

# Goshen Fire District

## Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023

### I. Call to order:

Chairman Turi called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Fire District at 7:00 PM on August 17, 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, Assistant Chief Easop, Assistant Chief Graham, Past Chief Budd, Captain Gambuti

Absent: Chief Wade

### III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on July 20, 2023. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

### IV. Correspondence:

- The Association of Fire Districts of Orange County will meet on August 22, 2023 at the Coldenham Fire Department.
- Received a thank you note from Goshen Collision for allowing them to repair our Chief's car.
- Received a request from GOVAC to use the bays at Station1 on October 19, 2023 from 12 to 7 PM for the Lisa Scheuermann Blood Drive.
- Received an e-mail from Horizon Medical – one of our members asked about a Hepatitis B shot. Do we pay for this. Will notify Horizon Medical that we do.
- Received a request from the Lions Club to hold their annual training either August 26 or a Saturday in September from 8:30-12:30.
- Received an e-mail from Mr. Marc Hitchcock about putting a fiber-to-the-home Point of Presence in one of our firehouses. Will invite him to the September 21, 2023 meeting.

### V. Treasurer Report :

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to approve Abstracts 12 and 13 consisting of vouchers 28 to 62 for a total amount of \$54,542.07. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

Cash Receipts: None

Received 2% money in the amount of \$62,526.23. Each company will receive \$20,842.08 when reports are turned in.

## **VI. Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Pearson:

- 10 Truck Checks done, no major issues, refilled necessary fluids.
- 931 – Added DEF and washer fluids.
- 932 – Added DEF and washer fluids. Adjusted Tire Pressure.
- 933 – Added washer fluids.
- 934 – Added DEF and coolant. Check starting procedure and test batteries.
- 935 – Replaced headlight.
- 936 – Added DEF
- 937 – Added coolant and drained a/c manually. Will need to drop head liner and plumb AC drain.
- 938 – No issues.
- 939 – No Issues.
- 941 – No issues.
- D/C – Report of check engine light on and flashing of smoke from engine. Found multiple codes and issues.
- Car 2 – Perform full service. Changed oil/filter, rotated tires, replaced wipers and fuel service. Replace front and rear brakes. Will need tire at service in November.

Commissioner Shovlin:

- CO meters ordered.
- Will be ordering flashlights for dinner.

Commissioner Mendres:

- FF was injured at an event. All paperwork has been submitted.

Commissioner Donnelly:

- Met with various contractors to get more quote for work to be done at all 3 Stations
- Met with Comairco and contacted All Air for install of hose reels.
- Had an on-site meeting scheduled with Pro Painting Plus they called to rescheduled and never showed.
- HK Laundry came and fixed washer at Station 1
- Maintenance Man fixed the garbage disposal at Station 2 and when he arrived the multiple doors were unlocked.
- No A/C in meeting room at Station 1 – Boiler King was contacted.
- Met with Town Building Inspector with regards to sign at end of Dikeman Drive – have to have written permission from Greek Dairy and it can be 6x5 and no more than 8 feet high. Also asked about handicap accessibility if redo bathrooms at Station1 – said as long as there is one available in building do not have to have one downstairs.

Commissioner Turi: None

## **VII. Chief's Reports**

Chief Wade: Absent

Assistant Chief Easop:

- Fire Calls July 2023, Fire- 66, Rescue -13, Total - 79, YTD - 315
- Would like permission for our apparatus to attend the wetdown in Warwick on 8-20-23. Will be spacing them out throughout the day.

Assistant Chief Graham:

- Would like to replace our current Emergency Reporting System with Alpine Software as Emergency Reporting will no longer be in effect at the end of this year. The start up cost would be \$20,000. They will port over all of our information.
- Will be giving streamlight flashlights out at the dinner to firefighters that made over 10% of calls last year.
- At the end of this year our contract with Fisch Solutions will be up and we are not going to renew it as they are not servicing us as we had hoped. We would like to buy new tablets and mounts for the 3 chiefs cars, D/C and 6 apparatus. The total cost would be \$76,085.00.
- Have received a quote from AED Superstore to purchase our 9 old AED's for a total of \$900.00
- We will hosting a Paratech training on August 23 and 24 at the Orange County Training Center. We have 9 firefighters signed up which we paid the initial cost of \$900.00 to secure their spot. We will receive a check for \$400.00 for hosting the event.
- Have 4 members taking classes. One for Basic Exterior FF, one for Fire Instructor and 2 for EMT.

#### **VIII. Old Business:**

- Question was raised by Commissioner Pearson to the new LOSAP program we would like to Implement. If it is approved by the public will there be enough money in the budget for next year to cover anyone that meets the new timeframe. After looking at the budget it was determined there would be.

#### **IX. New Business:**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to allow the Lions Club to use the training room at Station 3 on August 26 or a Saturday in September for their annual training. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to allow GOVAC to use the bays at Station 1 on October 19, 2023 for the Lisa Schuermann Blood Drive. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Shovlin and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to allow the apparatus to go to the wetdown in Warwick on Saturday, August 20, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- Upon motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to Surplus the 2012 Dodge Durango, VIN 1C4RDJAG3CC117118 as the engine is gone. (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 Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to Sell 9 AED to AED Superstore for a total of \$900.00. 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 issue a contract with Alpine Software A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to Transfer money in the amount of \$77,000 for the purchase of new tablets and mounts. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to purchase of new tablets and mounts in the amount of \$77,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed

- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to go out to bid for the remodel of the downstairs bathrooms at Station 1. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to allow Commissioner Donnelly to use the bays at Station1 on Friday, August 18, 2023. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin and Pearson all voted yes. Commissioner Donnelly abstained. Motion passed
- Roof at Station1 will be started next week. Contractor will be dropping off material the next couple of days
- Budget Worksession will be at 7:00 prior to the Worksession.
- Commissioner Donnelly requested an executive session for personnel matter.

**X. Public Participation:**

- Past Chief Budd said they were working on the awards program and that he had spoken to someone in the comptroller's office with the help of Senator Skoufis that said he does not believe it is unlawful to give out gift cards, etc. Still working with them and will let us know.

**XI. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn to executive session for personnel matters at 7:45 PM. As there is nothing to vote on we will adjourn directly from executive session. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. Roberts  
Secretary

GOSHEN FIRE DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

August 17, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 176(23) of the Town Law, the Goshen Fire District, Town of Goshen, County of Orange, State of New York does hereby declare the following items of equipment longer necessary for the purposes of the fire District: and

IT IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PURSUANT TO Section 176(23) of the Town Law, the Goshen Fire District is authorized to dispose of said equipment.

2012 Dodge Durango  
VIN 1C4RDJAG3CC117118

Motion by: \_Commissioner Pearson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mendres

Vote:

Commissioner :	Yes	No	Abstain/Absent
Turi	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Donnelly	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Pearson	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Shovlin	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____
Mendres	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____