

Town of Watertown Fire District
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 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 Meredith George

Absent: Warren Day

Clerk/Treasurer: Jessica Alvarado

Deputy Clerk/treasurer: William Bamann

Chiefs: Davis Johnston, Jason Lee, John Smith and Fred Sourwine

District Manager: Fred Sourwine

Guests: N/A

The floor was opened for public comment. N/A

Minutes: The minutes of the May 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 May 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.

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

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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.

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

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved contacting Attorney Pinsky and having him send a letter to Northern Heating & Cooling (Lafargeville) in regard to the issues with Station 1 furnace.

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.

Two recruits to get their 229 Cert: Upon a motion made by Arthur Cooley, 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 and B. Hulbert to get their 229 Certification. The cost is approximately \$5000 per person and approximately \$2700 per person to Suny JCC including tuition, meals and boarding.

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

The Motion carried.

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

Be it resolved the Commissioners approved new members Igor Stegnyy (Station Support) and Brady Guldenfennig (Jr.firefighter).

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

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The Motion carried.

J. Brass: On May 29th for the DPAO concert at the Watertown Arena, J.Brass tripped over a cable protector and fell and hurt her left arm. She went to Urgent Care following the incident. The Board of Fire Commissioners is aware of the accident.

Old Business: Solar on Earth: 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 Commissioners approved hiring Solar on Earth to install solar panels on the closest solar farm to save on utilities.

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

The Motion carried.

New Business: JCC (Jefferson Community College) is offering a class on Grant Writing. The cost for the self-guided 3-month on-line class is \$125.00 and for the 6-week with Instructor online class is \$125.00. Choice is up to Jessie A, Sec/treas. to determine which class to attend.

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 the Grant writing class.

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

The Motion carried.

NYS Police & Fire Retirement System: Upon a motion made by Arthur Cooley, seconded by Mike Hanley, and after a discussion held, the following resolution was approved.

Three retirement Section 375 -c & e , Section 375-g and Section 375-l.

Be it resolved the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the Retirement 375-l, If a member retires with 20 or more years of service credit, this benefit provides for 1/50th(2 percent) of the members FAE (If a member retires with less than 20 years of service credit, the benefit would be 1/60th (1.66 percent) of the FAE. (All of the plans require a member to be at least 55 to retire (with reduced benefits) Full benefits are paid at age 62).

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

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Terminate Pest Control: 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 to terminate Arrow Pest Control at both Station 1 & 3.

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

The Motion Carried.

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

Be it resolved the Fire Commissioners approved purchase of an ID Card system for members & employees.

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 Meredith George, 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. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessy Alvarado
Clerk-Treasurer

William L. Bamann
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer