

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 21th of October 2025

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Prentice, at 7:31 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

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

3. **Secretary's Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the September 8th Meeting. The vote was, Yays: 5 - Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report.**

- a. September report was reviewed and approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, 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.

5. **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 Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Copeland, the Board moved to decommission the radio's and pagers (detailed list in Chief's report) as requested by the Chief. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

6. President/Company Report.

- a. There is a push on recruiting new members
- b. Halloween Party 10/25/25
- c. Christmas Party 12/13/25
- d. The Inspection Dinner is 1/24/26 at the Cortland Colonial.
- e. The District agreed to add the Company President as an admin to Liberty.

7. Correspondence.

- a. Nothing to report

8. Apparatus.

- a. Covered in Chief's report.
- b. The Board approved Commissioner Prentice to investigate selling the Ladder Truck.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Copeland, the Board moved to declare the 2001 Metz - Ladder Truck surplus . The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Copeland, Nays: 1 - Commissioner Erickson, Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board **RESOLVED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District, at a business meeting thereof held on October 21, 2025, duly adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the Town Law of the State of New York, that the following vehicle be deemed surplus property and no longer necessary for any of the uses or purposes of the Garrison Fire District and further that such apparatus is valued at more than \$20,000.00 and less than \$100,000.00: 2007 Marion/Spartan Pumper, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum as provided in the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of this resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Copeland, Nays: 1 - Commissioner Erickson, Abstain: 0. The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

9. Building and Grounds.

- a. Repair air compressor system for trucks at Station #2 and look into a new commercial system.
- b. Renew snow plow contract with Polhemus Construction Station #2 - \$500 to plow \$200 to salt, Station #1 - \$100 to plow \$75 to salt

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board moved to approve the renewal of the Polhemus Construction snow plow contract. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Nothing to report

11. Community Relations.

- a. Nothing to report

12. LOSAP.

- a. Nothing to report

13. Long Range Planning

- a. Nothing to report

14. Grants.

- a. Nothing to report

15. District Health & Safety.

- a. Up to date
- b. A member was put on medical leave

16. Web.

- a. Nothing to report

17. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Finalizing Alcohol & Substance Abuse Policy

18. Old Business.

- a. There was a discussion of the 2026 budget

On a motion by Commissioner Copeland, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board moved to approve the 2026 expense 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.

19. New Business.

- a. The next District Meeting will be on Monday November 10th.
- b. Candidate Petitions due by 5:00pm on November 18th
- c. District Election is on Tuesday December 9th

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to have the polls open from 6 pm to 9 pm during the Annual Election of the Garrison Fire District on Tuesday 12/9/25. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Copeland, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved for Diana Swinburne to be designated the Chair of the Election and Judy Dunstan and Cristin Erickson to be designated Election Inspectors. All of which will be paid \$70 for working the Annual Election on Tuesday 12/9/25. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

20. Public Comments.

- a. None

21. 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 Lomonaco, the Board approved the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$44,500.84. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

22. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Erickson, which was seconded by Commissioner Copeland, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary