

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE April 16, 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, Chief Vincent Duffield, Jr., Chief Garrett Biagerelli,

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Trail's motion to accept the March minutes was seconded by Commissioner Roemer 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 Roemer's motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Friedland asks that the two signature rule for all checks be amended to allow just the signature of the Treasurer to suffice for recurring, operational bills, such as heating oil, telephone service, electric service, garbage service, and other such bills that impose a penalty for late payment. Currently, owing to the flexible nature of board meetings where checks are counter-signed mid-month, we are frequently posting payment after the due date. This would help to solve this problem and avoid late charges.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 22 calls in February. (list attached)

MEMBERSHIP New member Alberto Araya. Chief asks to drop Peter Titelbaum at his own request.

Commissioner Ekholm makes motion to accept Mr. Araya and drop Mr. Titelbaum. Seconded by Commissioner Roemer.

Chief reports plans are in the works for a joint drill with Battalion 13, Battalion 16, at Camp Smith regarding brush fires.

Secretary reports that the permissive referendum to spend \$140,000 on new Chief's Truck to replace the 2018 Suburban has passed. Chief is talking with Chief Rienzi about cost, production date, and outfitting.

Chief Zafonte raises questions about Bedford and our 10-75 callout list. Being discussed with officers and Battalion 16.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES Chief requests purchase of a small compressor for Chief's truck, payment to mount three thermal cameras in Chief's Trucks, (2401, 2402, 2403) and ink for the officer's printer. Compressor approx. \$400, camera mounting previously approved as part of the camera purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Trail to make these purchases. Seconded by Commissioner Roemer.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: Expanded Long Term Planning- since the new addition is taking so many resources, as discussed at last month's meeting the LTP committee has been divided into two parts, with the second part thinking further down the road. His members of that division will be Chairman Gallagher, Commissioner Roemer, Chief Biagerelli, Tom Darold, Matt Cashman, Nick Chen, and Robert Sacks. They will hold their first meeting on the 24th.

As to the addition, Commissioner Tavalacci reports that the plat was filed Tuesday, April 16, for the subdivision needed for the project.

Also looking at an alternate plan for the foundation. Commissioner Tavalacci wants 3 bids, since we have gotten estimates from \$4,500 to \$9,500 for plans and inspection.

Still waiting for numbers to estimate everything that was taken out of current working plan bid package. Also waiting for ICC certification as plans cannot be submitted without it.

WATER SUPPLY: Consultant has looked at 10 hydrants. Report coming next month.

INSURANCE: Need to drop Peter Tietlebaum and add 7 others. Also should test our water to check if it is experiencing the same pollution present in other aquifers in the area. Cancer risk.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: Physicals scheduled for end of May and beginning of June.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Inspection will be June 2nd at Le Chateau. Budget is \$10,000. Chief asks for money to purchase badge wallets, badges as a gift to members for their IDs. Try to fit it into the budget for the dinner but might have to be a separate purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Ekholm to make the dinner budget \$10,000. Seconded by Commissioner Roemer.

Motion by Commissioner Ekholm to apportion \$3,000 for badge wallets and badges. Seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci.

Commissioner Ekholm and Chief Zafonte to ask the new head of the Reservation to build a shelter for the park all-terrain vehicle instead of the current trailer, which is in disrepair, and raise the cost of protection to cover the cost of a new Polaris to be based at the park. Also need to amend the contract with the county to more precisely define our role at the park, vis-à-vis park staff, and county police.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Trail'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 8:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer