

-Chief also handed the board mail from the Red Cross that member Judd Rockcastle gave him as it was delivered to the wrong address.

-Chairperson Heissenberger was asked during the last big snow fall and power outages if the firehouse was a warming center. The answer was to address those concerns to the red cross as this building is to be for the first responders. The community can be directed to the Red Cross website, but additionally if the roads are bad etc it is best for the community members to stay off the roads.

Training:

Procurement – Chief:

Procurement For Approval:

Treasurer's Report: Bill total for the month before additional bills was

Summary for General Fund:

Transfer from Gen. Fund savings to Gen. Fund checking:

Apparatus:

Buildings:

Grounds

Insurance:

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Chairperson Heissenberger. Seconded by Commissioner Duvall.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Chairperson George Heissenberger	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Mike Long	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

Meeting end time was 8:59

I, Heather Barbaro, secretary of the East Bloomfield Fire District, hereby certify that the attached minutes are true and accurate copies of minutes maintained by me in the ordinary course of business and as part of my role as secretary of the fire district.

Secretary

