

Meeting Minutes 8/10/20

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 10th of August 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 Prentice, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Bohl, and Commissioner Freilich

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Treasurer, Chief, VP of Company Board

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 Brower, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the July 13th meeting. The vote was, Yays: 4 – Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Bohl, 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 July Report
- b. There was a discussion regarding the 2019 Budget balance.

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

5. Chief's Report.

- a. There was a discussion of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Philipstown not being operational again with the latest storm. Not having accurate road closure information caused delays in responding to calls and put trucks and personnel in unnecessary danger. Commissioner Prentice will attend next Town Board Meeting to make them aware of the issue and ask for a resolution.
- b. Ladder truck is out for service and some other small items are being resolved on other trucks.
- c. Chief getting bids for the Water Flota Pump system.
- d. Chief getting air pack pricing estimates as well.

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

6. President/Company Report.

- a. No report to present.

7. Correspondence.

- a. Nothing to discuss.

8. Apparatus.

- a. Information covered in the Chief's report.

9. Building and Grounds.

- a. Station #2 is currently being painted.
- b. Bids are being obtained for repairs of the Bailout Building.
- c. Bids are being obtained for the restriping of Station #2's parking lot.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Audit is being finalized.

11. Community Relations.

- a. There was a discussion regarding a newsletter being sent out to the Community to discuss Fire Plans – pre planning and the information given to students during Fire Prevention Week.
- b. Commissioner Bohl was told by Commissioner VanTassle that the Town Board was not going to address the Fire Lane Issues going on in the Garrison Fire District. He suggested that he accompany Commissioner Bohl to speak in person with the Garrison Boat Club and other businesses at the Garrison Landing to resolve the issue.

12. LOSAP.

- a. Nothing to discuss.

13. Long Term Planning

- a. There will be a meeting set up with the Truck Committee. Recommendations will be presented to the Board after the meeting.

14. Grants.

- a. The District was awarded a DEC Grant for a Water Flota Pump. Chief getting bids for the pump.
- b. The District was notified that we are in the 2nd phase of the approval process for the FEMA Grant.

15. District Health & Safety.

- a. Everything is on track

16. Web. Nothing new to report.

17. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Non Party Witness Policy to be discussed next meeting.

18. Old Business.

- a. Nothing to discuss.

19. New Business.

- a. There will be a Budget Workshop on Monday August 24th.
- b. The next District Meeting will be on Monday September 14th.

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 Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board approved the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$14,154.93. The vote was, Yays: 4 – Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, Commissioner Lomonaco, 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 8:25 p.m. The vote was, Ayes: 4 – Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, Commissioner Lomonaco, and Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary