

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 12th of July 2021

- 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 Prentice, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Reich and Commissioner Bohl.

A quorum was present.

Other's Present: Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Assistant Chief, Kyle Irish

- 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 June 14th meeting. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the July 6th Workshop Meeting. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

- 4. Treasurer's Report.**

- a. June report was reviewed and approved.

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

- 5. Chief's Report.**

- a. The 1st Assistant Chief shared a copy of the call log. It was discussed and is attached to these minutes.
- b. Motorola is coming to address the radio problems with the Chief's vehicle.

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

- 6. President/Company Report.**

- a. The 990 report for 2020 is still being finalized with the Company's Accountant.

7. Correspondence.

- a. Nothing to report.

8. Apparatus.

- a. 16-6-1 out for service
- b. Getting quote for new chief's vehicle, including cost of installing new radio at the time of purchase.
- c. Getting specs for mini attack vehicle.
- d. Discussion regarding going to 2 chief vehicles in the future.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board moved to buy 5 portable tri band Motorola radio's at a cost of no more than \$43,000.00. \$30,000.00 will come from the 2019/2020 fund balance with the remainder coming from the 2020 budget. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Prentice, the Board **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Garrison Fire District does hereby authorize the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 from its Equipment Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account to the District's General Operating Account for continued Fire District operations including purchase, delivery and installation of Spartan LED lights and a light tower for Fire District purposes and services related thereto.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board; and it is further **RESOLVED**, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law. The vote was, Yays: 5 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Prentice, Commissioner Bohl, and Commissioner Reich, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted and approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

9. Building and Grounds.

- a. Specs being obtained for the bail out building repairs to get bids.
- b. All AC units at Station #2 had filters changed and maintained. As AC units become unrepairable Commissioner Brower has the approval of the Board to replace them with funds from the Building Maintenance Fund.
- c. Commissioner Brower to get quotes for epoxy flooring in the bays at Station #2.
- d. Commissioner Brower getting quotes to purchase and install an on-demand water heater at Station #2. Also to evaluated and share with the Board if it is a cost effective option.
- e. Lime Electric didn't show up for the free energy audit scheduled.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Nothing to report

11. Community Relations.

- a. Discussion was had regarding establishing a community newsletter
- b. Discussion was had regarding hosting a discussion at the library for the community in the future.

12. LOSAP

On a motion by Commissioner Prentice, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to make a \$50,000.00 LOSAP contribution as allocated in the 2021 Budget. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor.
Motion Carried.

13. Long Range Planning

- a. An updated spreadsheet was handed out following the discussions at the workshop on 7/6.

14. Grants.

- a. Commissioner Lomonaco doing paperwork with the grant genie for approved grants and paperwork for the new grant.
- b. Commissioner Lomonaco and the rest of the Board expressed their appreciation to Commissioner Reich for all his help with the initial grant paperwork.

15. District Health & Safety.

- a. Members who were behind are now caught up. More members coming due.

16. Web.

- a. New website is operational. Everyone to change to new e-mails and reset temp passwords.

17. Policies & Procedure.

- a. Discussion of instituting a new Substance Use Policy. Board to review policy suggestions and discuss at August District Meeting.

18. Old Business.

- a. In preparation for sale, the radio's & light bar have been removed from the 4-1 Tanker - 1989 Freightliner. Adhesive stickers have been ordered to go over the existing logo.
- b. The Board authorized getting a diver to evaluate, clean, and repair the 2 dry hydrant systems in the District. Contacting Sea tow for assistance finding a diver.

19. New Business.

- a. The next District Meeting will be on Monday August 9th.
- b. Board to interview potential new member Kyle Irish.
- c. Registered letter to be sent to Kyle Irish informing him of the Board's decision.
Email to be sent to the Company Board informing them of the District Board's decision.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board moved to deny Kyle Irish's request to become an active firefighter. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

20. Executive Session.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board moved to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:31 pm. No action was taken in Executive Session. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

21. Public Comments.

- a. No comments.

22. 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 Lomonaco, the Board approved the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$22,406.57. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

23. Meeting Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Bohl, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary