

# **Fishers Island Ferry District**

*Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Fishers Island Ferry District  
August 3, 2015*

Present were Commissioners Ahrens, Rugg, and Parker. Commissioner Shillo attended by telephone. Present were Assistance Managers RJ Burns, Gordon Murphy, and Diane Hansen. Members of the Public included Peter Gaillard.

The commissioners appointed Mr. Ahrens as the meeting chairman and a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Fishers Island Ferry District was called to order on August 3, 2015 at 4:31 PM by Commissioner Ahrens at the Fishers Island Community Center. Commissioner Ahrens lead the pledge of pledge of allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no received public correspondence and the one member of the public in attendance did not offer comment.

## **Finance:**

A review of the current warrants included questions on several items, notably Thames Shipyard progress toward completion request for \$100,000. The District had agreed to pay Thames Shipyard for completed work while resolving some disputed items on their invoices. Management will meet with Thames Shipyard to resolve these issues. There being no further discussion, a resolution was made to pay the outstanding obligation totaling \$156,522.77

Moved by: Commissioner Parker  
Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg  
Ayes: All  
Nays: None

After a brief discussion it was agreed to change the Procurement Policy thresholds to that of NYS General Municipal Laws. A draft will be presented in September and the amended policy will be circuited and published on the website.

Moved by: Commissioner Parker  
Seconded by: Commissioner Rugg  
Ayes: All  
Nays: None

Management was asked to have O'Connor Davies present the 2014 financial audit at the budget meeting.

## **2015 Election**

The election will be held on Fishers Island on August 11, 2015 and to date here has been little interest as observed.

At 5:00PM Commissioner Rugg moved and seconded Commissioner Parker to open a public hearing on the proposed additional lease to Masonry Aesthetics (J Toldo) for unimproved land north of the freight shed that was vacated by Pezzolesi Masonry. Commissioner Rugg asked that all lease presentations include a Google Earth view. Mr. Gaillard spoke on a related matter and there being no further public comment and upon a motion Commissioner Rugg and Seconded by Commissioner Parker the public hearing was closed and the lease was granted to Masonry Aesthetics.

An overview of the 2016 budget and the budget process was given by Mr. Murphy. A discussion ensued on capital expenditures, fuel budgeting and the next steps took place with a revised presentation to the BOC no later than Monday. The conversation went on to discuss the flammable trip and how vendors and the FD can bet work this out.

## **ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 5:30 Commissioner Rugg proposed going into executive session for the purposes of contract negotiation status and healthcare proposals. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion.

## **EXITING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:15 Commissioner Rugg proposed and Commissioner Ahrens seconded leaving executive session and resuming the general meeting.

The 2015/15 Fall and Winter schedules were reviewed with Burns requesting that they be approved tentatively as he expects to tweak them do to special cargo only trips. On a motion from Commissioner Parker and seconded by commissioner Rugg it was agree to approve and publish as tentative and subject to change and that management would prepare operating reports for the Finance Cmte and the BOC monthly.

A review of the advancement ladders for full time staff took place and the BOC agreed to have management join a Labor Management Committee (consisting of three management members and three CBU members to meeting and work on the final versions of the ladders. The BOC requested that this matter would be finalized no later than 15 Oct. This was approved by a motion of Commissioner Ahrens and seconded by Commissioner Parker. The MOA was reviewed and the BOC would defer discussion until after the CSEA / CBU 12 August vote.

On a motion by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Ahrens it was agreed to approve HCG and managements' recommendation to renew with Aetna with the Gold OAEPO 1000 90% plan. The increase is 8.8% but other NY plans were unable to provide a similar benefit. Management was asked to go out in 1Q2016 and obtain a legal opinion if the FD with 90% of its staff in Connecticut could be placed in a CT based plan. Management will contact at least two brokers and will include all non-commercial insurances (health, dental, life, AD&D) in the RFP. The Commissioners request that this RFP be issued in sufficient time to make the insurance changes in April, 2016

The Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be changed and posted to reflect:

4:00 PM General Meeting

4:30 PM 2014 Budget presentation by Marcia Marien of ODLP

5:00 PM public hearing on the 2016 budget.

The Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, and on motion made by Commissioner Rugg, seconded by Commissioner Ahrens, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.