

Budget Hearing of the Valhalla Board of Fire Commissioners for October 15, 2024

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Valhalla Fire District for 2024 was declared open by Chairman Bonanno at 7:00pm.

Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence was held for fallen firefighters and the military.

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

Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio read the public notice which was published in the Journal News, posted on the Town and Fire District website, and posted in the Town Clerk's office.

Chairman Bonanno read the proposed 2025 budget with a 2.00% increase over 2024:

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<b>Repair Reserve Account</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,550,154.00</b>

It was then moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Ciancio to close the public hearing at 7:30pm. MC.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 15n 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners for October 15, 2024 was convened by Chairman Bonanno at 7:30pm.

In attendance were: Chairman Bonanno, Comrs. McCarthy, Ciancio, Sciliano, Lester, Asst. Chief DiPrinzio and Secretary-Treasurer Ciancio.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/McCarthy to accept the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners for September 13, 2023. MC.

Correspondence: 1) A letter from WCAFD on the annual dinner.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **CHECKS:**

7656	Cablevision	191.89
7657	VOID	0.00
7658	AT&T Mobility	607.23
7659	Verizon	365.23
7660	Comptroller	415.75
7661	Verizon	99.00
7662	Verizon	99.00
7663	Con Edison	53.87
7664	AAA Emergency Supply Co.	2,286.20
7665	American Express	40.99
7666	Corsi Tire	467.95
7667	Fernanda DeCampos	100.00
7668	DeLage Landen Financial Co.	189.00
7669	Foremost Productions	1,982.82
7670	Hummel & Butler CPAs	600.00
7671	Independent Fire Company	12,557.75
7672	KD Systems, Inc.	4,248.00
7673	M. Felice Landscaping	180.00
7674	NuWay Cleaners	50.90
7675	NYS DOT	100.00
7676	OSP Fire Protection	1,750.00
7677	Partners In Safety	344.00
7678	Security World	270.00
7679	The Journal News	716.10
7680	Valhalla Fire Co #	12,557.75
7681	WPH Physicians Associates	715.00
DD	Kristen Ciancio (9/15/24)	2,918.22
DD	Kristen Ciancio (9/30/24)	2,918.22

DD	Kristen Ciancio (10/15/24)	2,918.23
EFT	IRS (8/1/24-8/31/24)	2,941.50
EFT	NYS Dept of Taxation & Finance (8/1/24-8/31/24)	962.13
EFT	IRS (9/1/24-9/30/24)	<u>2,941.52</u>
		56,587.51

The full financial report will be provided at the November meeting as the internal accountant was unable to complete it for October due to a medical issue.

**TRANSFERS:**

FROM:	GF Money Market Acct #8388562	
TO:	GF Checking Account #8388546	\$55,000.00
FROM:	CR Money Market Acct #8388575	
TO:	CR Checking Account #8388614	\$30,000.00

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/McCarthy to accept as read the Treasurer’s Report, the bills submitted for payment be approved, and transfers executed. Comr. Ciancio abstained from voting on the 9/15, 9/30, 10/15 direct deposit checks as this is his daughter. MC.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Secretary Ciancio reported she filed the preliminary tax cap information to NYS and paperwork to the Town and newspaper; will send letters to members requesting their participation for the Commissioner election as election inspectors.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Lester/Sciliano to accept the Secretary’s report.

**CHIEF’S REPORT**

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/McCarthy to accept the Chief’s report for October 2024. MC. Activity report for September 2024: alarms 25 for 196 hours; 2 drills for 84 hours; 2 meetings for 60 hours; misc. 13 for 72 hours; 4 fire prevention for 7.5 hours. Total hours 421.

Chief DiPrinzio reported the department was requested to relocate to Ardsley during an incident in their district; 9/11 TL49 participated in a flag detail at Kensico Dam; 9/11 the department attended Town Remembrance Ceremony; 9/15 the department participated in Mt. Pleasant Day; 9/20 the department attended VHS Club Fair; 9/21 the department stood by for fireworks at Westlake High School; met with both captains about the department working together better; will be hosting department OSHA drills in the coming weeks; EF Academy has named their buildings; discussed Benchmark Assisted Living response with Thornwood FD Chief Olsen; ‘do not enter’ placards placed at Munger Pavillion; conducted a walk-thru of the construction at WMC and will plan another for December; attended Shaft 18 tabletop drill; received call from DEP site manager on the continued Shaft 18 construction; setting up a walk-thru at UV Plant in November; 2 members participated in the Stayin’ Alive 5k.

Comr. McCarthy reported he has ordered the trailer for MA-1; fire extinguishers have been serviced; Town has not responded to letter on the hydrants; E81 has minor damage from an accident but is still usable; Commissioner vehicle serviced; AFDSNY meeting 10/20-10/23; VFC #1 monthly meeting will be 11/4.

Comr. Sciliano reported hose/pump/appliance/ground ladder test scheduled for 11/14 and aerial test on 11/22.

Comr. Ciancio reported 40 pagers have been ordered but will not be paid for until they are updated on the state contract; 2025 on-site physicals are scheduled 4/5 and 10/20; R59 scheduled to return by the end of November after PTO is replaced.

Comr. Lester reported Security World has still not responded to requests for pricing on security system and door lock upgrades; quote received from KD Systems on security system and door lock upgrades \$6,200.00 to include doors at all locations and cameras at district office; investment committee will have google meet with new rep at Ameriprise who took over for Cheryl Johnson.

Chairman Bonanno requested a meeting with KD Systems to discuss all services provided; final budget has been completed.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Sciliano/Lester to approve KD Systems to update the security camera at the district office and door locks at all location at a cost not to exceed \$6,200.00. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Ciancio to purchase 5 tickets at a cost of \$150.00ea to the Westchester County AFD Annual Installation Dinner 11/9. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Lester/McCarthy to approve 5 election inspectors for the Annual Commissioner election 12/10 at \$70.00ea. MC.

It was moved on a motion made by Comrs. McCarthy/Sciliano to adopt and transmit to the Town the 2025 budget of \$1,550,154.00. MC.

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With no other business to come before the Board of Fire Commissioners, it was moved on a motion made by Comrs. Lester/Ciancio to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. MC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Ciancio  
Secretary-Treasurer