

Town of Watertown Fire District  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2024

The October 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 Warren Day.

Absent: Meredith George

Clerk/Treasurer: Jessica Alvarado

Deputy Clerk/treasurer: William Bamann

Chiefs: 3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief Fred Sourwine

District Manager: Fred Sourwine

Public attendance: Ron Wareham

The floor was opened for public comment. No Comments.

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were provided for review/approval. Upon a motion made by Arthur Cooley, seconded by Rolly Churchill, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

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

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

The Motion carried.

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 Art Cooley, 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.*

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

The Motion carried.

Chief's Report: N/A

District Manager Report:

Jefferson County Emergency Management Office was contacted to start EMS and first responders.

FDRHPO has been contacted to set up training for Narcan and auto-eject pans.

HVAC in the hall was fixed.

1 Volunteer is in BFO class

USDA has been notified regarding grant/loan for new engine project.

Retirement reports have been submitted, waiting for answers on ERS Vs. PFRS on a few firefighters.

Commissioners approved winterizing Station 2

Commissioners approved time paid for Zingaro for providing recreational vehicle (RV) jack training.

Rosenbauer - Upon a motion made by Warren Day, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

*Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the purchase agreement for the Rosenbauer Rescue Pumper, per Option 2: Total Cost: \$1,432,297.00 (pre-payment discount \$62,264.00) with \$250,000 down payment; amount to finance: \$1120,033.00. The district will need to hold a Public Referendum for final approval.*

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

The Motion carried.

Executive Session Opened: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Warren Day to go in executive session at 7:47pm.

Executive Session Closed: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Mike Hanley to close executive session at 7:55pm.

Municipal Training Officer:

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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 hire Ronald Wareham as a Municipal Training Officer at \$30.00 dollars an hour.*

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

*The Motion carried.*

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				
Roland Churchill	X				

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessy Alvarado  
Clerk-Treasurer

William L. Bamann  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer