The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 11, 2024 was convened by Chairman Ciancio at 7:30pm.

Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence were held for victims of September 11th, members of the military, and firefighters.

In attendance was Chairman Bonanno, Comrs. McCarthy, Ciancio, Sciliano, Lester, Assistant Chief DiPrinzio, and Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/McCarthy to accept the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for August 21, 2024. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Sciliano to change to order of business to hear from residents on Columbus Avenue across from the district building. Residents were back to discuss they are still disturbed by the siren, inquired why it was off for a few months but has resumed and why it cannot be moved back to its original location. It was explained again that the siren was moved from DEP property that was being rented and would require authorized access from DEP anytime access to the building was necessary, that the building itself was dilapidated, falling down and required a complete demolition and rebuild that would be at the expense of the taxpayer, that the County was unable to sound the alarm at the discretion of the district's request (only for specific calls) and how the district has made several modifications to the alarm to minimize the disturbance including lessening the siren rounds from 4 to 2, for a total of 16 seconds instead of 30 and that it is only in effect from 7am-11pm daily. It was made clear that the district's position is the safety of residents, not to be an 'unfriendly neighbor' and that the siren will not be moved from its current location which is the district property that they own.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from Independent Fire Co on the resignation of Anthony Sarni and Carlos Guitierrez; 2) A letter from VFC #1 that Julian Tabb will be on active-duty military leave.

TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKS:		
7629	VOID	0.00
7630	Verizon	365.23
7631	AT&T Mobility	607.23
7632	Kristen Ciancio	2,918.22
7633	VOID	0.00
7634	American Express	565.58
7635	Cardmember Services	516.96

7636	Comptroller	510.81
7637	Con Edison	60.97
7638	Fernanda DeCampos	200.00
7639	DeLage Landen Financial Services	189.00
7640	Frank Cardone	1,550.00
7641	VOID	0.00
7642	Hummel & Butler CPAs	1,025.00
7643	KD Systems, Inc.	4,248.00
7644	M. Felice Landscaping	180.00
7645	NYS DOT	100.00
7646	Verizon	99.00
7647	Verizon	99.00
7648-7653	VOID	0.00
7654	AAA Emergency Supply Co.	4,885.82
7655	Garrison Fire & Rescue	593.28
		18,714.10

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance Forward	\$	17,902.96
Deposits	\$	250.00
Transfers	\$	20,000.00
NYS Income Tax		320.71
Humana Benefit	\$	841.82
Vouchers	\$	18,714.10
Closing Balance	\$	18,276.33
STATUS OF ACCOUNTS:		
Regular Checking	\$	18,276.33
Fire District Money Market	\$1	,287,069.93
Capital Reserve Checking	\$	9,522.93
Capital Reserve Money Market	\$1	,597,731.39
Building Reserve Money Market	\$	408,803.68
Repair Reserve Money Market	\$	527,264.33
TOTAL:	\$3	,848,668.59

SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM:Service Award Program – DBC\$1,214,705.05

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Service Award Program – DCP	<u>\$ 331,665.36</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,524,950.16

TRANSFERS:

CR MMkt Account #8388575	
CR Checking Account #8388614	\$ 9,000.00

GF MMkt Account #8388562 to CR MMkt Account #8388575 \$ 20,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Ciancio/Sciliano to accept as read the Treasurer's Report, the bills submitted for payment be approved, and transfers executed. MC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Ciancio reported the transition from QuickBooks desktop to online has been extremely difficult as it is not easy to work with the program or support; Julian Tabb's membership status will be changed to 'military leave' per Resolution 30 – Service Award Point System.

CHIEF'S REPORT

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/McCarthy to accept the Chief's report for September 2024. MC. Activity report for August 2024: alarms 36 for 206 hours; 3 drills for 66 hours; 2 meetings for 64 hours; misc. 12 for 152 hours. Total hours 488.

Asst. Chief DiPrinzio reported 8/15 the department will participate in Mt. Pleasant Day; the department will participate in a live burn drill with Thornwood and Chappaqua FDs 8/22; he attended a pre-table top meeting with DEP – they requested a letter stating a contaminated victim could be transported to WMC; scott paks were tested; door for fill station on R9 was repaired; Westchester County adopted an active shooter policy; an email was sent to officers to decide on a topic to cover at the department OSHA training to be hosted; OFPC has released a new form for background checks; received new radios for demos; will coordinate and schedule fire prevention visits; members are not permitted to attend Firefighter 1 with facial hair; discussed the possibility of attending FDIC show 4/7-4/12/25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comr. McCarthy reported E84 will be OOS 9/16-18 at Hudson Valley Fire for recall; a trailer for MA-1 will cost \$5k-8k; Chief McGuinn put all VFC #1 fire extinguishers OOS; have not received any communication from the Town on a letter re hydrants; Board members have been registered for AFDSNY fall meeting.

Comr. Sciliano reported he has been in touch with someone on cutting the trees in front of the building; HVAC unit is now working properly.

Comr. Ciancio reported he received a call that the lights are missing on the dragon tool at VFC #1; new gear has arrived; needs a count for physicals on-site 10/17; requested a meeting with Chiefs and officers on manpower.

Comr. Lester reported 9/6 he and 2482 had a call with Alpine Software on upgrading to the cloud service and adding additional modules; waiting on outlet install for monitor in back bay; has still not received door lock quote from Security World.

Chairman Bonanno reported the preliminary budget is complete and the Secretary-Treasurer will file the required paperwork with the Town and online tax cap information.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/Lester to approve \$10,000 to upgrade the RedNMX program with additional modules and move to their cloud service. A legal notice will be placed in The Journal News. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Lester/Ciancio to transfer the annual \$63,500 to the Defined Benefit Plan. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Sciliano to transfer the 2024 monies budgets for the Capital Reserve \$593,032.00 and Repair Reserve \$100,000.00. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Lester to adopt a 3-minute time limit for the public to speak during the annual budget hearing. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Ciancio/Sciliano to accept the resignations of Anthony Sarni and Carlos Gutierrez in good standing. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Bonanno/McCarthy to permit Stotz to use the district building for a bus driver course on 9/19. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Lester/Sciliano to accept the preliminary budget. MC.

With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Bonanno/McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Ciancio District Secretary-Treasurer