

Town of Watertown Fire District  
Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2024

The May 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 and Warren Day.

Absent: Meredith George

Clerk/Treasurer: Jessica Alvarado

Deputy Clerk/treasurer: William Bamann

Chiefs: Davis Johnston, Jason Lee and Fred Sourwine

District Manager: Fred Sourwine

Guests: Matt Pope – Solar on Earth

The floor was opened for public comment. Matt Pope spoke about the Solar benefits and savings to the fire district. This is a no cost program that the Fire District will have a 10% Fire Share, locked in for 10 years and subject to review every 5 years. The Commissioners approved M. Pope to receive the stations National Grid bills for review. Once the utility bill is reviewed, he will get back to the Commissioners with his findings.

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

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

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

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent		Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X					
Michael Hanley	X					
Meredith George				X		
Warren Day	X					
Brian Wilcox -----Resigned-----						

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.

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Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Warren Day, 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				
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The Motion carried.

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

Old Business:

FDRHPO Phone Quote: Upon a motion made by Warren Day, seconded by Arthur Cooley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

*Be it resolved the Commissioners approved hiring FDRHPO to install new phones with direct line messaging capabilities.*

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X				
Michael Hanley	X				
Meredith George				X	
Warren Day	X				
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The Motion carried.

Repair Bill: Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

*Be it resolved the Commissioners approved to pay JPB Fire Service, Inc. for repairs made to 46-8-1 Truck. Repair Bill amounted to \$26,158.29.*

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X				
Michael Hanley	X				
Meredith George				X	
Warren Day	X				
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The Motion carried.

FDRHPO upgrade system: 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 commissioners approved FDRHPO to upgrade door access using Building Reserve Funds in the amount of \$4464.00. A Permissive Referendum needs to be implemented for the funds to be taken out of the building reserve.*

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X				

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Michael Hanley		X			
Meredith George				X	
Warren Day		X			
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The Motion Carried.

Quarterly Bonus: Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Arthur Cooley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

*Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved Fred Sourwine to receive a quarterly bonus for working shifts as a firefighter.*

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X				
Michael Hanley	X				
Meredith George				X	
Warren Day	X				
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The Motion carried.

HGAC: Upon a motion made by Warren Day, seconded by Arthur Cooley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

*Be it resolved the Commissioners approved the Houston-Galveston Area Council -Interlocal contract for corporative purchasing. Free to Join.*

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X				
Michael Hanley	X				
Meredith George				X	
Warren Day	X				
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The Motion carried.

Upon a motion made by Warren Day, 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				
Brian Wilcox-----Resigned-----					

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessy Alvarado  
Clerk-Treasurer

William L. Bamann  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer