

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT: : Chairman Peter Gallagher; Vice Chairman Joseph Roemer, Commissioner Frank Tavalacci, Commissioner David Ekholm, Commissioner Edward Trail, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte.

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 7:11 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Roemer's motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted, was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm 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.

Additional request to be made to Physical Trainer Pete McLean for his invoice to date.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 29 calls in August. (list attached)

MEMBERSHIP New member Chris Wilkenloh accepted by department on 9/9/24.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES Chief asks for the following:

Mount for new boat motor @ \$100.

Chief also asks that \$2,500 be encumbered from his budget line for ATV training in 2025.

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

Chief suggests that 3 AT&T lines for truck WiFi are being evaluated and might be cancelled since their effectiveness is negligible given the state of cell service in the area. Wants to test satellite phone instead. Cost is \$7,000 so a full test would be necessary before purchase.

Chief also asks that new bill from WinWaste for container used to clean up after car/Hurst drills be paid ASAP.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: NR

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION – Commissioner Tavalacci reports on progress of addition. Kyle Jones will do tree work.

Construction still slated to begin in October under current plans. Construction Expenses to be reviewed monthly.

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. Work to start 3rd week in September → October. Winterbottom followed by Market

INSURANCE: Insurance as discussed last month. For trucks and building **\$40,985** for the year. Check to be signed at this meeting.

COMPUTER: NR

EXECUTIVE SESSION: For discussion of personnel matter . 7:43 – 7:46p.

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: Zoom meeting held with town board members, supervisor, project supervisor, Commissioner Trail, Chairman Gallagher and Sec’y/Treasurer Friedland regarding Water District plans and Fire District. More discussions to be held.

MEDICAL: NR

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Suggestion made to set up a QR code that would lead to a brief explanation of the project, and its timeline. Put on website and a Sign in front of the FD. General agreement from board members. To be done by Commissioner Ekholm and Sec’y Friedland.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NR

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Trail’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 829 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer