

**EAST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**OCTOBER 17th 2022**

**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 Community room.

**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\_\_ Joann Long \_\_X\_\_ Seth Jonas \_\_X\_\_ Geoff Breeze \_\_X\_\_

**Public Comment:** Reminder from Chairperson Heissenberger that public comment would be limited as there was just a previous open forum for public comment before this meeting.

-Motion made by Chairperson Heissenberger to limit time and not to exceed 10 minutes. 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.

-Joann Long: She will keep it brief but wanted to check facts.  
"Commissioner Duvall, at last month's meeting you made a motion to purchase fire commissioner logo'd polo shirts at \$24 a piece, correct?  
And Commissioner Rhoda, you made a motion to move forward and order 12 polos .  
and Commissioner Kachmaryk seconded that motion, right? The vote was 4 to 1 in favor of spending \$288 on apparel for the 5 of you to wear in a once a month meeting? Have these shirts been ordered?"

It was clarified Commissioner Duvall presented the idea to the board and Commissioner Rhoda made the motion.

-Joann brought up that Chairperson Heissenberger suggested a place for the same price maybe even a dollar cheaper per shirt and there was no minimum order required.

-Joann wanted to know why there needed to be shirts for a once a month meeting. It was hypocritical on appearance and to spend our tax payer money when this could have gone to something better serving the members such as new gear,

-Commissioner Rhoda said at first he did not care and asked why as a commissioner he should not have the chance to get some recognition.

**Fire Department:** President Murnan shared the BBQ figures not figured out as of yet but it was a great event. There were a few large donations. And one lady lives in Chesire!

**Old Business:** Joann asked the Commissioners if they were going to pay for their own shirts then. Commissioner Rhoda said he would.

When Joann Long asked Commissioner Kachmaryk, Duvall and Legters if they would be doing the same they said no. It would be paid for by the taxpayers.

-Commissioner Duvall brought up how Chairperson Heissenberger and Secretary Barbaro were not asked the same question. They both offered to pay for the shirts themselves and not have it be paid for by tax dollars.

-Security camera policy given soon to members of department. Copy to be sent to Joyce Koppmann.

Procurement Purchasing Liaison: Commissioner Duvall needs to get his friend to email back and go over details.

Board felt ads should be posted again for more chances for applications.

-Motion made by Chairperson Heissenberger to post an ad again in the two publishing companies for another week. 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.

**Minutes:** Minutes sharing to the public and clarification that Heather has been sharing with commissioners when done as quickly as she can. Then the public by request with the watermark draft in the back.

-Idea to give town hall a copy for their bulletin board, made to give that. and post on bulletin board.

-Motion to approve the minutes as written 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			
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The motion passes.

**Membership:** Nothing new at this time from the meeting reported by the commissioners and no new applications.

-Chief had some filing to give to Secretary Barbaro that included:

- Heather Barbaro (Meadows) return to duty letter
- Derick Legters - Physical
- Peter Koppmann - Physical

**Chief's Report:**

<b>September 2022 Incident Report</b>	<b>Total</b>
EMS Assist	2
MVA	2
Weather Problem (trees and wires down)	1
Automatic Alarm	1
Water Problem	1
Fill-In/Stand-By (Bristol)	1
Barn/Garage Fire	1
Vehicle Fire (Lawn Tractor)	1
Odor of Gas	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>

2022 Total Calls: **152**

For comparison: 2021 Total calls to date: **174**

**Training:**

- Live fire Training October 22 at Ont. Co. Safety Training Facility

**Equipment/Gear Repairs:**

- 4" LDH out for cut and re-couple

**Testing/Maintenance:**

- Hose and ladder testing reports available (email forwarded to Fire district Email)

**Procurement:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
9/20/22	Churchville Fire Equipment	Cut & Re-couple 4" LDH	500.00
9/24/22	Harbor Freight	Safety Glasses & Work Gloves (Jr. Corps. Members)	35.64

- New turnout gear sizing is scheduled with Churchville for late October to early November.
- Turnout gear to be paid out of 2022 budget funds

**Procurement For Approval:**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Total</b>
Home Depot	18" x 18" traffic control flags	7.49	12	44.94
First Out Rescue Equip.	18" reflective STOP/SLOW paddles	32.25	6	193.50
Fire Safety USA	Glass- Master Windshield Saw	179.95	1	179.95
Home Depot.	Milwaukee 18V Sawzall Kit – 712 & 752	449.00	2	898.00
Home Depot.	Milwaukee 18V Sawzall Tool ONLY – 711	193.00	1	193.03
Misc.	Saw blades, lumber, hardware	250.00	1	
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,509.42</b>

-Junior core can take the extra helmets as well from the commissioner's office they have not been used for the wall black project.

-Fire Police need items for the POV. Many members were off site when a big MVA happened recently. The Chief would like to add some more tools to 712.

-Request \$1,509.42 for the total procurement as listed above.

-Motion to accept procurement Chief needs made by Commissioner Rhoda. Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

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.

As a heads up to the board this took the chief 5 hours-to do and price out.

**Treasurer's Report-** This month's total for the bills before any additions was \$2,880,00.

-Chairperson Heissenberger wanted to open discussion on the budget.

-Commissioner Legters wants to increase the tax cap.

-Commissioner Rhoda made motion to keep as finalized and keep as zero percent increase. Seconded by 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 will give adopted policy to Secretary Barbaro to give copies to town.

-Commissioner Legters went over the bills. Additional bills came in. These included: Rick Rayburn: \$265.31

Gatehouse media: \$82.30

Fuel: \$431.29

The new total for bills is: \$3,658.90.

Chairperson Heissenberger made a motion to pay the bills. 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.

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

-Commissioner Legters wants \$5,000 to pay bills.

Chairperson Heissenberger made a motion 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.

-Commissioner Legters mentioned one vendor has a new billing address. And this will be updated.

-Fuel costs are over. Bear in mind it is prorated Commissioner Legters shared.

-Balance for the CD: \$211,583.07

-Checking: \$10908.69

-Savings: \$660,889.88

-The CD is maturing, and Commissioner Legters would like to have it renewed for 6 months.

Cathy Conrad from town said any tax district can join and raise interest. This was shared by Commissioner Duvall. He will reach out to get the email.

-Commissioner Duvall shared they made more interest in one month than all of last year. So, he will look into this.

-Commissioner Legters made a motion to renew at current rates for a 6-month CD. Seconded by Chairperson Heissenberger.

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

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**Correspondence:**

-Village code inspection-given to Commissioner Rhoda.

-Lewis general tire: tax exempt paperwork to be filled out and sent back.

-Legal notice.

-Bank of Greene County.

-Village newsletter w/ water bill.

-\$1,000 check from Midwest fire equipment.

-Notices of postings affidavit.

-R. L. Power - given to Commissioner Rhoda.

-Chief Koppmann brought up that there were extra tires from his truck in the firehouse that can be set up as surplus. Motion to have the tires as surplus made by Chairperson Heissenberger. Seconded by Commissioner Rhoda.

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Chairperson George Heissenberger	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			



Commissioner Phil Rhoda	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

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-Notices from Gatehouse and the publications (Formerly known as the Daily Messenger)

-Joyce Koppmann needs email from board for the job posting to see if a member is interested.

-Chief Koppmann asked if heated floor on. Commissioner Rhoda will look into this as he thought it was.

-Letter from Ron Newell complaint. Since it was not presented to membership the right way the person with original complaint needs to go through proper channels.

**Apparatus:** Commissioner Duvall to work with Chief to make under coating appointment.

**711: Nothing at this time.**

**712: Nothing at this time.**

**752: Nothing at this time.**

- Replacement drivers side wheel well trim
  - Received 3/30/22 (Wrong style)
  - Second trim piece received 9/6/22. Right style, wrong size.
- To Van Bortel 10/7/22 for EGR valve replacement. Returned 10/8/22. Check engine light is off.
- Do not move apparatus indicator on.
  - Compartment door sensor on rear door
  - Sensor ordered 8/15/22. (Churchville)
- New hose bed tarp for cross-lays & main hose bed. (Netting similar to 711) - Churchville

**741: Nothing at this time.**

**751: Nothing at this time.**

**Buildings:** Commissioner Rhoda has nothing to report as he can't get Carl to come. He stated he is not changing the price on the shed project.

- Gutter causing waterfall by one side was pointed out.
- Original quote was \$1,650.00. This was for the roof on the shed for the generator.
- Commissioner Kachmaryk said it works why change it.
- Chairperson Heissenberger suggested not waiting any longer and getting it taken care of.
- Proctor to come out and give estimate. Commissioner Rhoda will look into it.
- Joann asked about blinds and the progress on the website.
- Commissioner Rhoda said waiting on blinds and color choices. And the web master is building the code to help post minutes and overall site.

**Grounds:** Snowplow contracts to be opened and one came in. Lakeview lawn and landscape is the company.

Overall, it was a \$25,250 proposal.

- Commissioner Duvall doesn't want to go with this proposal at this time and wants to reach out to more.
- Commissioner Legters to additionally reach out to contact he knows to see if there is interest there.
- Several companies not wanting to help.
- Benson has yet to be heard from.

-Motion to take 14 days and get ad run again and get more options made by Commissioner Duvall. Seconded by Commissioner Rhoda.

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Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Phil Rhoda	X			

Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

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- Chief wants to know what will be done in emergency.
- Question on getting town to help plow and maybe provide salt.
- President Steve Murnan said town used to plow.
- Commissioner Legters let the board know member Gina Brown posted and shared about the clothing donation bin being filled with non-clothing items. Many items were garbage related.

**Insurance:** Shane Clement got treatment the next day after a recent call.

- The cancer insurance is being updated with Joel Steele.

**New Business:**

- Absentee ballots, and discussion on moving site for commissioner vote.
- Chairperson Heissenberger read law on absentee ballots. The deadline has passed. 60 days before vote for future knowledge.
- Terry Hall joins meeting.
- Chairperson Heissenberger continues reading on absentee voting.
- The general feeling of the board was to not pursue the absentee voting.
- There was a suggestion to move the date of voting and it was reminded that it is set by the state. Reminder it is December 13th.
- Commissioner Duvall wants the voting to take place in a neutral place and made a motion to move the vote to Veterans Park. Seconded by Commissioner Rhoda.
- Commissioner Duvall stated he didn't know if Veteran's Park was available but would rent it if it was.

Discussion on this topic included:

Secretary Barbaro asked about logistics as often we do not know if 5 people will come ==to vote or 500. Having access to a printer is vital and helps her prep.

-Commissioner Duvall said he would then just provide on his own expense a ream of paper to have enough copies of ballots printed.

-It was established there is no printer on site.

-Chairperson Heissenberger stated the commissioners have not agreed to pay any expense when it's free at the fire station.

-Commissioner Duvall offered to pay for this location to have the voting moved there.

-Derrick Legters wondered if it was conflict of interest.

-Joyce asked about the claim on wanting neutrality and why this was brought up.

-Commissioner Rhoda referenced wanting his people to come and potentially vote and not be intimidated by firefighters on site.

-Commissioner Legters said it should be at the firehouse.

Chairperson Heissenberger stated if Veteran's Park was not available the voting venue would not be changed.

-Call to Question from Chairperson Heissenberger.

-Motion to have the vote at veteran's park if available and amend to see if a fee could be removed given the event made by Commissioner Duvall.

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Commissioner Zach Legters		X		
Commissioner Phil Rhoda	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Chairperson Heissenberger commented that this could be dangerous territory and to be careful where the board is going.

-For the election committee it will consist of Commissioner Legters, and Secretary Barbaro.

-Terry Hall asked for a moment to speak. He said there is a member bringing their toddler to drill. They are crawling all around the

apparatus floor. There are moving vehicles and equipment being taken out of trucks and this is very dangerous and a liability.

-The membership meeting committee will be addressing it.

-Commissioner Kachmaryk brought up that someone on basketball team wants to collect bottles here at the firehouse. Many others have turned it down. At this time the board is choosing not to do this.

-Commissioner Rhoda wanted to dig more into Chairperson Heissenberger comments after the vote and what exactly he meant.

-Chairperson Heissenberger said "you are codifying by the fact you want to move the location out of the firehouse that you distrust the very people that man the very institution that you are a commissioner of. You should be able to understand that, especially when it comes to the voting. People come and go freely when it's time for voting. And it's been demonstrated again and again that there has been no issues coming here to vote. By going to the town, despite what you think we are not a town board, we are a fire district board. It is setting a stick in the sand that you are taking a side. Making a separation with the district in a visible way sets a disturbing example. It's been in the building. For the elections of 100 years, many times it's been here. There have been many times when the board has had contention or took stances against the volunteers. But they worked within the building. This is the confines that we work with. That's what I am saying."

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rhoda. 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.

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