

**EAST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 20th<sup>h</sup> 2022**

**Part of the meeting was recorded for note keeping purposes with the number in attendance for accuracy.**

Phil Rhoda 3 year	George Heissenberger 12/2020	Jeff Kachmaryk	Zach Legters	Ryan Duvall
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called by Chairperson Heissenberger at 6:30 pm. Meeting was held in the Commissioner's office.

**Attendance:**

	Present	Absent
Chairperson George Heissenberger	X	
Commissioner Zach Legters	X	
Commissioner Phil Rhoda	X	
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X	
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X	

Chief Pete Koppmann \_\_X\_\_

Secretary Heather Barbaro \_\_X\_\_

**Also Present:** Derrick Legters \_\_X\_\_ Steve Murnan \_\_X\_\_ Seth Jonas \_\_X\_\_ Scott Murnan \_\_X\_\_ Bill Smith \_\_X\_\_ Gina Brown \_\_X\_\_ , Billy Gasser \_\_X\_\_ Ron Newell \_\_X\_\_ Rick Rayburn \_\_X\_\_ , Joyce Koppmann \_\_X\_\_ Joann Long \_\_X\_\_ Judd Rockcastle \_\_X\_\_

**Public Comment:** None at this time

**Fire Department:** Letter given to Chairperson Heissenberger from President Steve Murnan. The letter was from the membership requesting to have the cameras removed in the ready and unready room. 22 members were in attendance to the membership meeting and all but 2 members abstained to have the cameras removed. The membership and board is asking the commissioners to consider the membership needs and remove the cameras.

-Chairperson Heissenberger made motion to remove cameras due to majority of members request in the removal of the two rooms. With option to review each January as needed. Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

Discussion now open: Commissioner Rhoda asked what was going on in two rooms that needed the cameras to be off.

Secretary of the department Joyce Koppmann stated it's an invasion of privacy. Don't like the feeling of being watched.

-Joyce would like insurance break down due to the cameras.

Commissioner Rhoda will provide them to her after he gets the breakdown from Joel Steele.

-Commissioner Kachmaryk has seen the boy scouts running wild in the firehouse, around the unready room and stairwells.

-Joyce stated they should be talked to if they were the issue, and it was a concern.

-Commissioner Duvall said it's a liability issue.

-Derrick Legters provided letter to the commissioners with information on the law Freedom of information request. (For records of Access officer. (This was read by the board and given to Commissioner Rhoda to reach out to Pinsky to get more information.

chairperson reading request letter. It's a request to know whose watching, when they are watching and for how long.

Letter was read by Chairperson Heissenberger "To district, Pursuant to NYS public officers law article 6 section 84 Freedom on information law I am requesting a copy of records pertained to the security camera system and archived camera footage owned and operated by the East Bloomfield Fire District at the address listed above. Please provide the following information for the last 30 days. Names of all person/users who can access security camera system both onsite and remotely. Time and date each user access the security system both onsite and remotely. And duration that each camera and /or archive footage was viewed by each user onsite and remotely. The Freedom of Information law requires an agency to respond to a request within 5 business days of receiving a request. I look forward to your reply.

Please provide the requested information in MS word or PDF file format via electronic mail or email to the following address [dslegters@gmail.com](mailto:dslegters@gmail.com)

If for any reason any portion of this request is denied please inform me of the reasons for denial in writing at the address listed below and provide the name and address of the person or body to whom an appeal should be directed.

Sincerely Past Fire Chief Derrick Legters."

Chairperson Heissenberger let Derrick know the records do not exist in a format like a disc or tape or something.

-Rhoda said it may be able to download through the company and will reach out to Mike from the company.

-Commissioner Duvall asked to get back to the motion on the table and asked if there was anything left to discuss or if the board could continue.

-Commissioner Rhoda asked to table vote until next month so he can check on the records and get more information.

Chairperson Heissenberger said we could table it as a question of insurance information was raised.

-Commissioner Rhoda agreed and said now this meeting has turned into something else and he wants to get all the information.

-Gina Brown asked to speak and said "George the people in the room sitting here are volunteers. We volunteer our time to be in this building to help the community. I really feel this is an invasion of our privacy. This is a second home to some of us. Last week we had 10 calls in a row. 10! It took 6 ½ hours of our day to help the community and you guys do not trust enough to be here alone. I think it is complete bullshit I am sorry, but this is totally wrong."

-Commissioner Rhoda said he would take this into consideration.

-Chairperson Heissenberger wanted to point out as well that Gina Brown is a past commissioner as well.

-Chairperson Heissenberger will table the motion at this point until next month because of the missing information and it will go on next months agenda as the first action item. Secretary Barbaro to add this. To get information to get from insurance and records for Derrick.

President Murnan then asked what the table motion has to do with Derricks request.

It was cleared up that the tabling of the vote has to do with motion to have cameras removed. Board would have vote and discussion.

-With Derricks request it will be handled now with the company as it will have to be retrieved from the company.

-Member Joann Long asked to share with the board a text message from member Vic Rauscher who could not make it tonight. It stated "I am asking because the firemen are very upset about the cameras in the upstairs ready room and fitness center. I agree with them and when I was commissioner the issue came up and we all agreed the cameras in the truck bays and stairwells etc would be fine but that is their private area and I meet with our insurance companies and cameras would not provide any liability in that area. That is not a good message to send to your volunteers and you guys should rethink this and reverse the decision on the fitness and ready room cameras."

-It was mentioned that he sent this to Commissioner Rhoda and again Vic was a past commissioner as well.

-The second thing Joann wanted to share was if the motion would be tabled for a vote she asked the board to turn the cameras off in the spaces until voted on.

-Joyce Koppmann added it would be a gesture of good will to the members for respecting the members' request.

-A motion would have to be made and Mike will be contacted tomorrow by Commissioner Rhoda to see if they can independently be watched off.

-Joann Long asked for a list of who is watching on the cameras to then be shared. Commissioner Rhoda said only 3-4 have access to the app.

-Joanne said she works out in there and it feels creepy to know someone is watching her work out.

-Commissioner Duvall said "if you go to Planet Fitness you are on camera"

-Joann thought she was under the impression that there would be no cameras in that room. It was cleared that the cameras were never a topic of discussion at the time as it could very well be a liability issue.

-Assistant Chief Rick Rayburn asked to speak as he asked in the meeting earlier to reserve some time. " I come at this from a different angle. I understand the responsibilities but there is one person at least for the last 5 year who has over 500 points. That is over 2000 points in the last 5 years. So as assistant fire chief this year I look at this a little differently. As Gina touched on the other day, we were there for over 6 hours. I was command officer and protected everyone on the various scenes. I was in charge of them in the wind and elements. We need to do what's best for the members"

Commissioner Rhoda apologized as the camera in the ready room was more supposed to be on the door and confirmed what it meant to have points. Rhoda asked if the doorway was just on camera would that work.

Gina said they are already in the stairwells, so it doesn't make any sense.

Rick said he did not know if the membership would accept that.

Commissioner Rhoda said, "I don't know if the membership would accept anything we do at this point other, then remove them."

Members in the meeting said that wasn't true.

Rick said "if there were cameras in the room and we were concerned about the security could we put them on the two doors and nothing else. That room one of the purposed is to come back from a call and have a soda, go over the call and work with each other on what we experienced

on the call. After the calls for 6 hours, I don't think anyone went into that room. You are hurting the morale in the department over this, and I ask you to reconsider for the members. To make the motion to turn the cameras off until the next board meeting. For the respect for the members in the room.

Commissioner Rhoda said he can accept that and made a motion to turn those two cameras off until the next meeting, once he figures out how to do it. And it would be pending insurance information. Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

Discussion: Commissioner Duvall said "when we see the results from insurance and see there is a cost savings it will just be turned on so this is counterproductive. And everyone's going to be back in here to throw a fit. I just don't think turning them off and turning them off and something happens we are liable."

President Murnan asked Commissioner Duvall what he really think is going to happen in that room.

Secretary and member of the fire department Heather Barbaro said "I don't think any of the members have been throwing a fit. They have been respectful."

Commissioner Rhoda said we catch more bees with honey lets all make sure we are respectful.

Commissioner Duvall shared that he feels we are just wasting our time.

Rhoda mentioned this was a democracy and he partially sides with Duvall. "These guys have to come up my driveway to rescue my mom. I hope they would come up the driveway. They might not if I don't vote."

Secretary Barbaro Said "We don't hold grudges on who we help. And that was show in the 6 hours of calls"

-Commissioner Rhoda then said he was kidding.

Commissioner Duvall said, "that is part of the reason why we have issues on the town because people are afraid to show their face because if they come in here and complain they won't get the help they need."

The members were upset to hear those comments, and Chairperson Heissenberger asked to move forward for the votes.

Chief Koppmann asked Commissioner Duvall to have it stated again for the minutes. Commissioner Said, "I said this is the exact problem that we hear lots of stuff from the town and the people."

Chief Koppmann" Can you clarify the we please."

Commissioner Duvall "I have heard it; Phil has heard it. Jeff has heard it."

Rhoda said "You have to admit the testosterone level or whatever you want to call it is pretty high in this room right now. So would you as a community member want to voice your opinion for the cameras? Right now, you probably wouldn't"

Chief "No but this is a public meeting, correct?"

Ryan Duvall" This is exactly what I am saying. They don't come here because they feel as though they come here they will be pointed out.

Chief "I have been attending commissioner meetings on a fairly regular basis for a dozen plus years. I don't think there is any fingers that I can count that have come to these meetings and that is on 2 dozen commissioners. The number of the public that come is almost negative.

Rhoda said if they are intimidated then that's why they don't come.

Gina Brown then asked who is intimidated.

Derrick Legters said, "how is it intimidating when we save and help hundreds a year."

Commissioner Rhoda said I don't know what. People have a beef about everything.

Chief asked if the board has received a complaint whether written or verbal ever.

Commissioner Rhoda said no but he will start taking names if he is asked too.

Chief said "no but if there is an issue with the service, we are providing we would like to know about it so we can rectify it. We are the least discriminatory group of people in this community. We wake up 24/7 365 in any weather condition to answer calls for emergencies all while putting \$5.00 gallon of gasoline in the cars except for myself all to do this."

George said it was getting off topic

Chief said "yes, it is but if Duvall has made a fairly inflammatory and accusatory statement to the act of the vast majority of active members in this department."

George said noted and it will be in the minutes.

Joyce Koppmann wanted to throw something in there because she was very upset. "Testosterone levels? There are enough women in this room to add in sexual harassment in there."

Joyce then left.

Chairperson Heissenberger then asked to get back to the motion on the table to turn the cameras off until next month.

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

The motion passes.

-Chairperson Heissenberger would like to go ahead and amend his motion to remove the camera complete in the ready room. We will wait on the workout/unready room for insurance coverage. But to follow the wishes of the department and remove the cameras in the ready room.  
Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

- "We have had the discussion and we know people feelings." said Chairperson Heissenberger. Since there is more liability in the exercise room that will be tabled to next month.

-Commissioner Duvall said there is no need to have them come out as there will be a service call to take it out, and we would get charged.

-Chairperson Heissenberger said we may already get charged to have them turn it off.

-Commissioner Duvall thought Commissioner Legters could turn it off he cannot. He said if we are just turning it off for the month, he doesn't see any reason to have it taken out and get charged.

-Commissioner Rhoda asked Rick Rayburn for his opinion and whether or not board should take the camera out of the ready room.

Rick said yes. "They gave him a clear question. And for the membership it should be removed."

Commissioner Rhoda looked at Commissioner Duvall and said he then has to vote yes and he will call Mike to turn it off.

George said Motion was to still on the table to remove the camera from the ready room and it was now to vote.

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

The motion passes.

-Chairperson Heissenberger will have the unready room topic of conversation for the next meeting once we find out about the insurance information. Both will be turned off until then.

-Rick Rayburn thanked the board on behalf of the membership and appreciates it. And he wants just to work together.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Chairperson Heissenberger to approve meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Duvall.

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

The motion passes.

**Membership:** Commissioner Duvall said the committee is working on a couple of policies, and the new member application packet.

Chief Koppmann did say 2 applications are in the middle of the process with background and arson checks and as many as 4 more are being started.

Physicals for Heather Barbaro, Dan Kwarta, and Terry Hall are in and will be filed.

Hepatitis B form being worked on as well and Commissioner Legters will help Chief see who has had it or wishes to have it provided to them. This would be a cost to the commissioners.

**Chief's Report:**



May 2022 Incident Report	Total
EMS Assist	8
Public Assistance	1
Mutual aid Woods fire (Ionia)	1
Mutual Aid Structure Fire (Naples)	1
Odor investigation	2
Automatic Alarm	2
MVA	4
Fire Type Unknown	1
Mutual Aid Traffic Control (Cheshire)	1
Transformer Fire	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>

- This brings year to date to 81.
- For comparison 2021 at this point had 90.

-Flash over training check and registration completed. Chief will confirm with the training office and take off of his list.  
 -Honeoye Extrication class date set for September 10th, and he will check soon for the costs and get back to the board. He was thinking of offering to 4-6 members if interested.

-Discussion on the increase in mileage reimbursement from \$0.56.5 which was voted in January. The new mileage reimbursement is \$0.62.5.  
 -Chairperson Heissenberger makes a motion to amend the mileage from \$0.56.5 to \$0.62.5. Seconded by Commissioner Kachmaryk.

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

The motion passes.

-Still looking for shelving for west wall.

**Procurement:**

DATE	Vendor	Description	Total
6/13/22	Grainger	Traffic Control Wands (4)	225.56
		Truck Wash Brush Heads (3)	

Aug 3rd is hose and ladder testing. And Chief requests no events on site for this day.

- Ballistic Vests are ordered and invoice will be given invoice Commissioner Legters.

- Universal vests purchased and they match our gear exactly.

- Chief provided board with 3 quotes and Chief disclosed his company is one of them.

- Governor is signing a law to only have cops have body armor. Chief thinks it may fall under the approval for it.

- Chief reading NFPA standards as well and creating usage policy. -Quotes are as follows:

Firefighter one \$6,805

Covert armor \$6,610

First out estimate is \$6,400

**Treasurer's Report-** Commissioner Legters went over the reports with the board. Total was \$3,128.54 for bills before additions.

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

- Additional bills are:

- Churchville Fire Equipment for a total \$3,254.40

- Town Fuel bill was \$375.18 for gas and diesel was \$497.23.

- Finger Lakes communication was \$155.95.

- New total: \$7,411.30

- Motion to pay the bills made by Chairperson Heissenberger. Seconded by Commissioner Duvall.

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

The motion passes.

- Commissioner Legters wants to transfer \$9,000 in order to cover the bills.

-Chairperson Heissenberger made a motion to transfer \$9,000 from savings to checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Commissioner Kachmaryk.

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

The motion passes.

Checking: \$11,853.00

Savings: \$846,697.30

-Audit still being worked on, waiting to see if amendment was approved.

-Utility costs are on the rise.

-Panel discussion on keypad, and if it needs to be reset. Board will make sure there is more than one person who knows how to reset everything.

-Commissioner Kachmaryk will discuss with them at West Fire. (585 663-8530 Andy Luft.)

-Assistant Chief, Rick Rayburn said he got a call from neighbor at Il East Main St. and they donated donuts to all of the members as a thank you for Thursdays calls. The volunteer members took 13 calls.

-Chairperson Heissenberger put 4 bags of salt in the water softener.

-Fuel budget nearly gone by the predictions of where the budget was. Will have to adjust.

**Correspondence – Frontier Ad**

-Van Bortel ford coupon

-CNB loans ad

-ALPS Elevation-cool stamps. Given to Commissioner Rhoda.

-Culligan sent bill (Rochester), we don't utilize them. They owe us a credit. So, this will be looked into.

-Churchville SCBA reminder for testing. Given to Chief Koppmann.

-Phone book-yellow pages.

-NBF office supply catalog given to Commissioner Duvall.

-Apparatus- see chiefs report.

-712 button on pump panel evacuation signal. Farmington fire had them confused thinking it was time to evacuate as it was sounding like the three long air siren blasts coming through the intersection for traffic.

-Churchville believes they can install a button on the pump panel.  
-change over to one long 15 second air horn blast for firefighters to evacuate.

-Commissioner Kachmaryk had to leave meeting.

-Board agrees to have Churchville install the button and it comes out of truck budget so no need for a formal motion.

-Biff Saxby or Billy Gasser may be able to help with fender for one of the trucks. Chief to ask them if they can help. Part is in.

-Tarp and hose cross lays to be priced out still.

-Korbin's truck is out to get lights and sirens installed.

-Chief doesn't feel they are really digging deep at Churchville with some of the checks they have been doing on the trucks.

-Personnel changes may have helped confusion on what package we have with preventative maintenance and our needs for the department.

## **Apparatus:**

### **711:**

- Left side hose bed light out (Warranty). Incorrect light sent from Pierce.
- Both main intake valves are leaking air at draft.
- Passenger side valve to Churchville 5/23/22 cleaned (dirt & sand) and lubed
- Passenger side, step light broken (light is working)
- Rear passenger side DOT marker light lens is cracked (light is working)

### **712:**

- Add air horn button to pump panel.
  - New SOG for emergency EVAC signal
  - Churchville estimate \$150-\$500 depending on wiring configuration

### **752:**

- Replacement drivers side wheel well trim received 3/30/22 (Wrong style)
- Gorman sourcing the correct version and will cover return shipping of wrong one
- New hose bed tarp for cross-lays & main hose bed. (Netting similar to 711)
- Truck going to Van Bortel Ford 6/21/22 (front control arms, check engine light)
- Door weather seal on both doors fallen/off.

**741:** Nothing at this time.

**751:** Door weather seal on both doors fallen/off.

**70 - Chief Vehicle:**

- Confirm all 70's have ability to fuel Chief's truck in fuel system.
- Bill Smith unable to fuel Chief truck when he was driving it.

**701 – POV**

- To EV Warning 6/17/22 for lights & siren install

**Apparatus PM and Pump Testing Schedule 2022 – Churchville**

- 741: 3/7/22 – PM & Pump Test Complete
- 712: 4/1/22 – PM & Pump Test Complete
- 711: 4/25/22 - PM & Pump Test Complete
- 751: 5/2/22 – Annual PM (no pump test required)
- 752: 5/23/22 - PM & Pump Test Complete

**Buildings:** Elevator is working currently.

-The pump is now in and will have to be installed. Steve Murnan did say it was good timing as Ben said it was seized up potentially.

-Carl to move gutters to try and move far from door. As it freezes up it causes a big hazard.

-Commissioner Kachmaryk was supposed to get on roof and see how it's all draining. Unsure if he was able to as he had to leave to pick up his daughter. So, he will be followed up with.

-Shed roof is still being worked on for a better idea. One idea was a copula or fencing around the top.

-Windows and window treatments are still being worked on.

**Grounds:** Mr. Jenkins has put up a fence. Code enforcement and Kim working with him as fence was not permitted. Additionally, he put up an illegal shed.

-Commissioner Duvall to get a surveyor.

-Motion to approve on email best bid made by Chairperson Heissenberger. Seconded by Commissioner Rhoda.

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

The motion passes.

-Commissioner Duvall had 2 quotes for boulder and repair. Dan's costs are very high compared to the second estimates.

-Thane Jenkins may have to pay for ground damage per his lawyer.

\$2,594.90 to put in rocks or arborvitae.

-Chief Koppmann asked if we have talked to Scott Kimball to get a jersey barrier.

-Discussion on Jersey barrier as an option.

-Commissioner Duvall said Mr. Jenkins has not crossed line, but let's get a do not trespass sign.

-Mr. Jenkins has a follow up court date in August.

-Member Ben Murnan sent Commissioner Duvall a message about Mr. Jenkins potentially being on site. Cops were informed.

-Protection order is in place.

**Insurance:** Commissioner Kachmaryk said fuel cloud looked into still with the town. Patty no longer at the town, the new people did

not know how to do it.

-Commissioner Rhoda will check liability and discounts for cameras. And reach out to Pinsky.

-Thane Jenkins to be sent a letter from Pinsky to stay off property and that any previous agreements are void. The following phone numbers give to commissioner Rhoda: 315-428-8345 office 315-657-7555 cell for Brad Pinsky.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:** With the potential of up to 6 new members the department is in dire need of gear. Without this, new members will not be able to train.

-Chief was given the suggestion from the board to see about purchasing used gear potentially from other departments and then outfit them with our lettering as new gear is taking over a year to get to departments.

-Budget would be exceeded with these potential new members.

-Chief Koppmann will reach out to some departments and get the board of commissioners some numbers.

-Budget workshop will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Legters. Seconded by Commissioner Duvall.

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

The motion passes.

Meeting ended at 8:34 pm.

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.

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Secretary