

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 14th of December 2020

- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Commissioner Lomonaco, at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Freilich - attended via video conference using Zoom due to COVID restrictions, and Commissioner Prentice - attended via video conference using Zoom due to COVID restrictions.

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary - attended via video conference using Zoom due to COVID restrictions and was present for the entire meeting and all votes., Treasurer - attended via video conference using Zoom due to COVID restrictions, Chief, Fred Reich, and Peter Richter

- 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 November 9th meeting. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Brower, 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 November Report
- b. There was a discussion regarding pending end of year expenditures and accounting for the bills that won't arrive before the new year.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, 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 Brower, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

- 5. Chief's Report.**

- a. The Chief shared a copy of his call log. It was discussed and is attached to these minutes.
- b. The title for the old chief's vehicle was found.
- c. Trucks have been sent out for maintenance.
- d. Masks and PPE being handed out at every call.
- e. All end of year orders have been placed just waiting for deliveries.
- f. Estimates obtained for getting LED lights for the trucks.

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

6. President/Company Report.

- a. A bill was given to the Board for the domain name.

7. Correspondence.

- a. A new bill with the updated retainer balance was received from the District's attorney.

8. Apparatus.

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

9. Building and Grounds.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to approve at contract with Erickson Brothers snow removal for 2021 at the same rate as last year. The vote was, Yays: 3 - Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Lomonaco, and Commissioner Brower, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Freilich. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to use the surplus chief vehicle as an auto wreck. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Freilich, and Commissioner Brower, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Rebate paperwork filed with the District's NYSIS policy for a \$500 credit for Covid related supplies purchased.

11. Community Relations.

- a. Nothing new to discuss.

12. LOSAP.

- a. The fund had a very good month in November and is valued at over \$900,000.00.

13. Long Term Planning

- a. There will be a workshop on 1/25/21.

14. Grants.

- a. The Flota Pumps came in. The District received ½ of the cost from the grant that was obtained.
- b. Applications for grants for 2021 will be discussed at the Long Term Planning Workshop on 1/25/21.

15. District Health & Safety.

- a. Everything is on track

16. Web.

- a. Peter Richter is the Company liaison for the web site. He showed the Board a working copy of the site that is going live shortly once the final details are worked out.
- b. The Board expressed their appreciation to him for taking the time to come to the meeting.

17. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Nothing to discuss.

18. Old Business.

- a. Nothing to discuss.

19. New Business.

- a. This was the last meeting of Commissioner Freilich's term. He said he was thankful that during his time on the Board there had not been a serious injury or death of one of the volunteer members considering the nature of what they do for the District. Commissioner Freilich was pleased with the contribution he was able to make to the District in the areas of Workers Comp and LOSAP.
- b. Commissioner Prentice expressed the Board's appreciation to Commissioner Freilich for his service to the District. Especially for his help with Worker's Comp and his expertise he shared regarding the LOSAP investments.
- c. The Organizational Meeting for 2021 will be on 1/11/21.
- d. The Long Term Planning Workshop will be on 1/25/21.

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 in the amount of \$61,626.65. The vote was, Yays: 4 - Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, Commissioner

Lomonaco, and Commissioner Brower, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

22. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Freilich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The vote was, Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Freilich, Commissioner Lomonaco, and Commissioner Brower, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary