

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

**NB – All votes are assumed to be unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher, Vice Chairman Joe Roemer, Commissioner Edward Trail, Commissioner Frank Tavolacci, Commissioner David Ekholm, Chief Vincent Zafonte, Caretaker Sam Dodge

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland, Lt. Nick Rienzi

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:03 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Trail's motion to accept the July minutes was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Ekholm's motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted was seconded by Commissioner Trail and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Question about Northeast Generator bills for visit (\$400) and then to actually fix the generator at (\$1,880.) Caretaker Dodge to call them and get explanation, since a part they installed in January failed. He will also inquire about maintenance contract, which we currently do not have.

Commissioner Ekholm presents a bill for damage done to a gate during a call. Sum \$731.53. Motion to pay by VC Roemer, Seconded.

Commissioner Roemer's motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

OTHER MATTERS

Lt. Rienzi presents a bill for CPR training for Jenna Volpitta of \$65.

Motion by commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Trail. Unanimously approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

42 calls last month. See attached Incident Summary.

Chief would like to continue doing the mandatory trainings (violence, sexual harassment, etc.) in the summer as we did this year.

Eric Hagen, who is a member in Mt. Kisco, wants to also respond with PRFD as he works in the area. Approved. Vincent to contact him.

ATV fixed by Vin Jr., for about 1/2 of the \$3,000 that was approved.

MEMBERSHIP

No new members this month.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES

Need a check for \$7,500 for Polaris training, to come from Chief's Purchase budget.

Caretaker Dodge asks \$800 to reprogram the trunking radios.

Motion made to provide \$800 by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE:

Chairman Gallagher spoke at planning board meeting about building project. Well received with no objections.

Discussion about presenting plans to department and seeking comment in the future.

Also discussion about access for driving tanker out of bay during construction. Left turn a problem.

WATER SUPPLY: Questions still remain unanswered about pond by the school. Commissioner Ekholm pursuing answers. Chairman Gallagher suggests calling Attorney Pinsky to push the School.

INSURANCE: We can reduce our insurance costs by increasing deductibles. Board agrees to raise property deductible to \$5,000.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: NR

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

All set for 9/11 ceremony, but the Janet Buckbee rock has to be moved to Selleck's Walk. Need a machine to move it.

Commissioner Roemer makes motion to set aside \$1,000 max to move the rock, seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Ekholm's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Trail and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer