

Goshen Fire District

Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2023

I. Call to order:

Chairman Turi called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Fire District at 7:00 PM on December 21, 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 Donnelly, Commissioner Mendres, Secretary Roberts, Treasurer Keeley, Assistant Chief Easop, Assistant Chief Graham Past Chief Budd, Dikeman Captain Gambuti

Absent: Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Shovlin, Chief Wade

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on November 16, 2023. All Commissioners present in favor. Two commissioners absent. Motion passed.

IV. Correspondence:

- Received fee schedule from Pinsky Law Firm with three options which we need to send back.
- Received notification from Marshall & Sterling that they have removed the 2012 Dodge.
- Received a request from Minisink Hook & Ladder for Nick Torrisi to start driver training on 935. Secretary Roberts did the required license check and everything is in order.
- Received an e-mail from LeeAnn Winfield who is the Day Habilitation Manger for Community Based Services and would like to know if there are any jobs that the clients could volunteer to do at the three firehouses.

V. Treasurer Report :

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to approve Abstract 20 consisting of vouchers 20 to 33 in the amount of \$73,389.87 and Abstract 21 consisting of vouchers 74 to 105 in the amount of \$29,880.79 for a total amount of \$103,270.66. All Commissioners present in favor. Two Commissioners absent. Motion passed.

Cash Receipts: Reimbursement Alpine Software \$500.00
Donation – Deshler Family \$100.00
Reimbursement – Staples \$293.39
Reimbursement – McNeil 7 Co. \$150.00
Total \$1,043.39

VI. Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Pearson: Absent – Report given by Secretary Roberts

- 937 – Parts for the turn table are in and will work with the chief's as to when it can go to Firematic. There is a drawer in one of the compartments that is broke. Danny has been advised of the issue.

- 931 – Was left with the regen warning light on. Chiefs Easop and Graham were advised of the problem. Chief Easop and myself will be working on a policy to avoid this problem again.

Commissioner Shovlin: Absent

Commissioner Mendres:

- Firefighter Gambuti's claim has been closed.
- Have an internal report for the FF who had an issue at Warwick Fire.
- Voucher for Cancer bill

Commissioner Donnelly:

DIKEMAN

- Met with TRAN (airhandler) Engineer and Boiler King for Air handlers and boiler room issue.
- New A/C units installed in radio room and officer's room
- Greenhill Communications fixed the phones and doorbell.
- Hose reel installed
- Lettering on side of building. Will have to come back in new year.
- A Plus snaked lines
- Found the problem with the banging noise in the office. A zone valve in the gym is facing the wrong way – will be fixed in the spring.

CATARACTS

- Kitchen sink was clogged. A Plus removed the garbage disposal and snaked lines.
- Hose reels installed – already drove away still plugged in.
- Washer repaired
- Kitchen sink handle replaced.

MINISINKS

- Upstairs floors repaired
- Met with NAS for an estimate on relay for fans and upgrade of cameras for all three firehouses.
- NAS Tested smoke detectors – all three firehouses
- Painter did touch up work
- Boiler room doors were installed by TAM
- Hose reels installed waiting on dryer
- Ice machine is broken.
- While installing the new siren NYCOMCO Fried it. Will be replaced.
- Bought a hammer drill and backpack blower

Commissioner Turi:

- End of year LOSAP information is here. Will be given to the chief at the reorganizational meeting.

VII. Chief's Reports

Chief Wade: Absent

Assistant Chief Easop:

- Fire Calls November 2023, Fire - 30, Rescue -8, Total -38, YTD – 516
- Mid Hudson Psych center is building a new facility and will be installed Knox Boxes on the standpipes so the inmates can't tamper with them.
- The NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control is implementing a "Volunteer Firefighter Stipend Program". This program will give a stipend a FF who completes BEFO, IFO and Fire

Officer. It will only be given to individuals for a first time completion and only for courses completed after 8/31/23.

- Recommend that a letter of accommodation be placed in the FAST Team individual folder for the life saving tactics done at the Warwick Fire.

Assistant Chief Graham: None

VIII. Old Business:

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to accept the specs for the new Pumper/Tanker in the amount of \$1,357,000.00. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioners Pearson and Shovlin were absent. Motion passed.

IX. New Business:

- Commissioner Pearson was re-elected to a five year term and the Increase to the LOSAP Program was approved.
- Chief's election was held on December 7, 2023 and the results are as follows:
 - Chief – Peter Easop
 - 1st Asst. Chief – Daniel Graham
 - 2nd Asst. Chief – Charles Gambuti
- Chiefs were given the old Rules and Regulations for Chiefs and Officers and told to update them.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to amend the Rules and Regulations for Chiefs and Officers as follows:
 - change from one member from each company
 - to 2 members from one company to be chief at the same time.Commissioner Turi, Mendres, and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioners Pearson and Shovlin were absent. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to accept the chief's elections. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioners Pearson and Shovlin were absent. Motion passed
- Reorganizational meeting will be on January 9, 2024 at 5:00PM, followed by dinner.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to allow Nicholas Torrisi to start driver training on 935. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioners Pearson and Shovlin were absent. Motion passed
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to go with the hourly rate of \$400.00 with Pinsky Law Firm. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioners Pearson and Shovlin were absent. Motion passed
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to have a commendation letter from the board and the Commendation letter from the chiefs placed in the individual folders of the FAST Team that saved the Warwick FF Life. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioners Pearson and Shovlin were absent. Motion passed
- Upon a motion made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly a resolution was made to purchase a new Pumper/Tanker and necessary equipment in the amount of \$1,500,000 from capital fund following permissive referendum. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed. (Attachment A)
- UBS is scheduled for our April meeting.

X. Public Participation:

- Past Chief Budd requested that the front door of Station 2 be looked at as it is not closing.

XI. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to adjourn at 7:40 PM. All Commissioners present in favor. Two Commissioners absent. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. Roberts
Secretary

RESOLUTION OF THE GOSHEN FIRE DISTRICT

Whereas, the district has a need to purchase a new pumper/tanker;

Whereas, sufficient reserve funds have been saved in a capital reserve fund which may be utilized to purchase the apparatus;

Whereas, spending funds in a capital reserve requires the resolution to be subject to permissive referendum;

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, and **subject to permissive referendum**, the fire commissioners of the fire district RESOLVE as follows:

1. There is hereby declared a need to purchase a pumper/tanker utilizing funds from an appropriate capital reserve fund;
2. The district shall purchase the apparatus utilizing funds from the capital reserve fund;
3. Up to \$1,500,000.00 may be withdrawn from the capital reserve fund for the payment of a pumper/tanker and appropriate equipment. The withdrawal may be taken in one or more amounts;
4. No funds may be withdrawn until the passage of thirty days from the date of publication of the abstract of the publication of this resolution;
5. The secretary is hereby directed to place an abstract of the resolution upon the town’s sign board and website immediately, and must remain there for at least 15 days;
6. The secretary is hereby directed to place such abstract in the newspaper having general circulation in this district.

This resolution was approved by a majority of the Commissioners, on the 21st day of December, 2023.

By: Commissioner Mendres , seconded by Commissioner Donnelly

Commissioner Turi ___Yes_____

Commissioner Mendres ___Yes_____

Commissioner Pearson ___Absent_____

Commissioner Donnelly ___Yes_____

Commissioner Shovlin ___Absent_____