

POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

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

PRESENT: : Chairman Peter Gallagher; Vice Chairman Joseph Roemer; Commissioner David Ekholm, , Caretaker Sam Dodge, Chief Vincent Zafonte.

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland,

ABSENT: Commissioner Frank Tavalacci, Commissioner Edward Trail

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Gallagher called the regular meeting of the Pound Ridge Fire District to order at 7:07 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Roemer's motion to accept the November minutes was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner Roemer's motion to accept the bills was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Roemer's motion to accept the November Treasurer's report was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

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

MEMBERSHIP Member David Burgess resigned effective this date. Nestor Orsorio has resigned but awaiting formal letter from him. And there is a new member Sebastian Leightly.

CHIEF'S PURCHASES: No purchases but Larry Bouton hit a deer on his way to the FD to get the tanker. His insurance has covered all but the \$500 deductible. Chief asks that a claim be made to our insurance to reimburse Larry for the expense. Commissioner Roemer to handle.

New Chief's vehicle will be ready in mid-January. Check needed for Karl Chevrolet for \$82,890.70. Need to sell old vehicle.

Chief asks for \$500 to purchase materials (item #4, lumber, etc.) so as pad can be built near the pond to house the open trailer just purchased from Garrett Biagerelli, and create gate to keep people out.

Commissioner Roemer's motion to allocate the funds was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

Department is due for CPR, AED, BBP, Sexual Harassment and HazMat training. After comparing rates, decision is made to use Emily Clark for the training rather than Beth Sanger.

Nick Rienzi has obtained a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used to purchase small, personal, thermal imaging cameras that the chief's and officers can wear next to their gas meters.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE: NR

EXPANDED LONG TERM PLANNING AND ADDITION: Plan has gone back out for bids. Due in January 13th.

Chairman Gallagher expressed unhappiness with the failure of both the architect and the attorney to make sure that the original bid was secured by a BID BOND and/or a PERFORMANCE BOND. He suggests that the District withhold payment for any extra invoices related to the rebid.

May need a clerk of the works under the new bid configuration.

Have to figure out when and how to do the boilers after the new bid number comes in.

WATER SUPPLY: Material ordered for Winterbottom. Starting on Market.

INSURANCE: Renewing workers comp. \$28,620 gets paid in January.

COMPUTER: Dave Ekholm says 3 new computers needed. \$5,273 for 3 Lenovo machines, with **no other costs** and one-year warranty. Printers are good. Officers, chief, upstairs.

Commissioner Roemer's motion to allocate the funds from professional services budget line, was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: NR.

MEDICAL: NR

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Hire Goosetown Communications to program portable trunking radios for \$1,000.

Commissioner Roemer's motion to allocate the funds from radio communications to program the radios was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

Andy Fredericks for \$1,440

Commissioner Roemer's motion to allocate the funds was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

Need to replace Kenwood radio in 2403 (pickup) at a cost of \$4,000.

Commissioner Roemer's motion to allocate the funds from the Drills and Mutual Aid budget line was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

Boy Scouts have asked for us to sponsor them again. Chairman Gallagher suggests that we sponsor for one more year.

Commissioner Roemer's motion to continue sponsorship for a year seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and was unanimously approved.

Taking advanced plan for Cancer Insurance.

Starlink approved for purchase to be put on District Credit card. \$600 for mobile unit, then \$50/mo for service.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NR

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Roemer's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Ekholm and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Friedland Secretary/Treasurer