

Chief's report: Qualified Drivers: Barry Estep- U244, Sam Phelps- U244, Br 242, Van 241 Motion to accept by Chairman Werner 2nd by Commissioner Buccieri, carried. Chairman Werner made a motion approve food for the Solar Panel course on March 5, 2017 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Executive Session- Chairman Werner motioned for an executive session at 6:37pm, under Public Officers law Article 105-f personnel, 2nd by Commissioner Buccieri, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00pm, 2nd by Commissioner McNamee, carried.

Old Business:

Committees-

- a. **Legal Matters-** Chairman Werner states that Kennedy Landscaping has also been named in the "Food Pantry" lawsuit.

Defensive Driving Course- March 4, 2017 9-3p in the Social Hall limited to 40 people. Chairman Werner made a motion that the District provides lunch for the members 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Building- Interior re-design project Commissioner McNamee made a motion to have a committee formed consisting of 2 Board members Roy and Craig and allow the Chief and 2 members that he appoints and the Dept. President and 2 members that he appoints. Send a letter asking for their representatives on the committee. Chairman Werner made a motion to consult with Heather formally of H2M or Dennis Ross regarding the project 2nd by Chairman Werner.

Uniforms- Commissioner Stabner states he is waiting on uniform items from Rosen and the prices for the over coats. Chairman Werner made a motion to keep a stock of various sizes of hats and T-Shirts 2nd by Commissioner McNamee, carried.

Miscellaneous:

Chairman Werner states that the new desk top stations have been set up and the ID maker. Fisch will be installing more antennas to extend Wi-Fi to the Social Hall.

New Business:

Correspondence:

WFD- Submitted a list of fundraising dates however the format needs to be corrected Chairman Werner made a motion to send a letter to the Department asking them to resubmit next meeting in the proper format for Department use.

Resolutions- 17-001

RESOLUTION REGARDING TAX FREEZE COMPLIANCE FOR

FISCAL YEAR 2017

Walden Fire District

in the Town of Montgomery

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walden Fire District in the Town of Montgomery, Orange County, New York (the "District") prepared a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2017 with a proposed tax levy in the amount of \$854,762.00;

WHEREAS, upon preparing the on-line tax cap form for fiscal year 2017, the District Treasurer determined the preliminary budget included a tax levy which would require a tax levy increase, for the coming fiscal year, 2017 of more than the permissible tax levy for the fiscal year of 2017;

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, the Fire District desires to comply with Tax Freeze legislation, and did not desire to have a tax levy in fiscal year 2017 above the permissible tax levy;

WHEREAS, the Fire District held a budget hearing on October 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Fire District determined to reduce the budget for fiscal year 2017, to include a tax levy of only \$854,762.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walden Fire District hereby resolves, by a vote of at least sixty (60) percent of the total voting power of the Board of Fire Commissioners, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board resolved to comply with the tax freeze legislation for fiscal year 2017.

SECTION 2. The Board did not vote to override the tax cap levy limit for fiscal year 2017.

SECTION 3. The Board voted, on October 18, 2016 at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing, to reduce the budget for fiscal year 2017 to include a tax levy of \$854,762.00, and to comply with the tax freeze legislation.

Upon Motion made by Chairman Werner 2nd by Commissioner Stabner and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the Commissioners: be it resolved to approve the **RESOLUTION REGARDING TAX FREEZE COMPLIANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

Poll of Commissioners:

Chairman Roy Werner: Yes

Commissioner Stabner: Yes

Commissioner McNamee: Yes

Commissioner Buccieri: Yes

Approved February 13, 2017

New Members: Kevin Hall and Austin Hall both of Walden, Chairman Werner made a motion to hold over until their applications are received 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Miscellaneous- follow up on the flat top grills for the kitchen and the removal of the fryer.

Executive Session- Chairman Werner motioned for an executive session at 7:50pm, under Public Officers law Article 105-f personnel, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to open the meeting at 7:59pm, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion that Brad Davis will lose his Captain rank for the remainder of the year and will continue his suspension until March 13, 2017 2nd by Commissioner Buccieri, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion that due to his absence from the meeting Dennis Wilson, Jr. remains on suspension and be notified by mail of the Boards decision and request that he attends the next Board meeting scheduled for March 13, 2017.

Commissioner McNamee made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Miller, Secretary
Walden Fire District