

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 11th, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher; Commissioner Frank Tavalacci; Vice-Chairman Joe Roemer, , Commissioner Edward Trail, Chief Vincent Zafonte.

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

ABSENT: Commissioner Robert Sacks;

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:25 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CHIEF'S REPORT: 33 calls in October. (list attached) An ATV is being contributed to the Department. Also, shed project on Aquarion land is being put on hold while details of what can be stored are worked out. Discussion of fuel tank outside the bay. Insurance is a question. Current insurance expires in this coming April. Options are to put two 330 gallon tanks in new bays, one of which would be for truck fuel, or to refuel at the Highway garage, if they can work out the billing problems.

MEMBERSHIP N/R

CHIEF'S PURCHASES: Nothing immediate, but the replacement of 113 is becoming critical. Chief asks to schedule presentations by Seagrave and Gowans-Knight for next meeting so a decision can be made and an order placed. Wait time on new apparatus is now 3 years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Brief discussion of a sensitive housekeeping matter. In at 2033. Out at 2035.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: N/R

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION: Commissioner Tavalacci said building is going well and construction pace has picked up. Steel is up for new bays and kitchen. Slabs coming next. Plumbers, HVAC and Electricians are all poised to begin work.

WATER SUPPLY: Questions about Dann Farm Road where it intersects Siscowit near the reservoir. Aquarion has said they will take point on dealing with the DEC and do road in the spring.

INSURANCE: We have done the roster for the enhanced Cancer Insurance plan. 46 members.

COMPUTER: N/R

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: No Update

MEDICAL: Flu shots can be had at the Pound Ridge pharmacy or for free at CVS.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Plan to place \$3-million of bond money with SoFi at 3.8%. Account is liquid and easily accessible.

**Motion to place 3-Million in SoFi High Yield Savings Account made by Commissioner Roemer, seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci. Unanimously approved.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - NR

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Roemer's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Tavocacci and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned 8:55 P.M .**

Respectfully submitted,  
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer