

Minutes of the Re - Organizational Meeting of the Garrison Fire District Held on the 9th of January, 2023

- 1. Call to Order.** The Organizational Meeting of the Commissioners of the Garrison Fire District was called to order by Temporary Chair, Commissioner Lomonaco, at 7:01 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.** The pledge was led by Commissioner Lomonaco.
- 3. Roll Call and Affirmation of Quorum.**
Present: Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Lomonaco, Commissioner Bohl, and Commissioner Reich

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Secretary and Chief

- 4. Administration of Oaths of Office to Fire Commissioners.** Commissioner Brower will take his oath and file it with the Town Clerk before the next meeting.
- 5. Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.**
Commissioner Lomonaco called for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Commissioner Lomonaco was nominated by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich to serve as the Chairman of the Board. The vote was, Yays: 3 – Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Reich, Commissioner Bohl, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 – Commissioner Lomonaco. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lomonaco then called for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

On a motion by Commissioner Bohl, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board nominated Commissioner Reich to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board. The vote was, Yays: 3 - Commissioner Brower, Commissioner Bohl, Commissioner Lomonaco, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Reich. Motion Carried.

- 6. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law.** Commissioner Lomonaco received confirmation from the secretary that the meeting was posted and the media advised pursuant to the Open Meetings Law. A copy of this notice is available in the District Office.
- 7. Appointment of Secretary.**

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board appointed Cristin Erickson as Fire District Secretary for the salary of \$9,500.00 as found in the 2023 Budget. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor; Motion Carried.

The Secretary will take her oath within the month and file it with the Town Clerk.

8. Appointment Records Management Officer.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the Board appointed Cristin Erickson as Records Management Officer. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor; Motion Carried.

9. Appointment of Treasurer and Bookkeeper.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the Board appointed Diana Hess as the Treasurer for the salary of \$13,000.00 as found in the 2023 Budget. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor; Motion Carried.

A \$900,000 Surety Bond is in place.

10. Appointment of Fire District Attorney.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board appointed Michael Liguero, of Hogan & Rossi, Esqs., as Fire District Attorney for the proposed salary in the 2023 budget. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All Present in favor. Motion Carried.

11. Determine and Set Monthly Meeting Dates of Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Reich, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board moved to hold its regular meetings on the second Monday's of the month with meetings taking place at 7:00 p.m. at Station 2. As needed workshop meetings on the fourth Monday's of the month with meetings taking place at 7:00 p.m. at Station 2. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

12. Designation of Official Newspaper

On a motion by Commissioner Bohl, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco,, the Board designated The PCNR as the Official Newspaper of the District. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor. Motion Carried.

13. Designation of One or More Public Places for Posting of Meetings or Hearings.

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the Board designated the digital sign at Station 2, the District page of the Company website, and submitted to the Philipstown Town Clerk with the request to post on bulletin board and on town website, as the public places for postings of Fire District meetings or hearings. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

14. Designation of Fire District Bank(s).

On a motion by Commissioner Brower, which was seconded by Commissioner Reich, the Board designated M&T Bank as the official depository of the Fire District. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

15. Designation of Authorized Signatories for Fire District Bank(s).

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board resolved that Commissioner Brower be authorized as the administrator of the account. The Board further resolved that two authorized signatory shall sign and execute all checks and drafts of the Fire District, and that Commissioner Bohl, Commissioner Brower, and Commissioner Prentice are hereby designated as signatories on such checks and drafts. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

16. Review, Re-Examine Leases & Contracts.

- a. The Board determined that all leases with the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company are in place. No action was taken.
- b. A contract with Northeast Generators for Station 1 and Station 2
- c. A contract with Dutchess Overhead Doors for Station 2
- d. A contract with Erickson Brother's for snow plowing
- e. A contract with Otis Elevator for Station 2
- f. A contract with W & M Sprinkler System for Station 1 and Station 2
- g. A contract with Liberty Security Services (off site fire monitoring) for Station 1 and Station 2
- h. A contract with Haight Fire Equipment Supply for fire extinguishers
- i. A contract with Hartford Steam Boiler to inspect boilers in Station 1 and Station 2
- j. A contract with Hudson Valley Fire Equipment for apparatus maintenance
- k. A contract with TEK for all Company physicals
- l. State bids obtained for fuel contract – Montello Global
- m. A contract with Brothers Lawn for landscaping for Station 2 to be rebid in the Spring
- n. A contract with Go Daddy to annually renew website domain and support website
- o. Other contracts shall be reviewed and discussed at appropriate times.

Renew membership in the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY and the Association of Fire Chiefs.

17. Review of Fire District Policies.

On a motion by Commissioner Lomonaco, which was seconded by Commissioner Bohl, the Board reviewed and reapproved the Procurement & Procedures, Investment, LOSAP Investment, FOIL, Workplace Violence, Non-Party Witness to Legal Proceedings, and Declared Public Health Emergency Plan Policy's for the Garrison Fire District. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

18. Appointment of Members and Officers of the Fire Company.

On a motion by Commissioner Reich, which was seconded by Commissioner Brower, the Board accepted Jim Erickson as Chief, Lee Erickson as First Assistant Chief and Wendy Heintz as Second Assistant Chief. Sandy Bohl as Captain, Adam Kerzner as First Lieutenant, Robbie Klippel as Second Lieutenant. A list of members was submitted as well and are attached to these minutes. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

The Chief's will take their oaths within the month and file it with the Town Clerk.

Chief's designation list to the Board of Commissioners are: Lee Erickson and Wendy Heintz.

- a. **Iam R.** Commissioner Lomonaco requested an updated list from the Company so it can be submitted to the County. Updated list was submitted by the Chief and is attached.

19. Determine, Set and Assign Board members to Committees. The Board then formed the following committees:

Apparatus – Commissioner Bohl and Reich
Building and Grounds - Commissioner Brower and Lomonaco
Finance and Insurance – Commissioner Prentice and Reich
Community Relations – Commissioner Prentice
LOSAP – Commissioner Prentice and Reich
Strategic Planning – Commissioner Prentice as chair and rest of Board as members
Grant Committee – Commissioner Lomonaco and Brower
District Safety and Health – Commissioner Bohl
Web – Commissioner Reich
Policies and Procedure – Commissioner Lomonaco

20. Adjournment. With no further business to conduct, on a motion by Commissioner Bohl, which was seconded by Commissioner Lomonaco, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The vote was, Yays: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0. All present in favor, Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristin Erickson, Fire District Secretary