

Meeting Minutes 4/27/20

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 27th of April 2020

1. Call to Order. The meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Lomonaco, at 7:03 p.m. Do to the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was held remotely via video-conferencing using Zoom and the live stream of the meeting was made available to the public. All members attending were remote and no one was at the fire station due to such restrictions. The Open Meetings Law was complied with for the Notice of the meeting.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Freilich

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Treasurer, Chief, President of Company

2. Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was led by Commissioner Lomonaco.

3. Secretary's Minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the March 9th meeting. The vote was, Yays: 4 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Freilich, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

4. Treasurer's Report.

a. There was a discussion of the December Report

b. The treasurer recommended that discussion of the transfer of unspent funds from the 2019 budget to various reserve funds be postponed until the next meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board approved hiring RBT to do the 2019 Audit Report. The vote was, Yays: 4 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Freilich, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Freilich, the Board moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The vote was, Yays: 4 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, and Commissioner Freilich, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bohl joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

5. Chief's Report.

a. The Chief shared a copy of his call log and a report. They were discussed and are attached to these minutes.

b. Brother Ted Novak of Graymore, the Company Chaplain passed away.

c. New member Najam Choudry's info was brought before the Board. He will formally meet the Board at the next meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to approve the new member as long as he passes the physical. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to approve the Chief's report as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

6. President/Company Report.

a. Sanitizer has been put throughout the building. Suggestion to have permanent dispensers installed.

b. Grace Wilkie former member and wife of current member Pete Wilkie passed away.

c. Life member John Sversky's mother passed away.

d. PPE should be worn by anyone entering the Stations.

7. Correspondence.

a. Nothing to report

8. Apparatus.

a. Safelite to be called to repair a windshield on one of the trucks.

9. Building and Grounds.

a. Liberty came to Station #2 to resolve door issues.

b. Northeast Generator will be at Station #2 to service the generator on 5/4.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the Dutchess Overhead Door contract to service our 11 doors @ \$125 a door. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco,

Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the contract with Brothers Landscaping for the same price as last year. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board moved to approve the purchase of a cascade system from Haite Fire Equipment for up to \$3,000.00. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board moved to approve the purchase and installation of a washer & dryer for up to \$23,000.00. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Finance & Insurance.

a. The District received an \$8,300.00 dividend check from the 2019 Workers Comp policy.

11. Community Relations.

a. The chief received compliment letters from community members whose homes the Company responded to calls at this month.

12. LOSAP.

a. Commissioner Freilich informed the Board that the District's plan is well funded. \$30,000.00 is currently being paid by the District into the plan.

13. Long Term Planning

a. Nothing to report

14. Grants.

a. Still waiting for responses.

15. District Health & Safety.

a. Physicals suspended at present for current members during the crisis.

16. Web. The website is still pending.

17. Policies & Procedure. There were no policy and procedure matters to discuss.

18. Old Business.

a. The District Secretary will work with Bear Mountain Inn to reschedule the Inspection Dinner.

19. New Business.

a. The next District Meeting will be on Monday May 11th.

20. Public Comments. There were no public comments.

21. Presentation of vouchers. The Board then reviewed the checks that were to be issued.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board approved the payment of vouchers from 3/8/20 through 4/11/20 in the amount of \$40,717.21. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Freilich, the Board approved the payment of vouchers from 4/12/20 through 4/23/20 in the amount of \$45,349.69. The vote was, Yays: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

22. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Bohl, which was seconded by Commissioner Freilich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The vote was, Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary