

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2024 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, Commissioner Edward Trail, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte, 2nd Asst. Chief Nick Rienzi, 1st Lt. Steven Anuszkiewicz

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:11 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Roemer's motion to accept the December 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 Trail and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

As a result of updating the remaining funds from 2023, the decision was made to finance the yearly major service of 6 pieces of apparatus from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Roemer, seconded by Commissioner Trail. Notice will be published in the Record Review.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pound Ridge Fire District on January 9, 2024 adopted a resolution for the purpose of expending monies from the Equipment Reserve Fund of said Fire District not to exceed \$51,000 to finance the cost of the annual maintenance of its apparatus and said resolution was adopted pursuant 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.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 329 calls in 2023. (list attached)

MEMBERSHIP Officers have voted to drop Chris Davies from the roster for non-participation.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES: Bill for service for the Polaris of \$359. Tool Box for Rienzi Truck \$168. Need a new gear rack for truck floor. \$650.

Motion made by Commissioner Roemer to make the preceding purchases. Seconded by Commissioner Ekholm.

Question regarding payment of front door lock that was broken as our crews gained entry for a lock broken on a front door during a CO call. Commissioner Trail points out that when we are dispatched for an emergency call, the dispatch itself is our permission to enter the house by whatever means. Chairman asks secretary to write letter explaining this to the homeowner and suggest the homeowner submit claim to their insurance and get a Knox Box for keys for emergency entry.

Asst. Chief Rienzi says Karl has offered \$21,500 as trade-in for his chief's truck. Strikes everyone as low. More research required.

Question arose regarding our long-term budgeting process for recurring expenses, particularly turnout gear. Chairman Gallagher confirms that the expected expense has been increased to \$35,000 of the \$100,000 put away for equipment costs.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: Progress on the addition was generally discussed. Arris quote is still about 2-million over expectations. Discussion about going to PLA as opposed to prevailing wage. Other possible changes and cost-saving discussed. Other issues also still exist. Much more to still be discovered.

WATER SUPPLY: Transition from Commissioner Ekholm to Commissioner Trail. Chairman Gallagher suggests that we need a new way of thinking about hydrants, buried tanks, and ponds.

INSURANCE: NR.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: need to do training on Blood Borne Pathogens, Workplace violence, etc. Desire to do it virtually using VFIS videos on training days.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Ask expert on PLA to come next month to present to us to try and determine if there will be savings. Will come early at 6:30 before the meeting. Andy Fredericks lecture on January 27th Sam asking \$2,000.

Motion made by Commissioner Roemer to fund the meeting attendance. Seconded by Commissioner Ekholm.

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 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer