

Walden Fire District
Board of Commissioners
Annual Organizational Meeting
January 10, 2023

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

John Stabner

David Kurtz- via phone conference

Sam Phelps

Secretary Denise McNeely

Treasurer Diane Holbert

SH Clerk Susan Morrison

Chief Charles McNeely

Assist Chiefs George Brown, Brad Davis & Jason Faso

Absent Commissioner Rich McNamee

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

Commissioner Stabner motioned to appoint **Commissioner Werner** to serve as Chairman for the Board of Fire Commissioners for the year 2023, 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

Sam Phelps has been elected to the Walden Fire District Board of Commissioners and has been sworn in by Town Clerk Tara Stickle.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Denise McNeely** to serve as District Secretary for the year 2023, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motioned to appoint **Hannigan Law Firm** to serve as legal representation with current contract for the year 2023, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Diane Holbert** to serve as District Treasurer for the year 2023, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Susan Morrison** to serve as Account Clerk to handle Social Hall matters for the year 2023, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to appoint **Denise McNeely** to serve as LOSAP Coordinator for the year 2023, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Executive Session- Chairman Werner motioned for an executive session at 6:04pm; pursuant to Public Officers Law Article 7 section 105 (f) for personnel, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to open the meeting at 6:21pm, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to appoint **Charles McNeely** as **Chief** 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to appoint **George Brown** as **1st Assist Chief** 2nd Commissioner Stabner carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to appoint **Brad Davis** as **2nd Assist Chief** 2nd Commissioner Stabner carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to appoint **Jason Faso** as **3rd Assist Chief** 2nd Commissioner Stabner carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to have the **Wallkill Valley Times** serve as primary media coverage for the Walden Fire District for the year 2023, and the Times Herald Record as a secondary 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

Chairman Werner motioned to have **Orange Bank & Trust** 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 Stabner, 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 6:00pm, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried. Wednesday if it happens to fall on a holiday.

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)

Chairman Werner made a motion to keep all leases and contracts that are currently in place and amend as needed for the Walden Fire District, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

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

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

Chairman Werner motioned to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:24pm, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Respectfully,

Denise McNeely, Secretary
Walden Fire District

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