

## **February 2, 2022**

The special scheduled joint meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ridge-Culver Fire District and Laurelton Fire District was held at the Ridge-Culver firehouse, 2960 Culver Road, in the Town of Irondequoit on February 2, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by the Chairperson (noted below) who then led the pledge.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Rick Faro	NOT PRESENT	
Past Commissioner Paul Groat	X	
Mark Lipari	X	
Mike Napoli	X	
Tim Shone	X	
Rich Turner	X	
Tim Warth	X	X
Bob Woltz	X	
Scott Zampatori	X	
Rick Zwaga	X	
Chas Ingersoll	X	
<b>Others</b>	<b>Present</b>	
Chief Steve Sessler	X	
Lt. Jim Mastin	NOT PRESENT	

- Approval of the previous meeting minutes motioned by Commissioner Groat and seconded by Commissioner Turner. Motion was carried.
- Review Agenda by Commissioner Warth.
- Open the floor for any additional items for the agenda.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT**

- None

### **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

- There were two members of the public in attendance. They were concerned about their Laurelton Fire Tax increases in the past two years. There was discussion and an explanation of increased staffing which increased the tax burden.

### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

- None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Motion by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner Ingersoll for LFD to adopt the resolution stating that the Ridge Culver Fire District will be the lead agency in the SEQR. Motion was carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Napoli and seconded by Commissioner Zampatori for RCFD to adopt the resolution stating that the Ridge Culver Fire District will be the lead agency in the SEQR. Motion was carried.
- What happens to the old EIN numbers from LFD & RCFD?

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- Treasurer Marini has begun the process of securing a new political subdivision for the purposes of registering vehicles through the DMV.
- The staff sharing Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Joint Service has been approved and signed.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

### **Chief Sessler and Lt. Josh Mastin**

#### Operations

- There was some confusion about the LOSAP information at the previous LFD meeting.
- Chief Sessler was concerned about when we can no longer make purchases. There should not be any problems with purchases if the liabilities and assets are passed on to the new IFD as a successor.
- Discussion about what will happen to the active members "Fire Department," as it has been working at LFD. Do we need to build an "Irondequoit Fire Department" for all the active firefighters? More to come on the FD.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### • **Personnel**

- **Commissioners Lipari & Shone**
  - Union Contract - Working on the CBA. No updates.

### • **Equipment/Apparatus**

- **Commissioners Napoli & Zwaga**
  - No report.

### • **Legal / Procedural**

- **Commissioners Warth & Ingersoll**
  - Continuing to work on the Joint Consolidation Agreement.
  - Discussion regarding tax rate comparison (see attached chart).
  - Attorneys Ray DiRaddo and Peter Weishaar discussed the SEQR requirements and notification to be made. Treasurer Marini is going to follow up with that and make proper notifications. Interested and potentially interested parties were notified no later than 2/4/22 (list attached).
  - Commissioners Warth, Groat and Lipari met with the Town of Irondequoit Supervisor to discuss the consolidation. All went well.
  - The LFD LOSAP abolishment vote will be February 22.

### • **Building**

- **Commissioners Woltz & Groat**
  - No report

- **Budget**

- **Lt. Jim Mastin, Commissioners Shone, Groat and Warth, Treasurer Marini and Secretary/Deputy Treasurer Riesenberger**
  - There was further discussion about the "2% funds" and how they will be managed after the consolidation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **The official date and time for the new consolidation will be May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7am.**
  - The new EIN and bank accounts should be established on or after 5/16. Current bank accounts should be maintained through 2022. All banks should be named in the consolidation agreement.
- Motion by Commissioner Groat and seconded by Commissioner Lipari to approve the new IFD patch design as proposed by Chief Sessler (example attached).

Motion for Adjournment: Made by Commissioner Ingersoll

Second: Made by Commissioner Napoli

Time: 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Rodd Riesenberger**

RCFD District Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 6:30pm at Laurelton**