

Town of Watertown Fire District
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2024

The December 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, Roland Churchill, Meredith George and Warren Day.

Clerk/Treasurer: Jessica Alvarado

Deputy Clerk/treasurer: William Bamann

Chiefs: David Johnston

District Manager: Fred Sourwine

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 Roland Churchill, 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				
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 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
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Arthur Cooley	X				
Michael Hanley	X				
Meredith George	X				
Warren Day	X				
Roland Churchill	X				

The Motion carried.

Information only: Commissioner Election Votes: Held December 10th election vote for 2025 New Commissioners Roland Churchill (12 votes) 5 yr term and Tammy Guenet (11 Votes) 4 yr term.

- January Commissioners meeting will include the organization meeting for the year 2025.

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

Fire District Manager report: - See Report attached

Firefighter cancer benefit program: 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 the Enhanced Plan for the firefighter Cancer benefit program.

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

The Motion carried.

F.Sourwine payment for shifts worked: Upon a motion made by Meredith George, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved:

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved F.Sourwine payment for 124 hours shift worked totaling payment owed \$2,852.00.

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

The Motion carried.

Generator service 2 times a year: 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 Board of Fire Commissioners approved generator service 2 times a year at a cost of \$1280.00.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Arthur Cooley	X				
Michael Hanley	X				
Meredith George	X				

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Warren Day	X				
Roland Churchill	X				

The Motion carried.

Executive Session Opened: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Mike Hanley to go in executive session for personnel at 7:22pm.

Executive Session Closed: Upon a motion made by Mike Hanley, seconded by Warren Day to close executive session at 7:30pm.

Employee reduced pay rate: 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 C. Vecchio as full-time cleaner at a pay rate of \$21.00per 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.

Approve Officers: 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 David Johnson (Chief), 1st Assistant Chief, Jason Lee, 2nd Assistant Chief, John Smith, 3rd Assistant Chief, Fred Sourwine.

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

The Motion carried.

Close meeting: Upon a motion made by Art Cooley, seconded by Meredith George, 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 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessy Alvarado
Clerk-Treasurer