

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 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.,

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:07 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT: 39 calls in July. (list attached)

MEMBERSHIP New members Lucas Ramjuttan (returning), and Dominic D'Ambrosio accepted by department on 7/5/24.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES Chief asks for the following:

2 chairs for officers @\$358

Computer speakers @60

Knox Box batteries @10.00

Motion to purchase the above listed items made by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Ekholm.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: Officers have reconsidered refurbishing Engine 113, deciding it would hurt the department to be without the truck for almost a year while it is being worked on. Going to investigate other options, such as cost of leasing an existing truck under a municipal lease program.

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION – Commissioner Tavalacci reports on progress of addition and decision to award contract and made the following motions:

Motion #1- Accept the bid from Lyons Development in the amounts of \$5.429m for the building and an additional \$878,949 for the kitchen and award contract

Motion #2- Accept bid of \$11,950 from Pasalic Construction to excavate and relocate electric service for building project

Motion #3- Dig up and relocate Fuel Tanks and Propane Tanks, and move and relocate Generator for building project at a cost of \$23,140

All motions seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Tavalacci adds that construction slated to begin in October under current plans.

WATER SUPPLY: Starting work on previously agreed to repair of two (2) hydrants at the market and the hydrant on Winterbottom at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 which will be taken from the Hydrant Reserve fund.

INSURANCE: Met with Insurance reps before meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Roemer to take their proposal for coverage, including expanded payouts for Accident and Sickness items, but reject additional \$2,500 for Enhanced Cyber security insurance. Total cost \$40,985 for the year.

Seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and unanimously approved.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: District has been asked to meet with members of the Town Board and their attorney regarding the proposed Water District in Scotts Corners. Chairman Gallagher, Commissioner Trail to attend.

MEDICAL: All members now up to date on physicals and mask fit tests.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Caretaker Dodge asks permission to get lights in tanker bay repaired, at a cost not to exceed \$900.

Motion made by Commissioner Ekholm to authorize the expenditure. Seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NR

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 829 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer