

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE July 16, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Joe Roemer, Commissioner Frank Tavalacci, Commissioner David Ekholm, Commissioner Edward Trail, Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte, Chief Vincent Duffield. Jr.,

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

ABSENT: Chairman Peter Gallagher

CALL TO ORDER Vice-Chairman Roemer called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:24 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Trail's motion to accept the June minutes was seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Trail's motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci and was unanimously approved.

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

MEMBERSHIP Member Zack Mendes has resigned. New member Ryan Kent accepted by department on 7/8/24.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES Chief asks for the following:

Dumpster to clean up highway garage area used to practice with Hurst tools – Not To Exceed \$500

Line launchers for water rescues - NTE \$500

(3) off-road tire patching kits – NTE \$400

-2nd outboard motor for boat – NTE \$4,999 from Chief's Budget Line

(2) oil change kits for ATV's – NTE \$100

Motion to purchase the above listed items made by Commissioner Trail, seconded by Commissioner Tavalacci.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: Received an estimate from Gowans Knight to address corrosion problems, etc., on 113 in the amount of \$550,000. Decision is made to take it to both Firematic and Santos for 2nd and 3rd opinions before further action.

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION - Bids were opened this afternoon at 1p. Currently vetting the 3 lowest bidders who came in at 5.49, 6.8, and 6.9 million respectively, for the addition only (no kitchen)

WATER SUPPLY: Considering the report from hydrant service company there is work needed on a number of hydrants.

Motion by Commissioner Ekholm to start by repairing two (2) hydrants at the market and the hydrant on Winterbottom at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 which will be taken from the Hydrant Reserve fund. Seconded by Commissioner Trail.

INSURANCE: Insurance reps will come to board meeting on August 13th.

COMPUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: Still have 5 members who need mask fit tests.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Caretaker Dodge asks for authorization to start obtaining the materials necessary for Fire Prevention week within the budget of \$2,500.

Motion made by Commissioner Ekholm to authorize the expenditure. Seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Before the meeting formally was called to order, the board was addressed by John McCown on the topic of the proposed Scott's Corners water district. Mr. McCown wanted the district to sign a petition asking for a referendum on the matter. Board said they would take it under advisement.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Ekholm's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Trail and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 835 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer