**WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 11, 2025**

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 and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll Call: Chairman Roy Werner

Commissioner Kevin McColl

Sam Phelps

Dave Kurtz

Secretary Denise McNeely

S.H. Clerk Susan Morrison

Treasurer Diane Holbert

Chief Chic McNeely

Asst. Chief George Brown

Asst. Chief Brad Davis

Asst. Chief Jason Faso

Attorney Tim Hannigan

**Minutes of June –** Chairman Werner made a motion to accept with the following corrections pg. 1 attach a copy of the bids to the minutes. Pg.3 change to “State Contract” omit “bid” and Misc. add motion for the Annual Dinner 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

**Financial report –**Chairman Werner made a motion to accept 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried. Statements verified by Commissioner Phelps.

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

**Correspondence**- Chairman Werner made a motion to hold correspondence over to New Business 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Received:

**Hudson Valley Honor Flight (hall use)**

**Kathy Masloski (hall use)**

**Scott Hickey (resignation)**

**Paul Pullar (letter of intent)**

**Chief’s report:**

FOR THE MONTH OF: July 2025 DATE: 8/8/2025

COMPLETED BY: Chief Charles McNeely

1. **Number and Type of Alarms** 41 Calls for July - see attached report for particulars
2. **Personnel**

Dreu Briggs Resigned

Mike Vermilling Resigned

Vicky Hennings Resigned

1. **Training**

See attached report

1. **Maintenance**

2015 Chiefs car exhaust repaired

PMP maintenance being done

1. **Requests for Apparatus Leaving District**
2. **Upcoming goals**

***30 Day goals***

***90 Day goals***

1. **Purchase Requests**
2. **Other/Misc.** On Tuesday October 7th the Walden Fire Dept. will travel to Albany NY, to pay tribute to Fallen Chief Fred Ostrander who died from an injury sustained while commanding a fire on Cliff St. 1927. His name will be added to the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Wall.

**Social Hall report**:

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| Date | Contract # | Deposit | Rental | Resident | Non Resident | Member |
| 5-Jul | 647 | 200 | 600 | X |  |  |
| 12-Jul | 641 | 300 | 1000 |  | X |  |
| 20-Jul | 665 | 200 | 600 | X |  |  |
| 26-Jul | 602 | 200 | 600 | X |  |  |
| 27-Jul | 664 | 200 | 375 | X |  |  |

Susan will be away the week of the 16th someone will need to be here for the rentals, Commissioner McColl asked what the procedure is for rentals and what will need to be done, full explanation was given, and he states he will be available and Chairman Werner states he will also be available; Commissioner Kurtz will not be available.

**Old Business:**

1. **Legal Issues-** none
2. **Radios-** Assist Chief Davis states the radios have been ordered.
3. **Squad Steps-** Chief McNeely states that Premier in Kingston quoted $ 12,059. and Campbell quoted $15,000, Commissioner Phelps will get more information from Sager Fleet
4. **Miscellaneous-** Discussion regarding the paving, Will give the company a list of repairs that need to be fixed siding stripes and cleaning, post molding, chiefs sign. Chairman Werner made a motion to pay them the $3500, to pave the back corner section by the dumpster and have them fix the 3 items that are on the list 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried. soft spots will be monitored.

**Commissioner Kurtz-** would like Cintas to pick up the extra mop heads that are not needed.

Truck Committee meeting August 18, Commissioner Kurtz to chair.

**Commissioner Phelps-** Would like to have several key fobs made instead of being charged $95 for one key to be made each time.

Commissioner Phelps made a motion that any correspondence/calls with the lawyer should be sent to all commissioners, before the motion is acted on Commissioner Kurtz states, he would like the lawyers input first, discussion followed. 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Commissioner Phelps would like the agenda sent out, discussion followed. Attorney Hannigan suggested going into executive session to discuss employment.

**Executive Session**- Commissioner Kurtz motioned for an executive session at 7:20pm; pursuant to Public Officers Law Article 7 section 105 (f) for employment, 2nd by Chairman Werner, carried.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_made a motion to open the meeting at 8:37pm, 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, carried.

Chief McNeely asked if the meeting was being closed after so he can go home, and Chairman Werner stated they could go.

**New Business:**

**Correspondence:**

**Honor Flight-** Chairman Werner made a motion to allow Meet & Greet on October 5, 2025, 11-4p 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

**Kathy Masloski-** Chairman Werner made a motion to allow with fee waived from Learning Together- September 2, 2025, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

**Paul Pullar-** Commissioner Phelps made a motion to appoint Paul Pullar to the board open seat 2nd by Chairman Werner, carried**.**

**Resolutions- none**

**New Members- none**

**Public Comment- none**

Chairman Werner made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McNeely, Secretary

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