

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 8th of September 2025

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Prentice, at 7:00 p.m

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Copeland and Commissioner Prentice

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Chief, Company President and members

2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The pledge was led by Commissioner Prentice.

Secretary's Minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the June 9th Meeting. The vote was, Yays: 3 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco and Commissioner Prentice, Nays: 0, Abstain: 2 - Commissioner Copeland, Commissioner Erickson. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the August 11th Meeting. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Copeland, Commissioner Erickson and Commissioner Prentice, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Lomonaco. Motion Carried.

3. **Treasurer's Report.**

- a. August report was reviewed and approved.
- b. Review & approve N & H 2024 Fiscal Audit.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board moved to approve the Treasurer's report as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Chief's Report.**

- a. The Chief shared a copy of his call log and a report. They were discussed and are attached to these minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the Chief's report as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

5. President/Company Report.

- a. There is a push on recruiting new members
- b. The Installation Dinner Committee has a proposed date of 1/24/26 – The District agreed to contribute \$3,000.00 to the cost of the dinner.

6. Correspondence.

- a. Nothing to report

7. Apparatus.

- a. Covered in Chief's report.

8. Building and Grounds.

- a. Bathrooms at Station #2 repaired
- b. Water heaters installed upstairs at Station #2.
- c. Removing moss on the roof of Station #2.
- d. Dead trees to be replaced at Station #2.

9. Finance & Insurance.

- a. NYSIF form to be filled out & signed by District

10. Community Relations.

- a. Putnam County Board of Health to hold Flu Clinic at Station #2

11. LOSAP.

- a. Nothing to report

12. Long Range Planning

- a. Nothing to report

13. Grants.

- a. Application filed no response yet

14. District Health & Safety.

- a. Up to date

15. Web.

- a. Nothing to report

16. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Finalizing Alcohol & Substance Abuse Policy
- b. Discussion of making revisions to the Firefighter & Officer Training Criteria Policy

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to revise the Firefighter & Officer Training Criteria Policy. The vote was, Yays: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

17. Old Business.

- a. There was a discussion of the 2026 budget

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to approve a proposed budget of \$814,113 of which \$814,113 will be raised by real estate tax which is an increase of \$15,963 or 2% over last year. The vote was, Yays: 5 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Erickson, Commissioner Copeland, and Commissioner Lomonaco. Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion carried.

18. New Business.

- a. Potential new member Juan Catano interviewed with the Board
- b. Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday October 21st
- c. The next District Meeting will be following the Budget Hearing on Tuesday October 21st.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board approved the membership of Juan Catano pending the results of his physical. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

19. Public Comments.

- a. None

20. Presentation of Vouchers. The Board then reviewed the checks that were to be issued.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board approved the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$21,679.97. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

21. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Copeland, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary