

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 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 Edward Trail, Commissioner Bob Sacks, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte.

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland, Ex-Commissioner and Asst. Chief Dave Ekholm

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 8:12 P.M.

WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER ROBERT SACKS

APPROVE CURRENT SLATE OF CHIEFS

**Commissioner Sacks motion to approve the 2025 slate of PRFD Chiefs was seconded by Commissioner Roemer and was unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Commissioner Roemer's motion to accept the December minutes was seconded by Commissioner Trail and was unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Commissioner Tavalacci's motion to accept the bills was seconded by Commissioner Sacks and was unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Also, Questions about money left over from, 2023 and 2024 that was left in the General Fund, and submission of insurance claim for Eng. 111 damage to body of approx. \$68,000. Chairman Gallagher asks that approval of the report be delayed while corrections are made

CHIEF'S REPORT: 26 calls in December. (list attached) 343 calls in 2024.

MEMBERSHIP Nestor Orsorio has resigned. New member Sebastian Leightly has not showed up and will be dropped.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES: NR

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: NR

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION: Bids read at 7p. Report to come from Architect. Question as to how much money we have to do the project. May have to go back for a second bond to find the additional money. Also question needs to be answered as to whether we can borrow our own money from a Reserve Fund to fund our budget and then pay it back when the tax money comes in, rather than waiting for the town.

WATER SUPPLY: Market #1 finished. Need an extra \$8,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> market hydrant. Then Dogwood Hills will be next @ \$36,000 which can come from the existing Hydrant Reserve Fund. Fox Run hydrant is out of range for 2025 budget. Will have to wait until 2026. Bedford Central has hired a new manager who met with Chief Zafonte who seemed eager to fix the access to their pond.

**Motion made by Commissioner Trail to approve the extra \$8,000 for the second market hydrant. Seconded by Commissioner Sacks. Unanimously approved.**

RESERVATION: Discussion of contract expiration. Susan Spear is the new Commissioner for the Reservation. Desire to send a letter to suggest a face-to-face meeting to discuss our relationship and responsibilities going forward. Need to decide what we want to ask for and how hard we want to press it.

INSURANCE:

COMPUTER: Three new computers purchased and installed as approved at last meeting. Need to put together a full list of all passwords for computers and other access items to be held by District.

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR.

MEDICAL: NR

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Tank insurance agency went out of business, new agency sent a list of items they need, to give us a new policy. Commissioner Trail will investigate cost of items and report. Other option is to take out tank and pump and fill apparatus at the highway garage instead.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Roemer's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Trail and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer