

BLOOMINGBURG JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at the Bloomingburg Fire House
117 Godfrey Road, Bloomingburg, NY.**

Commissioner's Present: Tom Dempsey, Larry Arnold, Russell Wood Jr, Charles Medicott, Joe Carpenter, Phil Longden, Charlie Griswold.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Dempsey @ 6:42 p.m. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Tom Dempsey asked for any corrections to the regular meeting minutes dated December 17, 2024. Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to accept the minutes with corrections. All in favor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Last month's bills not on abstract totaled: \$1,000.00. This month's bills totaled: \$30,284.93.

Treasurer distributed fund balances for Orange Bank & Trust from 11/2024 to 12/2024 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 money market for the general fund for the period of 11/30/2024 through 12/31/2024 along with paid bills for the last month to the finance committee. Both accounts are reconciled.

The audit committee and treasurer have reconciled bank accounts.

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

Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Russell Wood Jr. to accept the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Treasurer's Announcements:

Tonja Robbins, Treasurer, reported that she started getting paperwork together for accountant. There was \$64.86 deducted from the special checking account from Orange Bank & Trust that Tom Dempsey ordered cases for ipads. Tonja Robbins said she filled out paperwork and received a \$60.00 credit to Orange Bank & Trust general checking account to reverse stop payment charge that was not needed.

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

Chief Justin Arnold-Justin Arnold is working on DEC Grant. You spend \$5,000 and get back \$2,500.00. Justin Arnold has a price of \$4,291.00 for chain saw and a backpack blower for \$900.00. Justin Arnold said 1 pack is out of service and Goosetown needs to install Knox box. Zev Karpen asked Justin Arnold to order flashlights, winter hats, cones and light up traffic batons. It is under \$1,000.00 and comes out of the regular budget.

First Asst. Chief Garry Call Jr.- Garry Call Jr. is getting quotes for water can holders.

Second Asst. Chief Dillon Dunham-Dillion Dunham is looking into pricing for gear racks on rollers that can be mounted to wall.

Officer's Report:

Captain Anfrew Medlicott-Andrew Medlicott had nothing to report.

First Lieutenant Charlie Griswold-Charlie Griswold had nothing to report.

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

Engineer: (Joe Carpenter)-See below under Truck Maintenance.

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 John Korin-Kyle Robbins, Vice President said background check and physical came back on Paul Colins Jr. fine. Tim Longden went honorary, and Chris Chupolt was dropped from the list. Motion was made by Phil Longden 2nd by Charlie Griswold to accept new member Paul Colins Jr. into company. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building/Maintenance Committee: (Russell Wood Jr., Phil Longden)-Tom Dempsey reported sensors were done on building lights and new floors are done in captain, president, radio room and foyer. Larry Arnold will call Time Warner regarding service and internet. Larry Arnold asked for a new desk for \$800.00, filing cabinet \$660.00, chair pads for under desks \$400.00 and chair. Motion made by Russell Wood Jr. 2nd by Phil Longden to order new furniture for Chiefs office. All in favor.

Truck Maintenance Committee: (Joe Carpenter, Tom Dempsey)-Joe Carpenter reported that Eagle Diesel has truck inside, motor apart and hoping it will be fixed by next week.

Truck Committee: (Larry Arnold, Joe Carpenter)-Larry Arnold asked Jeremy from Pierce for lease and own options for new truck. The truck should be here by Summer 2026.

Insurance/Utility/Fuel Committee: (Larry Arnold)-Larry Arnold will check with Town of Mamakating to go off their rate for fuel.

LOSAP Committee: (Tom Dempsey)-Tom Dempsey had nothing new to report for LOSAP.

Schoolhouse Committee:(Joseph Carpenter, Philip Longden, Russell Wood Jr)-Russell Wood Jr. said trees are down. After Attorney, Scott Dow reviews the contract we can sign and leave deposit to start Station 2.

Finance Committee: (Charlie Medicott, Larry Arnold)-Charlie Medicott stated finances are good.

Health & Safety Committee: (Phil Longden, Larry Arnold)-Phil Longden said everything was good.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Dempsey will be working on the boiler replacement for next year, He spoke with Kevin McGowan regarding the website.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Dempsey stated that Charlie Griswold will start helping with driver training.

Announcements and Communications:

Open Discussion:

Adjournment: Motion made by Phil Longden 2nd by Joe Carpenter to adjourn meeting @ 7:05pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonja Robbins, Secretary
Bloomingburg Joint Fire District
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****Next BOFC mtg. scheduled for February 11, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.****