

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 9th of September 2024

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 Lomonaco, Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Erickson, and Commissioner Prentice

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 Prentice.

3. **Secretary's Minutes.**

The Board will review and approve at the next meeting.

4. **Treasurer's Report.**

- a. August report was reviewed and approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Pentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, 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. Chief Truck 1-2 got new tires.

On a motion by Commissioner Erickson, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, 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.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Pentice, the Board moved to decommission the Fire District Property identified as unserviceable, expired, damaged or unrepairable by the Chief. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

6. President/Company Report.

- a. The Company is waiting for a reply to the letter they submitted to the District Board.
- b. Yankee / Red Sox game Sunday 9/15

7. Correspondence.

- a. Nothing to report

8. Apparatus.

- a. Covered in Chief's report.

9. Building and Grounds.

- a. AC unit at Station #2 repaired.
- b. Polhemus started Dry Hydrant Project today will be finished by next week.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Nothing to report

11. Community Relations.

- a. Fire Prevention Week 10/6 – 10/12

12. LOSAP.

- a. Nothing to report

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. Up to date

16. Web.

- a. District Secretary to attend training session on 9/10 then website will go live.

17. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Some new policy's pending

18. Old Business.

- a. There was a discussion of the 2025 budget
- b. Bids were requested from 3 local companies for a new Polaris. Teixeira's Polaris was \$63,239, New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus was \$66,457, and Polaris Government & Defense was \$70,179.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to approve a proposed budget of \$798,150 of which \$798,150 will be raised by real estate tax which is an increase of \$15,650 or 2% over last year. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Erickson, and Commissioner Lomonaco. Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board approved purchasing a new Polaris from New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

19. New Business.

- a. Potential new member Colin Wright interviewed with the Board
- b. Workshop Meeting Monday September 23rd
- c. Budget Hearing on Tuesday October 15th
- d. The next District Meeting will be on Tuesday October 15th.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Erickson, the Board approved the membership of Colin Wright pending the results of his physical. 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 Prentice, the Board **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Garrison Fire District does hereby authorize the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from its Equipment Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account to the District's General Operating Account for continued Fire District operations including purchase, installation of all accessories, and delivery of a new Polaris Vehicle for Fire District purposes and services related thereto.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Erickson. Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Garrison Fire District does hereby authorize the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00 from its Building Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account to the District's General Operating Account for continued Fire District operations including the dry hydrant system at the Philipstown Recreation site for Fire District purposes and services related thereto.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Erickson, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

20. Public Comments.

- a. Nothing to report

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 Erickson, the Board approved the payment of vouchers in the amount of 45,233.69. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

22. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary