

Millwood Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes January 23rd, 2023

On January 23rd, 2023 the Millwood Board of Fire Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting at 7:30 PM in Millwood Station 1. Attending were Commissioners: Alan Schapiro, Anthony Olenik, Dan Puszka, Michael Wolfensohn and Jordan Schiffman; Treasurer Rose Cohen, Secretary Joseph McConnell; Chiefs Christopher Raguso, Jorge Rodrigues, Robert McCarthy and Captain Greg Santone.

Chairman Schapiro called the meeting to order.

Public Comment

Stephen Novick of Porous Technologies, LLC made a presentation to the Board on a porous concrete solution for the Station 1 driveway.

Chief's Report (attached)

Treasurer's Report (attached)

Work Session

Chairman Schapiro nominated Rose Cohen for the position Treasurer at an hourly rate to be determined. to be paid monthly, Seconded by Commissioner Schiffman, All in Favor.

Notary Public/Commissioner Wolfensohn administered the Oath of Office to Treasurer Rose Cohen.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olenik, seconded by Commissioner Wolfensohn to accept the following addition to the December 19, 2022 Minutes. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfensohn, seconded by Commissioner Schapiro, to make a transfer of \$50,000 from the Budget Operating Fund to the Capital Reserve. That transfer was already budgeted for in 2022. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfensohn, seconded by Commissioner Olenik, to make a transfer of unassigned funds from the Budget Operating Fund to the Equipment Reserve of \$310, 000. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olenik, seconded by Commissioner Schiffman to accept the January 10, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfensohn, seconded by Commissioner Schiffman, to make a transfer of \$4,500.00 from A407.6 Maintenance – Grounds & Buildings to A407.2 Heating Expense. All in favor.

Commissioner Wolfensohn made a motion to retain the firm Pinsky Law Group, PLLC as the Districts Legal Counsel at \$290.00 per hour, billed in increments of 6 minutes, with no minimum time per day, Seconded by Commissioner Olenik. All in Favor.

Commissioner Schiffman stated to be compliant with NYS Law the revised District weapons policy states “weapons prohibited except as exempt by law”.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Olenik, seconded by Commissioner Schapiro to allocate \$900.00 towards Commissioner Wolfensohn's conference and travel expenses for the AFDNY 2023 Annual Convention May 18-20, 2023. Commissioner Wolfensohn abstained remaining Commissioners all in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schapiro, seconded by Commissioner Wolfensohn, to declare the district's 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olenik, seconded by Commissioner Schiffman, to sell the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe to the Hunter Fire Department as is less the vehicle radio for \$18,000.00 with a 10% commission to the broker Signal 5 netting the District \$16,200.00. All in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Puszka, seconded by Commissioner Olenik to purchase six rechargeable traffic wands at \$59.00 each totally \$354.00 from NITE BEAMS. All in favor. PO# 349

A motion was made by Commissioner Puszka, seconded by Commissioner Olenik to purchase for Engine 248 a battery operated Sawzall and assortment of blades from Grainger at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. All in favor. PO#350

A motion was made by Commissioner Puszka, seconded by Commissioner Olenik to hold the annual and bi-annual refresher courses for EMR, CPR/AED, First Aid and Defensive Driving. All in favor.

Chief Raguso reminded the Board the annual Cabin Fever Cocktail party will be held at Station 1 February 4, 2023 with the Board, Treasurer and Secretary invited.

Commissioner Puszka read a letter from a mother who held a recent birthday party for her child at Station 1 thanking the members and the District for making the event a special time for her son.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfensohn, seconded by Commissioner Olenik to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:00 PM. All in favor

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfensohn, seconded by Commissioner Jordan Schiffman to exit Executive Session at 9:15 PM. All in favor

Commissioner Schapiro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Olenik. All in favor. The time 9:16 PM. All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Joseph P. McConnell
District Secretary