

# WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT

## REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 11, 2022

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

The pledge to the flag was led by Chairman Werner. A moment of silence for brothers and sisters of 911.

Roll Call: Chairman Roy Werner  
Commissioner John Stabner  
Jason Faso  
Dave Kurtz  
  
Secretary Denise McNeely  
Treasurer Diane Holbert  
S.H. Clerk Susan Morrison  
Chief Larry Sager  
Assist Chiefs Chic McNeely, George Brown & Brad Davis  
  
Commissioner Rich McNamee- absent

Started with a phone conference with Attorney Tim Hannigan. Commissioner Faso asked why he remove items from the spec, such as the V-MUX screen on the officer side, Tim states what he likely did was removed manufacture specific information when your bidding this and the bidder submits the bid they submit a Non-Collusive bidding certification which means that they were not in cahoots with the board or your chiefs or anybody else ahead of time in the preparation of materials or the items sought, so what Tim had done was look through and pulled what had the ™ trademark next to it or other, I think it was Rosenbauer specific stuff, Jason stated that V-MUX isn't Rosenbauer, it was removed in order to have a fair bid for any and all perspective bidders, in the sense that he removed something and I don't generally don't do that if you spec a particular brand of something or if the specs have a manufacturers name in there really should be generic but if it was in there and he inherently removed it he apologizes for that.

**Minutes of September** – Chairman Werner made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to page 1 from the recommendation from Tim Hannigan to add responsible to the lowest bidder 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Faso, carried.

**Financial report** –Chairman Werner made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stabner, carried. Statements verified by Commissioner Faso.

**Disbursements** – Chairman Werner motioned to pay all bills, if found correct, 2nd by Commissioner Stabner carried.

**Correspondence**- read, Chairman Werner made a motion to hold communications over to new business 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Faso, carried.

Received: **Valley Central Swim Team (hall use)**

CHIEFS' MONTHLY REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF August 2022 DATE: 9/31/2022 COMPLETED BY: L. Sager

Number of Alarms calls for September 21 call.

1. Personnel

- Orange county lady's aux would like to use the hall for a meeting on 11/16/2022 was the last meeting is good to go.
- We will be sending apparatus to Messco on oct 1st for first responder day. We had a good turn out by members.
- Had a meeting with the owners of the milk factory. They are willing to get us a boat for swift water rescue. More details at the meeting if needed.
  
- Executive session. YES
- Firehouse needs attention: we have doors not working and they have been out for some time. When is this going to be fixed? STILL A ONGOING PROBLEM

2. Training.

- a. Still working on getting members up to swift water class.
- b. Working on setting up driver training days on the weekend.
- c. 9 members are completed water rescue awareness class
- d. Steve School letter for driver training
- e. John Wittschack Jr. is qualified on 241 all paperwork turned over to training officer.

3. Maintenance

- A. TA-239 is done.
- B. T240 is out for service. Should be back this week. Then ladder testing
- C. Sending out some flashlights for repair. Officers were asked to check over more, so we get more sent out at one shot if needed.
- D. Radios portable: we would like to start phasing in new portable radios to replacement one is harder to come by. Current portables are almost 19 years old. We are looking to do 12 a year at a cost of 12,500. This is part of the 5 yr. plan. If we can do it this year we will be ahead.
- E. One of the small generators is getting sent out for repair and service.

4. Requests for Apparatus Leaving District:  
Non currently.

5. Upcoming goals:

A. Working with officers and Chiefs to build a Swift water response box. making a list of equipment and a picture of the boat we have. This is almost set just waiting to hear back from one more department. Not done yet.

B. Had a meeting with the engineers from the milk factory along with the owner. We talked about some of our needs and wants with the project. More to come.

6. 90 Day goals

- a. Gear order for members. Asst. Brad is working on getting a list started. We have a list of 4 members to get new gear. This will cost \$12,583. We heard there's a price increase coming, and we are still at the old pricing under NY State Contract PC67928. Gear is ordered.

b. Getting pricing on a spreader \$13,100 for a Amus Is320 tool and tip kit. We need two of them and would like to order 2 tools. If we can swing another \$13,100 this year it free up some of the budget for next year. As we will be needing some new fans to replace one that are dated.

Chairman Werner made a motion to purchase 4 radios 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stabner, 1 oppose  
 Roll call vote-  
 Chairman Werner- yes  
 Commissioner Stabner- yes  
 Commissioner Faso- yes  
 Commissioner Kurtz- no  
 Commissioner McNamee- absent, motion carried

**Social Hall report:**

Name	Date	Contract#	Deposit	Rental Fee	Resid	Non Res	Member	NFP
	Sept 3	358	\$300.	\$1200.		X		
	Sept 4	390	\$200.	\$0.	X			
	Sept 10	388	\$200.	\$600.	X			
	Sept 11	399	\$300	\$1000.		X		
	Sept 17	360	\$300	\$1000.		X		
	Sept 24	371	\$200	\$600.	X			

Susan states she needs to replace the metal piece on the globe, motion by Chairman Werner 2<sup>nd</sup> Stabner, carried.

**Old Business:**

- a) **Legal Issues-** none
- b) **Apparatus-** Chairman Werner states that we have the VIN #'s and are on file. The change order has been signed and submitted need to figure out where you want the jake brake switch.
- c) **Alpine-** Chairman Werner states we need to set a training meeting with them, via Zoom. October 17<sup>th</sup> at 530pm.
- d) **Doors-**
- e) **Lawn, Snow Bid-** Chairman Werner states he will meet with Bauer, Commissioner Kurtz states he doesn't have the time and when there's a problem someone else can deal with it.
- f) **Budget-** Chairman Werner states the final budget pg1 \$995,792.00 from \$960,792,00. just clerical change because of the \$35,000.00 increase.  
 pg 2 #3 is \$63,000.00 is the bond payment along with the interest payment. payroll \$37,200 increased \$100.00 per employee per month.

pg 3 increase the capital reserve to \$200,000.00 from \$181,780.00 #19 LOSAP was \$75,00.00 reduce to \$65,000.00 and the last line is clerical.

Pg 4 payroll at the top is based on the \$100 per employee per month.

We created a new line which bond payment is 50,000.00 from last year's contingency line and added \$1,000.00 to that to make \$51,000.00, contingency line we had to adjust based on the other lines so that is now \$10,180.00 the last line is clerical.

Next pg adjustments to payroll increase, clerical 65,000 decrease from 75,000. A9710.7 is the interest on the bond 12,000.00 has its own line. transfer to capital increase, last page is all clerical.

- g) **Misc.-** regarding the purchase recs Chairman Werner states that you can notify one Commissioner for any purchase up to \$1,000.00 write on rec who you spoke to.

**New Business:**

**Correspondence:**

**Valley Central Swim Team** -requesting rental fee be waived for their rental on November 30<sup>th</sup> motion to accept by Chairman Werner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stabner carried.

**Resolutions-** none

**New Members-** none

**Miscellaneous-** Chairman Werner advised Chief Sager that if non active members want to get physicals, they will have to remain active or they will have to reimburse the district the cost of the physical. Secondly non active members cannot participate in fire dept activities.

**Public Comment-** none

**Executive Session-** Chairman Werner motioned for an executive session at 6:56pm; pursuant to Public Officers Law Article 7 section 105 (f) for personnel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Faso, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion to open the meeting at 7:13pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Faso, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McNeely, Secretary  
Walden Fire District