

WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

December 14, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Walden Fire District was called to order by Chairman Werner at 6:30pm.

The pledge to the flag was led by Chairman Werner.

Moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll Call: Chairman Roy Werner
 Commissioner Dave Kurtz
 Dave Green
 John Stabner

Secretary Denise Miller
 Account Clerk Lori Lawless
 Treasurer Diane Holbert

Absent Bob Montanaro

Minutes of November – pg. 3 under “Bids” Chairman Werner states to add “who had submitted a bid from the previous Bids”, next paragraph the wording TRUCK bid. Commissioner Stabner made a motion to accept with corrections 2nd by Chairman Werner, carried.

Financial report – Chairman Werner states the financial report wasn’t available from Nicole Brown for this month due to a missed Fed Ex delivery.

Disbursements – Chairman Werner motioned to pay all bills, if found correct, and hold any bills that has discrepancy or does not have three (3) signatures 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Correspondence- Chairman Werner made a motion to hold over to new business 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried

Received: Mileage, Chief’s reports

OH (new member)

ESCO (new member)

CBH (member drop)

Walden Humane Society (hall use)

Chief's report: Arson Background check received from Michael Conroy and Ted Ronk

Old Business:

Committees-

- a. **Legal Matters-** no report
- b. **Truck Bid-** Truck Committee reviewed both bids and under recommendation that they award Spartan came in as the lowest bid. Commissioner Kurtz stated that he is not and has not been in favor of the configuration of the Spec and doesn't feel it's necessary for our Fire District. Chairman Werner made a motion to accept the Spartan Bid 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, 2 opposed
Roll Call Vote: Chairman Werner- Yes
Commissioner Stabner – Yes
Commissioner Kurtz- no
Commissioner Green- no
Chairman Werner states that he will research the legal aspects and readdress it at the January meeting.
- c. **Electric Work Bay & Tower-** Chief Williams states Bob is almost done.
- d. **Tower Policy-** Chairman Werner states he sent it to the insurance company and is waiting for VFIS; we are fine to use it, just have to wait on other Depts. that would be using it.
- e. **Building-** Chairman Werner states we should just hold it over until January.
- f. **Uniforms-** Commissioner Stabner states he and Justin hall will be meeting with Rosen Uniforms.

Miscellaneous- Chairman Werner states he spoke to the guy from Unifirst and they are mailing back the key.

Commissioner Kurtz states that the Cleaning Company has to be addressed. Chairman Werner states he will call the contact person.

Chairman Werner states that he talked to Steve regarding the Heat Tape, and that he contact a company that does this kind of work and doesn't think he could handle the size of the job that would be required to install. Commissioner Stabner made a motion to pay in lieu of the \$51,000. to the Architect investigate what the costs would be to include the Heat Tape for the main building to solve the ice problem 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner will sign the contract after he has Brad look at it.

New Business:**Correspondence:**

Walden Humane Society- requesting the social hall on November 5, 2016 for a Penney Social fund raiser motion to accept by Chairman Werner 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried

CBH- the Company has dropped Michael Kroll and Ashlei Ortez-Valaques.

Resolutions-**15-13 RESOLUTIONS OF THE WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT**

Whereas, the Fire District has resolved to construct a storage facility;

Whereas, the commissioners of the fire district have determined that the cost of the facility to exceed \$35,000.00;

Whereas, sufficient reserve funds have been saved for this general purpose;

Whereas, the expenditure of reserve fund monies from this general type reserve fund requires that 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 resolves as follows:

1. The Walden Fire District shall be permitted to utilize funds from its Reserve Fund to fund the construction of a storage facility;
2. Up to \$500,000.00 may be withdrawn from such Reserve Fund to be applied towards the total cost of the purchase. The withdrawal may be taken in one or more amounts;
3. No funds may be withdrawn until the passage of thirty days from the date of publication of the abstract of this resolution;
4. The Secretary is hereby directed to send a copy of the abstract to the Town Clerk to be placed upon the town's sign board and the town's website (if one exists) immediately, which must remain there for at least 15 days;
5. The Secretary is hereby directed to place an abstract of the resolution upon the fire district's website immediately (if one exists), which 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.

Chairman Werner made a motion to accept Resolution 15-13 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

This resolution was approved by a majority of the commissioners, on the 14th day of December, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Werner- yes

Commissioner Kurtz- yes

Commissioner Stabner- yes

Commissioner Green- no

Commissioner Montanaro- absent

RESOLUTION 15-12 TO AUTHORIZE VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES OUT OF COUNTY

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §72-g authorizes volunteer members of the department to attend training schools or courses of instruction for firefighters provided the fire chief authorizes such training, and such authorization is subject to the rules or regulations made by the Board of Fire Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, when the training school or the offered course is located outside the county or outside one of the counties in which the fire district is located, the authorization to attend the school or conference must receive prior approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

WHEREAS, before this Board of Fire Commissioners is a request by JP Stabner, who is a volunteer with the Walden Fire Department to attend out-of-county training at the NYS Academy of Fire Science for the Firefighter 1 Course located in Schuyler County, NY beginning on June 11, 2016.

NOW THEREFORE, the request before the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walden Fire District by, Brian Stabner who is a volunteer with the Walden Fire Department to attend out-of-county training at the NYS Academy of Fire Science for the Firefighter 1 Course located in Schuyler County, NY beginning on June 11, 2016. is granted subject to the rules and regulations established by this Board of Fire Commissioners.

Upon Motion made by Chairman Werner seconded by Commissioner Kurtz and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the Commissioners: be it resolved to approve the resolution TO AUTHORIZE VOLUNTEER TO ATTEND TRAINING SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE OUT OF COUNTY

Poll of Commissioners:

Roll call on vote: Chairman Werner – yes
 Commissioner Kurtz - yes
 Commissioner Montanaro – Absent
 Commissioner Stabner- abstain
 Commissioner Green – yes

Adopted: December 14, 2015

New Members- Ted Ronk (ESCO) and Mike Conroy (OH) both have ABC cleared motion to accept by Chairman Werner 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Bank Account - Chairman Werner states we need to close the current general fund account due to four (4) unauthorized charges noted in November that are being disputed and open a new account.

Work Session- December meeting not necessary

Miscellaneous- New copier is in. Chairman Werner made a motion to Surplus the old copier 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried

Chairman Werner will call to have the Hood System in the Kitchen cleaned.

Chairman Werner made a motion to have Jason and Diane update Payroll program for Quick Books \$25.00 a month 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion that Diane being able to order new checks 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion that we have the Close Out meeting will be December 30, 2015 at 6:30pm. 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried. Chairman Werner made a motion that we have our Re-Organizational meeting January 11, 2016 at 6:00pm followed by the regular meeting 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Commissioner Stabner states he will handle the 100 Club items.

Chairman Werner made a motion that to update the qualification policy for all Chief and Assistant Chief should be interior qualified 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried.

Commissioner Kurtz states the phones are due for an upgrade.

Chairman Werner made a motion to surplus all the old phones and see if they can be turned into Verizon 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Public Comment: Assist Chief McNeely states the Ladder needs new tires.

Chairman Werner made a motion that the secretary contact Time Warner Cable and get an upgrade at no additional costs 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried

Account Clerk Lawless states the kitchen needs to be serviced motion made by Chairman Werner to have someone come in 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried Lori also states that the Exhaust System and Fire extinguishers needs to be service Commissioner Kurtz will handle.

Attorney Roderick J. MacLeod from Poughkeepsie presented his resume' and business card, states he was asked to attend at the request of Richard McNamee, whom was not present. Mr. MacLeod states he represents other Fire Districts.

Debbie Barnette from Combined Insurance, Chairman Werner states that she uses the Secretary as the contact person from this point forward and will meet after the meeting.

Commissioner Stabner made a motion to purchase 50 Key Fobs 2nd by Chairman Werner, carried

Commissioner Green made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm 2nd by Chairman Werner, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Miller
Walden Fire District