

Goshen Fire District

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

I. Call to order:

Chairman Turi called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Fire District at 7:00 PM on October 19, 2023 in Goshen, NY. Unless otherwise stated, all of the resolutions/motions were approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners present and such persons were present during each vote unless otherwise indicated.

II. Attendees:

The following people were present: Chairman Turi, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Shovlin, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Mendres, Secretary Roberts, Treasurer Keeley, Chief Wade, Assistant Chief Easop, Past Chief Budd, Dikeman Captain Gambuti

Absent: Assistant Chief Graham

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 21, 2023. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

IV. Correspondence:

- Association of Fire Districts of Orange County will be meeting on October 24, 2023 at the Monroe Fire District – Station 1
- Received a letter from the Cataract Engine & Hose Company asking the Board to purchase a new treadmill.
- Received paperwork from Past Chief Budd with a proposal for the Incentive Program. Copy distributed to each Commissioner.
- Need to approve the resolution for the Commissioners Election.
- Received letters from each Chief with respect to the position they are running for this year.

V. Treasurer Report :

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to approve Abstract 16 consisting of vouchers 1 to 10 in the amount of \$11,018.73 and Abstract 17 consisting of vouchers 26 to 42 in the amount of \$35,018.06 for a total amount of \$46,036.79. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

Cash Receipts: None

VI. Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Pearson:

- 10 Truck Checks done, no major issues, refilled necessary fluids.
- 931 – New tires.

Commissioner Shovlin:

- Ordered Total Smoke.

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- Will be ordering 16 harnesses that were not included with gear ordered.

Commissioner Mendres:

- Have distributed new insurance cards.
- Need pictures of 937 and Car 3 for insurance.

Commissioner Donnelly:

DIKEMAN

- Exhaust fan in district kitchen needs to be upgraded as the current hood keeps timing out. It would cost between 30-40K. Instructed users to turn off pilots and light manually.
- Still working with TAM on a date for the concrete pad.
- Fridge upstairs is not working. Called Mountain Restaurant and they ordered the parts.
- Will not be doing the sign at the end of Dikeman Drive as the landowners want yearly renewal.
- Ceiling in bar area will be repaired.

CATARACTS

- Found 2 big bee's nest in the heater lines
- Repaired fans in bays
- Changed upstairs urinal to manual flush
- Painted frames of bay doors – need to repair and repaint some

MINISINKS

- Weeds pulled
- Fans installed in bays
- Lights were installed over outside sign.
- Breaker was replaced for A/C
- Outside fire escape stairs have been finished
- A/C upstairs was repaired
- Winterized maintenance was done
- Painting has been started
- Boiler needs insurance inspection.

SHED

- Electrician ran electric for the A/C unit.

TO DO

- All 3 air hose reels will be installed first week of October
- A/C in radio room and rooms above bays in Station 3.
- A/C drain lines in bar area at Station 3.

Commissioner Turi: None

VII. Chief's Reports

Chief Wade:

- Fire Calls September 2023, Fire-58, Rescue -12, Total -70, YTD -430
- In order to port over the information from ESA to Alpine we will need to pay ESO \$500.00 which Alpine said they will reimburse us for. Will contact ESO and ask them to send a bill.

Assistant Chief Easop:

- Called Fisch and told them we would not be renewing the contract..

VIII. Old Business:

- Commissioner Pearson notified the board that the Goshen School District is holding a public hearing on November 6 with regards to the 10% tax reduction for Firefighters. Suggested that some of our member attend.

IX. New Business:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to Approve the 2024 budget at \$1,857,080.00. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- Upon motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly a resolution was made to hold the annual Commissioner election on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 6 to 9 PM (Attachment A). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to place on the ballot on December 12, 2023 a proposition for changes to the LOSAP program. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to purchase a new treadmill for Station 2. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- Everyone received the new proposal for the Incentive Program. Please review so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Secretary Roberts has been instructed to send to Mr. Pinsky to review.

X. Public Participation: None

XI. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn at 7:30 PM. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. Roberts
Secretary

RESOLUTION FOR REGULAR ELECTION

WHEREAS, Section 175(a) of the Town Law provides for the election of Fire District Officers and the procedures therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the regular election for Fire District Commissioner shall take place on the 12th day of December, 2023, from 6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. in the evening;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Goshen Fire District may be considered to be appointed to constitute the Goshen Fire District Board of Elections for the 2023 annual Fire District Election:

Chairman : Shannon Stansfield
Election Inspectors: Michelle Gambuti
 Allen Jorgensen
 Malcolm Stewart

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks be compensated in the amount of \$50.00 each for their services in preparing the registration records and attendance at the annual election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are residence electors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notice of Election shall be published in the November 8, 2023 issue of THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN, and the November 8, 2023 issue of TIMES HERALD RECORD;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that candidates for the Office of Fire Commissioner send a letter stating their intention to seek office no later than 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on November 22, 2023.

Dated: October 19, 2023

On Motion of __Commissioner Mendres__ ; Seconded by: _Commissioner Donnelly ____

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstention</u>
ALFRED TURI, JR.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____.
BRENDA SHOVLIN	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
RICHARD PEARSON	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
RICHARD MENDRES	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
REX DONNELLY	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____