

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

ABSENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher

CALL TO ORDER Vice Chairman Roemer called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:02 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT: 30 calls in September. (list attached)

MEMBERSHIP NR on new members. Chief Reports Chris Davies has not participated per regs, and has been difficult to contact. Further action being considered.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES: Purchase of reflective vests for all members for use on scene. \$3,500 from Chief's budget.

Motion made to approve the purchase by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm.

Purchase of 6 new pagers at cost of \$2,852. Purchase to be made from EM budget.

Motion made to approve the purchase by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE:

Meeting with the planning board on Thursday. Design documents are drawn. Question remains about size of electric installation.

WATER SUPPLY: Trying to find a CG to look at ponds and hydrants and also research new systems for access ramps to hydrants.

INSURANCE: Agency has sent info on renewing Cancer Insurance and Workmen's Comp.

Motion made by Commissioner Tavalacci and seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to purchase the enhanced plan for the cancer insurance at a cost of \$8,699.91 per year vs. \$6,807.11 for the basic plan.

Motion made by Commissioner Tavalacci and seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to stay with PERMA for workmen's comp at a cost of \$25,675 vs. bid of \$26,999 from FDMNY.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: **Motion made by Commissioner Trail to establish budget not to exceed \$5,000 so that members can get flu and COVID vaccines at Pound Ridge Pharmacy at their convenience. Seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci.**

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: **Motion made by Commissioner Ekholm and seconded by Commissioner Trail to opt out of new electric scheme for the town and stay with NYSEG in toto.**

Secretary asked to send certified letter to Mark Miller stating that his trucks and equipment need to be cleared from the back of the firehouse by December 1st.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Ekholm's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer