POUND RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Joe Roemer, Commissioners David Ekholm, and Frank Tavolacci,

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary/Treasurer Justin Friedland

ABSENT: Chairman Pete Gallagher, Commissioner Edward Trail, and Chief Vincent Zafonte

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Roemer called the regular meeting of the Pound Rid g e Fir e District to order at 7:02 P.M.

APPROVAL OF M INUTES:

Commissioner Ekholm’s motion to accept the February minutes was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Commissioner Ekholm’s motion to approve payment of the bills was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Ekholm’s motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and was unanimously approved. Note that checking account is down to approx.. $28,000. We have asked for another $50,000 advance from the town.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

No report. Calls for the month read by Secretary/Treasurer Friedland

4 Fires, 3 EMS rescue, 6 Hazardous Condition, 5 Service calls, 1 Good Intent, 12 False Calls for a total of 31 calls.

M EM BERSHIP:

No Report

CHIEF'S PURCHASES

Caretaker Dodge asks for $476.70 to order new License plate riders for all members and officers who need them. To come out of EM line.

LONG TERM PLANNING UPDATE:

 Beginning of design phase. Meeting with architect and construction manager, engineer, bond attorneys, other attorneys. Details to come as all meeting are TBD.

NYSEG wants $44,000 to move box on Westchester ave. Engineer suggested going to a manager to see if we can get a break based on our status. Need to make contact at OEM meeting. Need a new pole in back, then run line in trench to new termination point.

WATER SUPPLY:

Commissioner Ekholm said Chief Zafonte has spoken to owners of White Birch pond and hydrant who now want to move or replace existing, non-working, dry hydrant with a mat that would allow a truck to drive right up to the pond. Question about do they get a tax break for doing the work. More to be decided.

Commissioner Ekholm said there is a pond on Hemlock Hill that would be useful. He has sent a letter to the homeowner.

VP Roemer asks about status of buried tanks around town. Are they full? Are they operational? Need to ask water guys to check them and test them as possible. Palermos, end of Indian Hill, Joshua hobby.

Elementary school still has not done anything about their pond. Comm. Ekholm going to send them another email prodding them for action.

INSURANCE: NR

COM PUTER: NR

TOWN & PLANNING BOARD M EETINGS: NR

MEDICAL: Medical exams scheduled for Mid-May.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

 South Salem fire district inspection dinner on April 1st.

 Board of Elections wants permission to use the fire house for the primary 6/27 and the November election on 11/7.

 Blood drive wants permission to use firehouse on Mar. 25.

 VP Roemer makes motion to approve election use and blood drive use. Seconded by Comm. Ekholm. Unanimous approval.

 Boxes of old district paperwork that needs to be shredded. One quote for $150 to shred 10 banker’s boxes full of paper, and then another $125 for the next 10 boxes. Will be brought up when we have more estimates.

 Caretaker Dodge says he has sent info on online courses to all members. And then we have to provide forms to report harassment or exposure. The online courses give us a read-out of who has taken what course. Question sent to attorney Pinsky regarding keeping electronic records rather than paper.

There being no additional business to come before the Board Commissioner Ekholm’s motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Commissioner Tavolacci and unanimously agreed to by all the attending Commissioners. Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M .

Respectfully submitted,

 Justin Friedland

Secretary/Treasurer