

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11<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 Bob Sacks, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Edward Trail

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 6:59 P.M.

**SUPERVISOR KEVIN HANSAN:** Update on Water District. Looks like Town will qualify for an additional 3.5 million in Federal funding, meaning that the bulk of the project should be paid for, with no need to sell bonds. Also, getting on the list of State legislators for local grants.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

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

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Commissioner Roemer's motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and was unanimously approved.**

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** 28 calls in January. (list attached)

**MEMBERSHIP** Two new members have been approved by the department. John Rosenberg and Christian Brogle.

**Commissioner Sacks motion to accept the new members was seconded by Commissioner Roemer and unanimously approved.**

**CHIEF'S PURCHASES:** The county is changing the way they broadcast so all radios in the apparatus will have to be updated or replaced at an approximate cost of \$100,000. Board to look for grants.

**LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE:** NR

**EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION:** Contractors are still being vetted, but cost estimates are increasing, which will result in the need for a larger supplemental bond, perhaps as much as \$3.5-million additional.

Wise Oak has written a letter to town residents explaining and promoting the new bond, which needs to be signed by all commissioners.

Chairman to attend March 4<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting to present plan to them.

Now looking at a referendum vote on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

WATER SUPPLY: Market #2 finished and paid for.

INSURANCE: No report

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR. Covered in meeting with Supervisor.

MEDICAL: 2025 physicals will be scheduled for May/June. Final dates TBD.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Info sessions on the supplemental bond tentatively scheduled for Wed. April 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00-6:00, Fri. April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30p, and Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Noon-1p

Chairman Gallagher signs engagement letter for 2025 with Attorney Brad Pinsky to represent the Fire District.

VFIS has sent a \$27,123.00 check for repairs to Engine 111. Those repairs were estimated at \$68,000. Caretaker Dodge says the claim was split into two parts, and this check is just for the first part of the claim. Vice Chairman Roemer will take the matter in hand and contact the insurance company and Gowans-Knight to figure out where the difference lies.

Caretaker Dodge inquires about \$50 stipend for setting up the firehouse for County Primary.

**Commissioner Tavalacci makes motion to pay, seconded by Commissioner Roemer and unanimously approved.**

**Caretaker Dodge also points out that Highway Department employees get a longevity bonus after 15 years, and he is just starting his 15<sup>th</sup> year.**

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Roemer's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer