

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher, Vice Chairman Joe Roemer, Commissioner Frank Tavalacci, Commissioner David Ekholm, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte, Deputy Chief Garrett Biagarelli

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

ABSENT: Commissioner Edward Trail

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:08 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT: 32 calls in November. (list attached)

MEMBERSHIP William Bohn has been approved

CHIEF'S PURCHASES: Desire to purchase 7 Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera's at a cost of \$25,000 using money from the Equipment Reserve. Cameras are for Chief's trucks and pertinent apparatus. Following motion was made:

**Upon motion by Commissioner Ekholm, seconded by Commissioner Roemer, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pound Ridge Fire District find it necessary to expend monies from the Equipment Reserve Fund to finance the costs of 7 Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras, subject to permissive referendum as required by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law now therefore be it**

**RESOLVED that monies not to exceed \$25,000 shall be expended from the Equipment Reserve Fund to finance the costs for 7 Bullard Cameras and associated hardware and it is further**

**RESOLVED that the Fire District Secretary shall publish a notice which sets forth the date of such resolution and an abstract of such resolution concisely stating the purposes and effect thereof, and further stating that such resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum, and such notice shall be substantially as follows:**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pound Ridge Fire District on December 12, 2023 adopted a resolution for the purpose of expending monies from the Equipment Reserve Fund of said Fire District not to exceed \$25,000 to finance the costs for 7 Bullard Thermal Imaging Cameras and hardware, and said resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum, and that said resolution shall not be effective until thirty (30) days after its adoption or until a permissive referendum is held provided a Petition is filed by resident taxpayers of the Fire District as provided by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law and the resolution approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Electors of such Fire District affected by such resolution.**

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

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: Progress on the addition was generally discussed, heading toward a final meeting with the planning board in two days.

WATER SUPPLY: Schools will put in 2 driveways to the pond. Water committee looking for 3 bids for dry hydrants in this location to be done at prevailing wage.

INSURANCE: to keep current in CPR, Melissa Trail has given the district a quote of \$65/person to train in CPR/AED and NARCAN. Sam Dodge will ask for a quote from Beth- Chief will investigate possibility of video training for the Sexual Harassment and Workplace Violence components.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: Members can get flu and COVID vaccines at Pound Ridge Pharmacy at their convenience.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Secretary asks for permission to purchase rack for maps that will fit in the safe.

**Motion made by Commissioner Roemer and seconded by Commissioner Ekholm to make purchase not to exceed \$275.**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Ekholm's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Roemer and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer