POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE June 11, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

*\*NB – All votes are assumed to be unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

PRESENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher, Vice Chairman Joe Roemer, Commissioner Frank Tavolacci, Commissioner Edward Trail, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte, Chief Garrett Biagerelli, Chief Vincent Duffield. Jr., Chief Nick Rienzi

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland, Matthew Vogt of New England Aquatic Services

ABSENT: Commissioner David Ekholm

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Rid g e Fir e District to order at 6:59 P.M.

HYDRANT REPORT Matthew Vogt of New England Aquatic Services inspected our dry hydrants and made the follow recommendations: Six of our hydrants need attention. They are: 2 at the Market; 1 at the Park; 1 at Dogwood Hills; 1 at Winterbottom Lane; 1 on Fox Run Road. Discussion of problems available in estimate document, filed with Secretary. Bottom line is a quote of $220,137.50 to fix all six. He also recommended having hydrants inspected one a year. Board will take under advisement. Job would have to go out to bid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Commissioner Roemer’s motion to accept the March minutes was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

**Commissioner Roemer’s motion to approve payment of the bills as submitted, was seconded by Commissioner Trail and was unanimously approved.**

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:.

**Commissioner Roemer’s motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved.**

Treasurer reports that we have received a refund of $960.84 from the State of New York for overpayments made in 2023. Back in General Fund.

CHIEF'S REPORT: 28 calls in May. (list attached)

M EMBERSHIP: No new members

CHIEF'S PURCHASES Want to purchase new ATV. We had a donation from Erik Dobkin of $5,000. $1,200 was used to offset costs of towing, storage and disposal of his burned out car after a fire. The remaining $3,800 to be used to offset part of the cost of the ATV. Remainder to be taken from Chief’s budget line.

**Motion to purchase the ATV at a cost not to exceed $9,000 made by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci.**

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: Committee met and set three priorties: 1) Fix the building 2) Improve membership numbers and participation 3)Expand water supply within the district. Planning on these still being worked on. Many options for each.

Study has been made of options for Engine 113. We could 1)remediate rust and refurbish engine at an estimated cost of $500,000 2)Get a new cab and chassis or purchase a stock engine for $1.1million, or 3) purchase new engine at a cost of $1.6million. Each option has its pluses and minuses. Chief recommends taking 113 to Firematic for a second opinion and then make a comparative decision. The numbers and options are all spelled out in Priority Document from Chairman Gallagher.

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION -

Commissioner Tavolacci suggests starting the driveway modification BEFORE starting the foundation.

**Motion from Commissioner Tavolacci to adopt the use of a PLA (project labor agreement) for the firehouse construction project. Seconded by Commissioner Roemer.**

**Notice has been placed in Journal News for bids. Due on July 2nd to be opened. Special meeting to be held on that date in the afternoon to deal with the bids.**

WATER SUPPLY: School is still waiting for the State. We need a bid package to get bids to fix the 6 hydrants identified as needing work. Commissioner Trail to produce.

INSURANCE: Insurance reps to come to board meeting either July 16th or August 13th.

COM PUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD M EETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: Physicals completed. Still have three members who need physicals: David Burgess, Chase Barada, David Russell.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Caretaker Dodge given permission to order items at a cost not to exceed $500, given the email or text approval of three commissioners, without calling a special meeting.

**Motion to approve the above made by Commissioner Tavolacci. Seconded by Commissioner Roemer.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Trail’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Gallagher and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M .

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer