

Minutes of the Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 9th of August 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 Lomonaco, and Commissioner Reich. Commissioner Prentice arrived at 7:55pm.

A quorum was present.

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

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

- 3. Secretary's Minutes.**

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to approve the minutes from the July 12th meeting. The vote was, Yays: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

- 4. Treasurer's Report.**

- a. July report was reviewed and approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the Board moved to approve the Treasurer's report as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

- 5. Chief's Report.**

- a. The Chief shared a copy of the call log. It was discussed and is attached to these minutes.
- b. Hurst tools were serviced and repaired.
- c. Moving forward with LED lighting for trucks.
- d. Ordered Motorola Radio's were delivered.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve the Chief's report as spoken. The vote was, Yays: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

On a motion by Commissioner Reich, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved to approve members and junior members on educational leave will be ineligible for the duration of their degree program. They will not be allowed out on calls, training, or to get physicals while on short term breaks from school. The vote was, Yays: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

- 6. President/Company Report.**

- a. The Company is moving forward with the new member's lounge.
- b. The President was disappointed that The District didn't accept the new member presented to them last month.
- c. A copy of the new Company Bylaws was forwarded to the Commissioners at their request.
- d. The President informed The District that their request for a list of all the active firefighters would be addressed by the Chief.
- e. The Chief would also be supplying the requested list of Company Members and Associate Members phone numbers and addresses from the information available in Red Alert.

7. Correspondence.

- a. A bill was received from Mark Butler for a budget process timeline that wasn't requested. Commissioner Lomonaco to respond.

8. Apparatus.

- a. Covered in Chief's report.

9. Building and Grounds.

- a. Divers were paid \$400 to check the 2 dry hydrants in the District located at Garrison Landing and by the Glass Co. located on Route 9. Both were found to be serviceable and functional.
- b. Plumbers replaced the on demand water heater at Station #2.
- c. Cook Sewer and Septic to clean and inspect all drains in the bays of Station #2.

On a motion by Commissioner Reich, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board moved for Commissioner Brower to speak with Mike Liguere regarding the bid process and going forward with the epoxy floors in the bays of Station #2. The vote was, Yays: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

10. Finance & Insurance.

- a. Nothing to report

11. Community Relations.

- a. Members of the Company went to the Junior Fire Fighter's Academy last week to do demos with the ladder truck and fire extinguishers.

- b. Members of the Company to visit the Philipstown Rec Center Camp with trucks on 8/10/21.
- c. Putnam County Dept of Health to host a flu clinic at Station #2 on Wed 10/27/21 from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

12. LOSAP

- a. The Sagemark Acct has \$549,026.40 in stocks and bonds value.

13. Long Range Planning

- a. The Reserve \$ Holdings Spreadsheet was updated and discussed following the last Long Range Planning Workshop.
- b. Waiting for the specs on the potential new truck to finish updating the spreadsheet.

14. Grants.

- a. The District did not receive the NYSDEC grant. Letter attached to the minutes.
- b. The Polaris is not eligible for the Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant so we will apply for a mini attack vehicle for the grant.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the Board moved for Commissioner Lomonaco to hire the grant writer and work with them processing of the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Application for 2021. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion carried.

15. District Health & Safety.

- a. Nothing to report.

16. Web.

- a. New website is operational.

17. Policies & Procedure.

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

18. Old Business.

- a. Nothing to report

19. New Business.

- a. The next District Meeting will be on Monday September 13th.
- b. Proposed Budget to be adopted by 9/27/21.
- c. Public Budget Hearing on 10/19 at 7:00 pm.

- d. 1st pass of the Community Newsletter to be sent out to the public to be reviewed by Commissioners and feedback given to Commissioner Lomonaco.
- e. District Secretary to reach out to Grey's Printing and necessary parties to get the finalized Newsletter printed and distributed to the public.
- f. Monthly Community Newsletter going forward pending approval and fee to be charged by reporter selected.

20. Public Comments.

- a. No 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 \$23,032.38. The vote was, Yays: 4, 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 Brower, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary