

BLOOMINGBURG JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the Bloomingburg Fire House
117 Godfrey Road, Bloomingburg, NY.

Commissioner's Present: Tom Dempsey, Larry Arnold, Charles Medlicott, Joe Carpenter, Phil Longden, Charlie Griswold.

Absent: Russell Wood Jr.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Dempsey @ 6:30 p.m. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Tom Dempsey asked for any corrections to the regular meeting minutes dated March 11, 2025. Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Phil Longden to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Last month's bills not on abstract totaled: \$11,720.45. This month's bills totaled: \$115,794.65.

Treasurer distributed fund balances for Orange Bank & Trust from 02/2025 to 03/2025 for review by the BOFC. As per our NYS Office of State Comptroller corrective action plan, prior to the monthly meeting, the secretary forwarded Orange Bank & Trust bank statements and QuickBooks banks reconciliation for the general fund and NY Class for the general fund for the period of 02/28/2025 through 03/31/2025 along with bills paid.

for the last month to the finance committee. Both accounts are reconciled.

The audit committee and treasurer have reconciled bank accounts.

Phil Longden made a motion 2nd by Larry Arnold to pay bills, including bills that were not on bill abstract. All in favor.

Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Phil Longden to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Treasurer's Announcements:

Tonja Robbins, Treasurer stated she did the 2025 budget transfer of \$60,000.00 from NY Class General fund into NY Class Truck fund and \$34,000.00 from NY Class General fund into NY Class Building fund. As per Tom Dempsey, a transfer of \$400.00 was transferred from Orange Bank & Trust General checking to Orange Bank & Trust Special checking account to order supplies from Amazon. The AFR was done and sent to NY State, the accountants are still working on audit.

Tonja Robbins, Treasurer
Bloomingburg Joint Fire District
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Chief's Report:

Chief Justin Arnold: Justin Arnold said_Goosetown_put lights on, need to order pager batteries. The DEC grant is done; gear was put in service. Justin Arnold said ladder testing needs to be done. Justin Arnold said computers are old and outdated. Tom Dempsey will talk to Kiehl and look into pricing through DELL. Justin Arnold said Dillon Dunham is checking into state bid pricing on Chevy 2500 diesel trucks.

First Asst. Chief Garry Call Jr.- Garry Call Jr. was not present at the meeting.

Second Asst. Chief Dillon Dunham- Dillon Dunham was not present at the meeting.

Officer's Report:

Captain Andrew Medlicott- Andrew Medlicott had nothing to report.

First Lieutenant Dan Hutting- Dan Hutting was not present at the meeting.

Second Lieutenant Kyle Cole- Kyle Cole was not present at the meeting.

Engineer: (Joe Carpenter)- Joe Carpenter said, Charlie Griswold and I worked on a check list for qualifying members onto the apparatus.

Fire Police:

Captain: Zev Karpen- Zev Karpen was not present at the meeting.

Ladies Auxiliary: President Virginia Arnold – Virginia Arnold was not present at the meeting.

President's Report: President Kyle Robbins- Kyle Robbins had nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Maintenance Committee: (Russell Wood Jr., Phil Longden)- Larry Arnold said new tiles need to go up. Russell Wood Jr. needs to have seals on overhead doors checked.

Truck Maintenance Committee: (Joe Carpenter, Tom Dempsey)- Joe Carpenter reported: Campbell got the correct fittings for the cab lift cylinders on 62-31, installed cab lift cylinders for 62-31. Campbell installed new cab lift cylinders on 62-61 (old one had leaky internal seals). Campbell had ordered replacement roll up doors for those that were damaged on 62-61 officer's side. However, Campbell measured the doors incorrectly, so when the correct size doors come in, they will be installed. Campbell will also be ordering a replacement chrome trim around the rear wheel well on 62-61 officer's side. Campbell will not be able to replace the rub rail on 62-61 officer side. We will need Jerry Collision to do it as there is body damage where the rub rail mounts to 62-61. 62-52 batteries were replaced. Replacement of 62-11 tires (2011), 62-31 tires (2008) from Rapid Tire under state bid. Joe Carpenter recommends replacing all tires on 62-11, and fronts on 62-31. Phil Longden made a motion 2nd by Charlie Griswold to replace all tires on 62-11 and front tires on 62-31. All in favor.

Truck Committee: (Larry Arnold, Joe Carpenter)- Larry Arnold talked to Pierce about leasing a new truck. They are working on figures. We must talk to our attorney regarding bid, bond, and financing.

Insurance/Utility/Fuel Committee: (Larry Arnold)- Larry Arnold we do not need fuel yet.

LOSAP Committee: (Tom Dempsey)- Tom Dempsey stated he did paperwork, and we received initial bill for VFIS.

Schoolhouse Committee:(Joseph Carpenter, Philip Longden, Russell Wood Jr)- Tom Dempsey said we signed contract and sent a check to Pioneer for them to start working on plans. Joe Carpenter said the old schoolhouse needs to replace a piece on roof and paint. Joe Carpenter stated there is a well there but not sure how deep it is or if it is usable.

Finance Committee: (Charlie Medlicott, Larry Arnold)- Charlie Medlicott said Frank Gusmano will be coming to our July meeting.

Health & Safety Committee: (Phil Longden, Larry Arnold)- Phil Longden had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Dempsey is going to get proposals to convert boilers to propane and high efficiency and wants to have a bid alternate to replace boilers that are there now. Tom Dempsey has nothing on web site.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Dempsey wants to have a quick special meeting on Friday, April 11, 2025 @6:00pm to approve chiefs. Motion made by Larry Arnold 2nd by Phil Longden to have meeting. All in favor.

Announcements and Communications:

Open Discussion:

Adjournment: Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Charlie Griswold to adjourn meeting @ 7:09pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonja Robbins, Secretary
Bloomingsburg Joint Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners

****Next BOFC mtg. scheduled for May 13, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.****