

Town of Watertown Fire District
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024

The November Monthly Meeting was called to order by Arthur Cooley at 6:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by all.

Attendance:

Commissioners: Arthur Cooley, Michael Hanley, Rolly Churchill and Meredith George.

Absent: Warren Day

Clerk/Treasurer: Jessica Alvarado

Deputy Clerk/treasurer: William Bamann

Chiefs: David Johnston

District Manager: Fred Sourwine

Also Present: Robert Johnston

6:02pm: Zoom with Firefly Admin Inc. Tony Hill and Craig T. Relyea discussing LOSAP and what their company can do to help assess the funding status of LOSAP. Discussion on age when to start taking individual LOSAP monies. 60yrs old individuals can start drawing their money out of their LOSAP account and can be deferred up to 5 yrs to withdrawal remaining funds and close their account.

The floor was opened for public comment. N/A
Closed public comment.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were provided for review/approval.

Upon a motion made by Arthur Cooley, seconded by Meredith George, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

Be it resolved that the aforementioned minutes from the November meeting is approved.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

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Bills and Treasurer's Report: Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Bamann presented the bills (see attached Abstract of Bills), financial reports, and Bank Statements. The Commissioners were reminded to review and sign the Abstract of Bills and the Vouchers for payment. One Commissioner also needs to review and sign/initial the account reconciliations and Bank Statements.

Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Meredith George, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

Be it resolved the Commissioners approved bills presented on the attached abstract of bills be paid.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Retirement deductions owed to district: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded Meredith George, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved employee's choice to pay full amount owed or 2% out of their paychecks.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

NYS Class new account (Retirement): Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Rolly Churchill, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved depositing the NYS Retirement deduction monies into NY Class.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Volunteers approved: new members & dismissed members: Upon a motion made by Rolly Churchill, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

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Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the following volunteers, E.Crowley, J.Skidds, H.Cameron, L.Woledge and J. McGee. Dismissed volunteers, C. Roberts and H.Wright-Jones.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Approval to exceed 2% tax cap: Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Art Cooley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved to exceed 2% tax cap.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Appoint Tellers, fix compensation: Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Meredith George, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved paying tellers \$60.00 dollars.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Chief's Report: See Chief's Report attached.

Fire District Manager report: - See Report attached

Executive Session Opened: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Mike Hanley to go in executive session for personnel at 8:00pm.

Executive Session Closed: Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Art Cooley to close executive session at 8:10pm.

Termination of employee: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved terminating K.Brown cleaner.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
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| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |

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| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Hire Cleaner: Upon a motion made by Rolly Churchill, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved hiring C. Vecchio as the cleaner.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | X | | | | |
| Warren Day | | | | X | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The Motion carried.

Close meeting: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

Be it resolved that this meeting is adjourned.

| Commissioner | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Recuse |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|--------|
| Arthur Cooley | X | | | | |
| Michael Hanley | X | | | | |
| Meredith George | | | | X | |
| Warren Day | X | | | | |
| Rolly Churchill | X | | | | |

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessy Alvarado
Clerk-Treasurer

William L. Bamann
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer