

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 12th of August 2024

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

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Erickson, and Commissioner Mackey

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Chief, 1st Asst Chief, Company President and members of the Company

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

3. **Secretary's Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the July 15th Meeting. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Treasurer's Report.**

- a. July report was reviewed and approved.
- b. A preliminary budget conversation was held.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Mackey, the Board moved to approve the Treasurer's reports as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 4 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.
- b. 15-22 was in for maintenance had brakes done and cab lift motor replaced.

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: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

6. **President/Company Report.**

- a. Cable box issue resolved.
- b. The Company read aloud the letter they sent to the District Board.

7. Correspondence.

- a. E-mail received from 2 members

8. Apparatus.

- a. Covered in Chief's report.

9. Building and Grounds.

- a. AC unit at Station #2 still having issues working on repairs.
- b. Dutchess Overhead Doors inspected and did maintenance to all 11 doors. Door #6 was repaired.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Pay Worker's Comp bill in full for the year
- b. Diana Hess status changed to employee
- c. District received \$4,000.00 in interest Chase Investments

11. Community Relations.

- a. Nothing to report

12. LOSAP.

- a. The account is very healthy

13. Long Range Planning

- a. Plan to have a workshop before the end of the year

14. Grants.

- a. Looking for a new grant writer.

15. District Health & Safety.

- a. Resolving scheduling issues. 2 members coming due and 1 scheduled
- b. Commissioner Mackey looking into information she received regarding the ability of uninsured members being able to join a group with NYSHIP to purchase personal health insurance.

16. Web.

- a. Board liked the prototype, setting up training session to go live

17. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Updating Credit Card, Procurement, and Medical Exam Policy
- b. Board looking to have a workshop for the Officer & Training Criteria Policy

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board approved updating the Credit Card Policy. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Mackey, the Board approved updating the Procurement Policy. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board approved updating the Medical Exam Policy. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

18. Old Business.

- a. Bids were requested from 4 local companies for the Dry hydrant project. Lisikatos never replied, Sal Pidala never sent bid, Polhemus was \$27,700.00, and Minardi was \$34,075.00.
- b. Commissioner Erickson reported that the Highway Superintendent said he was going to clear road leading down to hydrant at the Rec Center and schedule to have the area striped. Director of the Rec Center said she would keep vehicles clear of the upper hydrant access.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Mackey, the Board approved hiring Polhemus Construction for an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to complete the next phase of the dry hydrant project. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

19. New Business.

- a. Potential new member Chris Bishop interviewed with the Board
- b. Commissioner Lomonaco stepped down as chair
- c. The next District Meeting will be on Monday September 9th.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board approved the membership of Chris Bishop pending the results of his physical. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

20. Public Comments.

- a. Mike Vivaros made a personal statement regarding a disciplinary matter. The Board informed him they could not respond in the general meeting that it would need to be discussed with him in executive session. Mr. Vivaros also made a number of comments disparaging the District Board. He called into question the competency of the Commissioners suggesting they should resign from their positions. Also, that the District Board did not have the best interests of the District in mind but rather an agenda to consolidate services in Philipstown. The members of the District Board took offense to the comments made and reiterated that everything they do is in the best interest of the entirety of the Garrison Fire District.
- b. Pat Strang made a personal statement regarding a disciplinary matter. The Board informed him they could not respond in the general meeting that it would need to be discussed with him in executive session.
- c. Brent Grafer made a personal statement regarding a disciplinary matter. The Board informed him they could not respond in the general meeting that it would need to be discussed with him in executive session.

21. Executive Session.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board moved to go into Executive Session at 8:40 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Mackey, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

22. 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 49,731.28. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

23. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Mackey, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary