

Walden Fire District
Board of Commissioners
Annual Organizational Meeting
January 11, 2016

The annual organizational meeting of the Walden Fire District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Werner at 6:00pm.

The pledge to the flag was led by Commissioner Werner.

Moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call: Commissioners: Roy Werner
 Dave Kurtz
 Dave Green
 John Stabner
 Rich McNamee

Secretary	Denise Miller
Treasurer	Diane Holbert
Account Clerk	Lori Lawless
Attorney	Brad Pinsky

Commissioner Werner motioned for Commissioner Stabner to serve as Temporary Chairman for the organizational meeting, 2nd by Commissioner McNamee, carried.

Commissioner McNamee, elected to the Walden Fire District Board of Commissioners was sworn in by Town Clerk Tara Stickle on a previous date.

Chairman Stabner motioned to appoint **Commissioner Werner** to serve as Chairman for the Board of fire Commissioners for the year 2016, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Denise Miller** to serve as District Secretary for the year 2016, 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Diane Holbert** to serve as District Treasurer for the year 2016, 2nd by Commissioner Green, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Pinsky Law Group** to serve as legal representation, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz. Commissioner Green & Stabner opposed motion not passed. After a lengthy discussion regarding having representation at meetings and contract obligations, Chairman Werner

made a motion to appoint Pinsky Law Group with current contract to serve as legal representation for the year 2016 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz.

Roll Call Vote: Chairman Werner- yes

Commissioner Kurtz- yes

Commissioner Stabner- yes

Commissioner Green- no

Commissioner McNamee- yes motion passed.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Lori Lawless** to serve as District Account Clerk to handle Social Hall matters, 2nd by Commissioner McNamee, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Denise Miller** to serve as LOSAP coordinator for the year 2016, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion for executive session (pursuant to Public Law Article 7, section 105-f) Personnel and Chief Officers at 6:31pm 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to reconvene at 6:34pm 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to appoint **Chief Fred Williams, 1st Assist Chief Larry Sager, 2nd Assist Chief Chic McNeely and 3rd Assist Chief Jim Totonis** 2nd Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to have the **Times Herald Record** serve as media coverage for the Walden Fire District for the year 2016, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to have **Walden Savings Bank** as the designated financial institution 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to have **Bryans & Gramuglia CPAs, LLC** serve as our accounting firm 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to hold the monthly meetings for the Walden Fire District on the 2nd Monday of each month beginning at 6:30pm, and if it should fall on a holiday it's to be held the Monday prior and that work sessions to be called as necessary 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to hold membership into the following organizations 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

FDSNY (Fire Districts of the State of New York)

FASNY (Fire Association of the State of New York)

HVVFA (Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association)

AFDOC (Association Fire Districts of Orange County)

OCVFA (Orange County Volunteer Fireman's Association)

Chairman Werner made a motion to accept all leases and contracts that are currently in place for the Walden Fire District, 2nd by Commissioner McNamee, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to keep all policies as is for the Walden Fire District, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to set Committees for the District. The list will be distributed.

Chairman Werner motioned that we renew the annual registration domain (www.waldenfd.org), 2nd by Commissioner McNamee, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:45pm, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Respectfully,

Denise Miller, Secretary
Walden Fire District