

EAST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21st, 2024

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

Jeff Kachmaryk	Zach Legters	Ryan Duvall	Geoff Breeze*	John Cavagnaro
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028

- Denotes a commissioner filling out appointed year for previous commissioner who left.

Called to Order: Meeting to discuss the proposed budget was called to order at 6:00 pm. Meeting was held in the Community Room.

Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Chairperson Zach Legters	X	
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X	
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X	
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X	
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X	

Chief Pete Koppmann ___X__

Secretary Heather Barbaro ___X__

Additional guests: Steve Murnan_X__ Seth Jonas__X__ George Heissenberger__X

Public Comment: Nothing was brought up at first, except for a minor date change to the proposed budget.

-Meeting was closed at 6:30 PM.

-Monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. It was till head in the Community Room.

Attendance:

	Present	Absent
Chairperson Zach Legters	X	
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X	
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X	
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X	
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X	

Chief Pete Koppmann ___X___

Bruce Treat__X__

Secretary Heather Barbaro ___X___

Additional guests: Steve Murnan_X__Seth Jonas__X__George

Heissenberger__X__Derek Legters__X__Joyce Koppmann__X__Ron Newell__X__

Public Comment: George Heissenberger asked for a moment of silence for a line of duty death for firefighter Scott Glass from Perryton Texas.

Fire Department: Reported the chicken BBQ was recently held and there were 44 meals donated and some chicken still in the freezer.

Minutes: Chairperson Legters asked the board if there were any changes or corrections needed to the past meeting minutes that were sent out via email. Seeing no changes it was approved per Roberts Rules.

Membership: Nothing from the Chief. Chairperson Legters noted the membership committee from the Fire Department was present for something that was brought up to one of the commissioners.

-Executive Session was called at 6:32 pm.

-Executive Session was ended at 6:43 pm.

Chief's Report:

September 2024 Incident Report	Total
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Smoke Investigation (outside)	1
Trees/Wires Down	1
MVA	2
EMS Assist	2
Odor of Gas	1
Aircraft Emergency	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	1
TOTAL	9

- 2024 Year-To-Date: **136**
- For comparison: 2023 Total calls to date: **116**

Events – Operations - Correspondence:

- Bloomfield Central School Homecoming parade. Oct. 5th. – Traffic control.
- Fire Prevention at Bloomfield Elementary School - Oct. 10
- Fire Prevention at Bloomfield Library – Oct. 10
- Halloween @ Firehouse. Oct. 31st

Training:

October		
7	Ground Ladders	70
14	Work Detail – Hose Rack Assembly	70
21	Truck Check	
28	Live fire Training - Gas Fires - Ont. Co.	70

Equipment/Gear Repairs:

Testing/Maintenance:

- Hose & ladder testing completed Sept. 17. Failed one 4"x25' length of hose (20+ years old)

Procurement:

Vendor	Description	Price	Qty.	Total
First Out Rescue	BD Bunker Boots (Barbaro)	386.25	1	386.25
First Out Rescue	Ratchet Strap Assembly (Res-Q- Jacks)	59.00	3	189.05 (12.05 S/H)
Firematic	Zico Quic-Strap mounting straps.	129.40	1	129.40
TOTAL:				704.70

Procurement For Approval:

Vendor	Description	Price	Qty.	Total
Jerome Fire equip.	Helmet Internals (liner, sweat band, ratchet cover)	80.28	6	481.68
TOTAL:				481.68

Bruce shared some items that were purchased and needed for approval. One of the items needed for approval was helmet components for \$481.68, and the potential painting of the DECON Room for \$450.00. Straps were under budget threshold of \$400 so that was purchased.

-Bruce noted the roofing/gutter cleaning is set up for Friday.

-George Heissenberger asked if the water softener and salt has been kept up on. The board mentioned that salt has been delivered but some of them didn't realize how much salt it took and would check more after the meeting.

-Motion to approve the purchase of the helmet parts made by Commissioner Breeze. Seconded by Commissioner Cavagnaro.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			

Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Motion to approve the painting of the DECON Room made by Commissioner Duvall. Seconded by Commissioner Breeze.

-Discussion was held on this as Steve Murnan said the ceiling was actively wet according to the check overs that member Ben Murnan has noted. Both Commissioners then went to check the ceiling before moving forward.

-They came back and noted it was wet and when Commissioner Breeze touched it there was a hole that then was created with even a slight touch.

-Motion was rescinded at this time as further investigation has to be done. The leak seems to be stemming from a leak in the roof overall. Going to wait and see if the patches and work done Friday will stop some of the concern, and Bruce will have Kip Handyman see if he can look into the potential mold situation.

-The Chief also suggested for the board to potentially keep in mind an idea for a rain roof for over the flat top.

-Commissioner Duvall also suggested this silver paint that is used to seal and maybe it could be done on the roof.

-These alternatives and ideas should be looked into but first idea is to have Kip Handyman look into what they see and how they can help.

Correspondence:

-RL Powers-given to Commissioner Kachmaryk.

-Occustar notice of new address. It is now 539 Cleveland Drive Cheektowaga.

-Notice of elevator recall from Schindler.

-Two Uline catalogs.

Treasurer’s Report: Before getting into full report Chairperson Legters wanted to note the conclusion of the previous meeting and there was just the minor date change at the top,

-Motion to approve the budget for 2025 with the minor date change made by Chairperson Legters. Seconded by Commissioner Breeze.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Chief Koppmann noted the rate per thousand has dropped and should be noted overall.

-Changes will be updated and Secretary Barbaro will be given the copies to pass out to the town and village. It will also be posted to the website.

Summary for General Fund: Chairperson Legters went over the bills for the month in the report.

Additional bills that came in:

-First Out Rescue \$189.05

-Chairperson Legters noted a roughly \$20 difference for Finger Lakes Communications.

-Hose rack bill as well came in.

-Bill total for the month is \$24,410.78.

Motion made by Commissioner Kachmaryk to pay the bills. Seconded by Commissioner Cavagnaro.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT

Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

Transfer from Gen. Fund savings to Gen. Fund checking: -Chairperson Legters made a motion to transfer over \$24,000 from NY Class to CNB checking to pay the bills.

Seconded by Commissioner Duvall.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Noted outstanding checks included Integris. This is still for the ongoing issue with the sales tax being included on the many invoices. Commissioner Breeze will still continue to work on as there is also a new rep.

-Ryan Plumbing also had a check outstanding but noted it was handled in September.

-In November Chairperson Legters will have a more detailed report for the board to prepare for the end of year.

-NY Class earned interest for last month was \$3,885.67. This brings the year to date to \$41,769.98.

Buildings: Commissioner Breeze mentioned the annual building inspection passed!

Grounds: Commissioner Duvall provided a quote by Anthony Sulli for \$2,300 to replace the boards, overall better structure with new welded doors in the front with a spot to have it locked.

-Ace was noted to be less cost wise but estimate was not as detailed or thorough in their replacement.

Motion to hire Anthony Sulli for \$2,300 made by Commissioner Duvall. Seconded by Commissioner Kachmaryk.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Steve Murnan asked if there was a date in mind for replacement. Commissioner Duvall said he did not have one as of yet.

-For the snow plowing Hood is the same price as the previous year and it was \$150 per trip.

-Another company that reached out was given the list of things Commissioner Duvall wanted to ensure and details and was not communicated with again. Noted RJ Landscape has gone out of business.

-Noted Hood should get camera access as well. This was the intended purpose of the cameras and something that had not been set up previously.

Motion made by Commissioner Duvall to stick with Hood for the upcoming season. Seconded by Commissioner Breeze.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

Apparatus:

711:

- Driver side bottom doorstep bent exiting firehouse parking lot 7/26/24 (storm sewer)
- New step ordered 8/22/24 from Firematic.
- Step received by Firematic. Service tech will install when he is in the area.

712:

- Involved in MVA returning from mutual in W. Bloomfield 8/29/24
- Insurance collision information from NYS Police to Commissioners Legters & Kachmaryk 8/30/24
- Firematic at East Bloomfield Station 9/6/24 for visual inspection and start of repair estimate cost.
- Recommendation to start insurance claim process (email to Zach, John, Jeff K. 9/7/24)
- Truck will be out of service 4-6 weeks for repair work. Scheduling into mid-October.
- Utica National Inspector at EBFD 1/4/24.

751:

- Truck to EV Warning Systems for additional emergency & scene lighting 10/7/24.
- Truck returned: 10/9/24
- Project was not to exceed \$10,500.00. Final project total: \$10,415.00
- Sale of OEM truck bed

752:

- Foam system repair parts on order. Truck to Gorman (Elma NY) 8/26/24
- Thank you to Judd Rockcastle for making the trip to deliver the truck
- Truck returned 8/27/24. Repair work not completed due to staffing at repair facility
- Truck to Gorman Ent. 9/23/24 for foam system repair
- Issue with new wiring harness.
- Truck returned 10/4/24 (foam system repair incomplete)
 - Incorrect calibration sensor. Correct sensor being sent. Gorman to install @ EBFD
- Gorman scheduled to be at EBFD 10/29/24 to install correct calibration sensor

741: Nothing at this time.

70 Chief:

- Oil change, tire rotation completed 9/24/24. Garber Chevrolet.
- Korbyn Simmons POV mirror repair from accident at training drill 9/16/24
 - Invoice for repair to Commissioner Legters 10/22/24

-Chief Koppmann noted with an engine needing to be out for over a month operationally it will require some major adjustments. Especially if leaving soon as this apparatus is our main response for fires. And coming into the colder months is something to note. Some things can be taken off the truck and moved but overall, it is something to note and keep our mutual aid companies communicated with.

Insurance: Commissioner Kachmaryk mentioned he is still at a little bit of a stand still until an estimate is given from Firematic this way Utica National can give some information.

IT Report: Commissioner Breeze to reach out again to Integris as mentioned before. Noted again there is another person to communicate with. And he is still bringing up how bills are not paid as of yet. Breeze reminded this rep. the sales tax is supposed to be removed, and this still has not been done.

-Camera access for snow plow to be looked into.

-Add to organizational meeting agenda: Password change over.

Unfinished Business: Dates given to Secretary for upcoming election.

October 31st is the last day to register for voting, and November 18th is when the voter registration has to be picked up from the county.

Election workers and chair of the election has to be picked. Its been Secretary Barbaro in the past. Election workers have been paid \$70 in the past for each worker.

Motion made by Chairperson Legters to appoint Heather as the election chair and to pay the election workers \$70 each for their time. Seconded by Commissioner Cavagnaro.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-November 20th is the last day for petitions to be on the ballot. Noted write ins are welcome.

November 25th is when it should be published for who is running.

-December 10th from 6-9 pm is the date

-Noted Chairperson Legters and Secretary to revamp election ballots to look like more traditional format.

-Confirmed Commissioner Kachmaryk is not going to run again for his position.

-Chief Koppmann is still working on his surplus inventory list.

New Business:

-Chief Koppmann asked the board if Fishers can continue to store their antique fire truck in our bay.

Motion made by Commissioner Duvall to allow Fishers to store their truck. Seconded by Commissioner Legters.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

-Lock for dumpster was discussed and will be picked up as people from the community have been seen at the dumpster tossing things and driving off.

-George Heissenberger reminded the board there are exterior cameras for this reason. Commissioner Duvall shared they are not even pointed on that side of the property.

-Chairperson Legters let the board know he has purchased his first home and sadly it is out of the district. So, after he closes, he will not be able to hold his position. He put together a list of everyday things he does for the district and his responsibilities. This will need to be split amongst the board. Commissioner Breeze has offered to pick up the mail. It was noted the list should be emailed out to the board to see what is involved and how to best split it up.

-Chief Koppmann said it is in the board's best interest to hire him as a consultant. What Zach has done for the district in the last 9 years has saved the taxpayers several thousands of dollars and his incredible knowledge is unmatched.

-George Heissenberger mentioned how the board needs a treasurer, and it can't be a member of the board anyways.

-Chairperson Legters let the board know at work he is billed out at \$200 an hour. HE has thought about offering his services to the board overall. And that he wrote out what he did so he can help with a transition. It was noted that overall, he has saved the district about \$25,000 a year by doing all that he does.

-List will be sent to the board to look over.

Adjournment: Motion made by Commissioner Duvall to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Geoff.

Votes	AYE	NAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
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Commissioner John Cavagnaro	X			
Commissioner Zach Legters	X			
Commissioner Geoff Breeze	X			
Commissioner Jeff Kachmaryk	X			
Commissioner Ryan Duvall	X			

The motion passes.

Meeting end time was 8:08 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.

Secretary

EAST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DISTRICT MEETING DATE:

Action Items:

PROJECT/PROBLEM	GOAL & DUE DATE	LEAD
Damaged siding, back of building, by mower too close	Being taken care of	Commissioner Kachmaryk

Loose Bricks around building	Being taken care of	Commissioner Kachmaryk