

# Goshen Fire District

## Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024

### I. Call to order:

Co-Chairman Pearson called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Fire District at 7:00 PM on October 17, 2024 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: Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Shovlin, Commissioner Donnelly, Secretary Roberts, Treasurer McPhee, Chief Easop, Assistant Chief Graham, Assistant Chief Gambuti, Past Chief Budd

Absent: Chairman Turi

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Shovlin and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 19, 2024. All Commissioners present in favor. One Commissioner absent. Motion passed.

### IV. Correspondence:

- Received paperwork for Cataract Engine & Hose Company for new member: Seamus-Finn Predmore – 16/17 Yr. Old – Will need resolution
- HVAC Bid will be going out to be opened on November 18, 2024.
- Received a request from Ralph Lemme of UBS to move money.
- Spoke with John Bach and he said the Pilot Money from Glen Arden is supposed to be distributed this month.

### V. Treasurer Report :

- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to approve checks for October with two abstracts first in the amount of \$52,967.47 and the second for utilities/cc in the amount of \$8,289.47 for a total of \$61,256.94. All Commissioners present in favor. One Commissioner Absent. Motion passed.

### VI. Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Pearson:

- 10 Truck checks completed.
- 931 – Added DEF. Replaced the Kussamaul Charging Unit
- 932 – Added DEF. Performed regen.
- 933 – Topped off fluids.
- 934 – Added DEF. Performed regen.
- 935 – Topped off fluids. Replaced Air Governor.
- 936 – Added DEF.
- 937 – Unit is back in service. Completed NYSI. Added DEF. Check Trac light on dash-will trouble shoot with manufacturer – wiring diagram.
- 938 – No issues.
- 939 – No Issues.
- 941 – No issues.

- Car 1 – Performed full service.

Commissioner Shovlin:

- Insurance – working on renewal
- Equipment - None.

Commissioner Donnelly:

**Station 1:**

- Clog sink which he fixed.
- Frontier switch from cable to fiber optic.

**Station 2:**

- Phone line is down. Working with Frontier.

**Station 3:**

- Sidewalks have been replaced. Will hold off on the front pad until next year
- NYCOMCO installed the repeater at the shed.

Commissioner Turi: Absent

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

Chief Easop:

- Calls for September 37.
- Candy Cane Run has been changed – will be participating in the Christmas Parade and will throw candy canes at that time.
- Will be participating in the Halloween events at the park and town police station. Candy was purchased by the council for these events.
- Mask Test is complete
- Cascade system is repaired.

Assistant Chief Graham:

- Humastro tool is back in operation.
- I Am Responding has been rolled out. Will be having training in the upcoming weeks.
- PSS Training will be on November 10, 2024. Currently have 10 members signed up. Class can hold 12.
- Have a request from a photographer that wants to take pictures of our apparatus. Will give us copies when completed.
- CPR Class on December 1 at Station 1.
- Hydroram from 937 is out for repair.
- Discussing having a BBQ instead of department dinner.
- Council purchased a gift certificate for Chief McCann for his retirement.

Assistant Chief Gambuti:

- SCBA and Flow testing has been completed. Face piece from 932 needed to be repaired.
- Driver Training SOG will have next month.

## **VIII. Old Business:**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to reimburse members for gym memberships. A copy of procedure was created (Attachment A). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Pearson, Shovlin and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioner Turi was absent. Motion passed

**IX. New Business:**

- Upon a motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to accept Seamus-Finn Predmore as 16/17 year old member of the Cataract Engine & Hose Company(Attachment B). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Pearson, Shovlin and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioner Turi was absent. Motion passed
- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to allow UBS to move money from Vanguard Ultra Short Term Bond Fund to Vanguard Intermediate Term Bond Fund. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Pearson, Shovlin and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioner Turi was absent. Motion passed
- Upon a motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to go over the 2% tax cap (Attachment C). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Pearson, Shovlin and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioner Turi was absent. Motion passed
- A motion was made by Commissioner Donnelly and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to Accept the 2025 Budget at \$1,952,769.00. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Pearson, Shovlin and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioner Turi was absent. Motion passed
- Upon a motion was made by Commissioner Shovlin and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to hold the Commissioners Election on December 10, 2024 (Attachment D). A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Pearson, Shovlin and Donnelly voted yes. Commissioner Turi was absent. Motion passed
- A discussion took place with regards to dogs being allowed in and on the Fire District property. Policy will be reviewed and discussed at next meeting.
- Commissioner Pearson will be attending the Annual Conference and will be talking with representative from NY Class to see what the procedure is to invest with them. He will have more information for our next meeting.
- Will be modifying our insurance policy for next year. More information at our next meeting.

**X. Public Participation: None**

**XI. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Shovlin and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to adjourn to at 7:35 PM. All Commissioners present in favor. One commissioner absent. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen A. Roberts  
Secretary

Firefighter Physical Fitness Reimbursement Program

To be eligible a member must complete ALL of the following:

- Firefighter must be active
- Make 15% of calls per quarter
- Must utilize gym membership 4x per month

Members of the Minisink Hook and Ladder will be reimbursed up to \$50.00 per month paid quarterly. (March/June/September/December).  
Proof of payment and attendance MUST be submitted with the voucher in order to be reimbursed.

Members of the Cataract Engine & Hose & Dikeman Engine & Hose will be reimbursed up to \$25.00 per month paid quarterly. (March/June/September/December)  
Proof of payment and attendance MUST be submitted with voucher in order to be reimbursed.

All vouchers and supporting documents MUST be submitted by the worksession of each quarter. (the Monday prior to the third Thursday).

GOSHEN FIRE DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 16-17 YEAR OLD

DATE: October 17, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED that Seamus-Finn Predmore is HEREBY ACCEPTED as a 16 or 17 year old member of the Goshen Fire Department/District, pursuant to compliance with all the rules and regulations relating to 16 and 17 year olds.

Motion by: Commissioner Donnelly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Shovlin

Vote: Commissioner :	Yes	No	abstain/absent
Turi	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Donnelly	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Shovlin	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Pearson	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

GOSHEN FIRE DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Goshen Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2025 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Goshen Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 14, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 14, 2024 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2025 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2025 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$1,952,769.00 and The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

AYES

Chairman Turi - Absent  
Commissioner Pearson - Yes  
Commissioner Donnelly - Yes  
Commissioner Shovlin - Yes

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.  
Dated: October 17, 2024  
Goshen, New York

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, 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 2024 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 6, 2024 issue of THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN, and the November 6, 2024 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 20, 2024.

Dated: October 17, 2024

On Motion of \_\_Commissioner Shovlin: 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>	_____	_____	_____
REX DONNELLY	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____