

EAST BLOOMFFIELD-HOLCOMB FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

District History for 1935-1964

MARCH 6, 1935 Listed as commissioners for an organizational meeting were S. S. Caves, President, W.E. Adams, Thomas Seel, Edwood Ingrahan, and Walter Toomey. W. G. Phillips was named Secretary.

JULY, 29, 1935 was the next recorded meeting with the following commissioners, S.S. Caves, W.E. Adams, D.C. Minehan and W.E. Wheeler. At this meeting it was recorded that the Chevrolet Chemical Truck was sold to Cayaslor Manufacturing Co. of Buffalo for \$250. Also, the bill from April through June were paid.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1935 The commissioners voted to borrow money to pay the bills.

October 10, 1936 the commissioners discussed installing a phone in the firehouse. It was decided to leave this matter in the hands of the members of the fire company. They also discussed insuring the Diamond T. This matter was tabled.

AUGUST 31, 1937 The commissioners were S.S. Caves President, Wm. Adams, Wm. Wheeler and L. E. Bennett. The commissioners voted to borrow \$200 to pay the bills. They also voted that the insurance policy on the fireman be canceled.

FEBRUARY 6, 1940 Listed as commissioners at this meeting were S. S. Caves, President, Wm. Wheeler, Wm. Adams and Archie Mason. "The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Walter E. Toomey. Motion made by Archie Mason and seconded by W.E. Adams that Walter E. Toomey be appointed commissioner for a term of three years commencing Jan. 1, 1940. Motion Carried." They also audited a fire insurance bill on the Stewart Truck for \$5.00.

FEBRUARY 5, 1941 is the next date for recorded minutes. Commissioners: S. S. Caves, Wm. Adams, W.E. Wheeler and Archie Mason. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a fire commissioner. With 23 ballots cast, W. E. Wheeler was elected commissioner to a five-year term. Wm. D. Adams and Archie Mason audited the Fire District treasurer's books and they were "found correct".

DECEMBER 2, 1941 William E. Adams was elected with 11 votes to a 5-year term as commissioner. The commissioners on January 1, 1941 started with a balance of \$79.25. They received \$700 in fire tax, \$13.52 in 2% money and \$4.40 from a returned check for a total of \$797.17. The expenditures for the year were \$771.98 for a balance of \$25.19 to end 1941.

On DECEMBER 7, 1942, Water E. Toomey was elected to a 5-year term as commissioner and Walter E. Phillips was elected treasurer for a 3-year term. At the end of 1942 they District had a balance of #185.24.

DECEMBER 7, 1943 Steward S. Caves was elected commissioner. For 1944 the fire tax was \$950.

FEBRUARY 2, 1944 The commissioners "voted to order 250 feet of treated double jacket 2 ½ hose, 150 feet of 1 ½ inch hose, a first aid kit for the fire truck and hose nozzles necessary for firefighting."

DECEMBER 5, 1944, Archie Mason was elected commissioner.

DECEMBER 4, 1945 Will E. Wheeler was elected to a 5-year term as commissioner and Walter G. Phillips was elected treasurer for a 3-year term. The fire tax for 1946 was set at \$950.

DECEMBER 28, 1945 The commissioners voted to acquire bodily injury and property damage insurance for the Diamond T and the Stewart Fire Truck for 50,000 - 100,000.

At a special meeting held on April 17, 1946 the commissioners voted to have a special election of the fire district to apply a special assessment of \$1700 to the tax roll for the purchase of Fire Fighting Equipment and additions to the Fire House. At his same meeting it was voted to purchase fire equipment from Young Fire Equipment Corp. of Buffalo at a cost of \$5335 net (\$5971 less credit of \$636 for the Stewart Truck. Also, it was passed that a K 5-7 International truck chassis be purchased for \$2332.80.

In June of 1946 commissioners consisted of W.E. Wheeler, Chairman, W.E. Adams, Walter Toomey, S. S. Caves, and Archie Mason. Archie Mason resigned on June 17, 1946. At this meeting the commissioners offered the owner of the Blacksmith Shop next door to the fire house \$225 for the purchase of the property. They also passed a bond resolution for \$10,000 to purchase a fire truck and to renovate and add on the existing firehouse. The estimated cost of these projects was \$12,500 with \$2500 coming from the existing fund balance. A special election was held on July 8, 1946 and 39 residents voted yes with 0 no votes. On August 1, 1946 the district borrowed the \$10,000 from the Hamlin National Bank of Holcomb, New York at an interest rate of 2%.

December 3, 1946 was an election of commissioners. W.E. Adams was elected to a 5-year term, Thomas Seel to a 4-year term and Elwin Ingraham to a 3-year term. At the end of the year 1946 with all the activity of the commissioner they ended the year with a fund balance of \$4170.14.

March 25, 1947 The commissioners held a special meeting with the Fire Company. They made plans to purchase the Mahar property, (to the east of the firehouse???) as well as moved to construct an addition to the existing

firehouse. They also were working with the Town of West Bloomfield to sign a new contract for fire protection district.

At a special meeting on April 8, 1947 the commissioners voted to add a 32 feet by 30 feet, two story addition to the east side of the firehouse.

On October 30, 1947 Walter G. Phillips, District Clerk resigned and Elmer R. Wood was appointed District Clerk. It was also brought to their attention that the bond to cover the new addition to the firehouse was insufficient and that they would have to ask the district resident for an additional \$3,000. A special election was held on November 24, 1947 and the records indicate that the resolution "had been unanimously approved by the electors."

February 3, 1948 the commissioners voted to terminate the fire protection contract with West Bloomfield for 50 cents per thousand of assessed valuation and change the contract to \$1.00 per thousand. If not acceptable, the contract is terminated. They were also looking into a fire protection contact with the Town of Bristol.

On December 7, 1948 B.F. Eckler was elected to the fire commissioners succeeding S. S. Caves. The commissioners ended the year with a balance of \$1165.73.

The year 1949 started with the following gentlemen as commissioners: Tom Seel, chairman, W.E. Adams, B.F. Eckler, Elwin Ingrahm, Walter Toomey.

On April 5, 1949 the commissioners voted to insure the "Squad Car" from April 1st to November 1st. They also voted to construct a stairway between the two firehouses to be used as the main entrance to the building. In September, the commissioners voted on a \$5500 budget with \$3500 to be raised in district taxes.

Elwin Ingrahm was elected to a 5- year term as commissioner.

March 21, 1950 Elwin Ingrahm resigned as commissioner and D>E> Wilkinson was appointed to fill out the term. The Board of Fire Commissioners set up a Reserve Fund not to exceed \$10,000 to be used in case of emergency for the purchase and maintenance of equipment. At a special meeting on March 26th the board voted to order 200ft of 2 ½ fire hose at a cost of \$1.25 per foot, 6 rain coats at \$19.50 each and a lighting unit to be used at fires for \$670.20 with the fire department paying half the cost of \$335.10.

In October of 1950 a tax levy of \$3500 was agreed upon for the fire district "and the usual tax on the fire protection district". In December, Tom Seel was reelected for a 5-year term on the board.

The only minutes found for 1951 were from October 24th where bills were paid totaling \$4450, equipment was found in good condition and the revenue for the

district was \$470 from Bristol, \$950 from the East Bloomfield Protective District and \$3030 from the fire district.

The next recorded meeting was held on May 5, 1952 where the minutes state, "The recommendations of the state auditor were gone over and steps taken to correct all errors." The Hamlin National Bank was named depository of the fire district and the commissioners were "to correct the taxes paid to town last two years in error." They were also to "contract with the fire company to protect fires in protective district".

In July of 1952 the commissioners offered Fire protection to the northwest section of the town of Canandaigua. The fire company also voted to give protection for the following fire protective districts, East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Bristol and the northwest part of the town of Canandaigua.

In February of 1953 the commissioners voted to get the gasoline for the trucks at Hinds gas station and get a refund on state taxes on the gas. They also voted not to renew the policy on the squad car. They also voted to spend \$1000 to purchase a "receiver set, walkie talkie and mobile unit, 200ft. of 2 ½ in hose, 2 adapters, 2 dozen brooms and a dire gauge." In June of 1953 the commissioners were reviewing contracts with the fore protection districts. Bristol's contract was for \$250 which covered a smaller area than in previous contracts.

In February of 1954 Kenneth Boylan who was treasurer of the fire district was appointed secretary, replacing E. R. Wood. At this point it appears that meetings were held regularly, every other month with more formality to the minutes and treasurers report.

In June of 1954 the department approached the commissioners about purchasing a tank truck. A concern was housing the truck in the fire house and the cost. The department stated that they would sell the Squad Car and that there would be adequate room for the tanker. After much discussion it was decided to purchase a new tanker truck. The new tanker, a 2 ½ ton Dodge chassis was to cost \$2873.40 with the addition of a tank for \$2175 plus additional equipment was researched and approved in September not to exceed a cost of \$7500. In later discussion with the department it was decided to take the new tanker out on nearly all calls with the International and the Ambulance.

On July 1, 1954 was the formal end to the Fire protection contract with the Town of Bristol since this is the date recorded in our records that the Bristol Fire Department would take over call in the Town of Bristol.

In the August, 18, 1954 minutes was the first mention of the ambulance. The commissioners decided to raise the public liability insurance on the ambulance to \$100,000-\$200,000. They also requested to find out what insurance is being covered on the existing building.

In December, at the annual fire district election Delos Wilkinson was elected to a 5-year term and it also was voted to pay the secretary \$100 per year. The year 1954 ended with the district having a fund balance of \$5396.52.

In July of 1955 the commissioners voted to join the State Association of Fire Districts. A fire district budget for 1956 was proposed with anticipated expenditures totaling \$6100. And revenues of \$1000 from East Bloomfield, \$400 from West Bloomfield and \$4700 to be raised in fire district taxes. In December the district elections were held and Clifford Lockhart was elected to replace Thomas Seel.

In January of 1956 the commissioner appointed Thomas Seel to fill remaining term of Walter Toomey who has not been attending meeting. Thomas Seel was also appointed Chairmen of the Board of Fire Commissioners. The financial report for 1955 was presented with a cash balance of \$160.87. In February a motion was made and approved to purchase a siren through the office of Civil Defense for the firehouse. The matching grant cost to the district was \$506.33. The annual budget was prepared and presented in September. The estimated receipts for 1957 was \$1000 from East Bloomfield, \$200 from west Bloomfield, and fund balance of \$75 and a tax levy of \$4825. Expenditures were estimated as \$100 for personal services, \$3000 for purchase of equipment, and \$3000 for maintenance of equipment and the building. At the annual election of commissioners, Jean Mason was elected to a 1-year term, Wm. E. Adams was elected to a 5-year term and Ken Boylan was elected treasurer. The fire insurance on the firehouse was raised from \$7000 to \$12000. The 1956 fiscal year ended with receipts off \$7137.93 and expenditures of \$5166.21 for a cash balance of \$1971.72.

The business of the fire district became very straight forward for the rest of the 1950's with paying the bills, doing maintenance, electing a commissioner and collecting taxes. In 1957 Jean Mason was elected to a 5-year term as commissioner. The fund balance was \$5020.55. A base radio station was established at the fire house in 1958 at a cost of \$475. In September of 1958 the district acquired the last east of the firehouse for \$1500 for the purpose of a parking lot. They also voted to increase the equipment reserve fund from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and to establish a contingency account for \$2000. They also hired Mr. Sam Yarslow, attorney, to handle all the legal matters for the district. Ben Eckler succeeded himself as a commissioner for 1959, Mr. Wilkinson resigned as a commissioner and Bernard Snyder was appointed. The district ended the year with \$9540 in the equipment fund and \$1963.20 as a cash balance. At the end of the '50's the commissioners prepared a budget for the year 1960. They anticipated a budget of \$7290 with revenue from West Bloomfield of \$200, East Bloomfield of \$1000, Canandaigua of \$1200, fund balance of \$400 and \$4490 to be raised in taxes. At the annual election in '59, Bernard Snyder was elected as well as Ken Boylan as treasurer. The district ended this decade with a balance of \$2205.55 and \$11040 in the equipment fund.

In January 1960, the following were the fire district board members: Mr. Adams, Mr. Lochart, Mr. Eckler, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Mason, Chairman. Mr. Boylan was appointed Secretary and was also the treasurer. The board moved its meeting dates to the third Monday of the month, which is still scheduled to this date. The district entered into an agreement with the Town of Canandaigua to cover less territory than previously for \$1000. The area lost will be covered by the Bristol Fire Department. In the summer of 1960 the board studied the possibility of constructing an addition to the fire house. After much research and discussion, it was decided to wait until the district was in better fiscal shape. Mr. Stuart Morris was elected commissioner to replace Mr. Cliff Lockhart. They also passed a 1961 budget of \$7300. The year ended with a total net worth of \$20,626.99.

In May of 1961 the district voted to trade in the 1946 International pumper for a 1961 pumper for a cost not to exceed \$18,500. There was an opportunity to sell the 1946 pumper to the Cheshire Fire Department for \$3,000. In May the commissioners purchased a John Beam pumper truck for \$16,998.40 less \$3,000 for a trade of the 1946 international truck. In June the board placed restrictions on the use of the firehouse meeting room. They also decided to install private telephone lines in the home of the Chief and first assistant. At the annual district elections Mr. Alfred Dahl was elected to replace Mr. William Adams. They also established a budget for 1962 of \$7350 and accepted delivery of the new John Beam fire truck.

The year 1962 was a year that dealt with the routine business of the commissioners. Bills, repairs, selling the fire siren on the town hall to the Cheshire fire department for \$100, installing eight fire phones in the community at various business and homes, a proposal to install a fire siren in Holcomb, (no action was ever taken). They also established a "Building and Improvement Fund" with a limit of \$20,000, purchased a fire detection system for the firehouse from Minneapolis Honeywell System. Purchased an Electronic Fire Call System to notify firemen of fire calls at a cost of \$373 for the transmitter and \$39.93 each for 15 receivers with firemen putting down a \$10 deposit for the receiver. Robert Marshall was elected to a 5-year term as fire commissioner and Kenneth Boylan was elected as treasurer for 5 years. A budget of \$7850 was prepared for 1963. At the end of 1962 the commissioners had a checking account balance of \$3205.64 with an Equipment fund balance of \$4169.70.

A new town hall was being discussed in the community with an eye on fire district property being a primary location for the building. No formal action was taken in 1963.

The commissioners purchased 2 Scott Air Pacts, SCBA equipment, to be placed on a fire truck to be used as needed. The fire department requested a loan of

\$2000 from the commissioners to purchase a new ambulance. No action taken. Purchased a 10,000 KW generator for the building. Restricted the use of the firehouse to fire personnel only. Made renovations to the entire fire house, plaster, carpentry and paint. Ben Eckler was re-elected to a 5-year term as Commissioner. At the end of 1963 the commissioners voted to return the "Fire Call Alerting Equipment" to the company because it did not operate properly. Renewed the fire protection contract with West Bloomfield. A budget of \$7850 was passed for 1964.