

WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 13, 2023

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 fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll Call: Chairman Roy Werner
Commissioner John Stabner
Sam Phelps
Dave Kurtz- @1808

Secretary Denise McNeely
S.H. Clerk Susan Morrison
Chief Chic McNeely
Asst. Chief George Brown
Asst. Chief Brad Davis
Asst. Chief Jason Faso

Commissioner Rich McNamee- absent
Treasurer Diane Holbert- absent

Minutes of February – Chairman Werner made a motion to accept minutes as read 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

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

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

Correspondence- Chairman Werner made motion to hold communications over to new business 2nd Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Received: Honor Flight (hall use)
Walden Baptist Church (hall use)

Chief's report:

FOR THE MONTH OF: March

DATE: 3/9/2023

COMPLETED BY: Chief Charles McNeely

A. Number and Type of Alarms

23 Alarms for February: 1 Mutual Aid building fire, 4 MVA, 3 brunt food, 15 other type minor calls

B. Personnel

Members 100 & 200 calls submitted.
Key Fob given to Mike Lynch 26180, replaced key for Roberto Llanos 19586
Request 4 chief keys, 1 for each chief

C. Training

Who's training, 10 approve for flash over training, 2 people signed up for officer training.

D. Maintenance

Brush truck carburetor fixed.
2013 chief's car is back in service.

E. Requests for Apparatus Leaving District

None

F. Upcoming goals

30 Day goals None

90 Day goals None

G. Purchase Requests

Weather tech floor mats
Shelf for hazmat cabinet- not ordered as of yet
ID cards

H. Other

Alpine – as of 3/7/23 apparatus inventory still not rectified requested to be transferred was requested on 2/15/23. I have started to input inventory maybe they can see how it's supposed to be.

Kiosk unit tasks has been condensed.

Boat - Got in touch with Noah (Milk Factory) Boat still Possible sending him email to explain options on how purchasing policy works for the district as far as money and gifted (boat).

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles McNeely

Social Hall report:

Date	Contract #	Deposit	Rental	Resident	Non Resident	Member	Non Profit	Waived Fee	
4-Feb	440	200	600	X					
11-Feb	463	200	0					X	

12-Feb	446	\$200	600	X					
18-Feb	454	\$200	600	X					
24-Feb	458	\$200	\$450	X					
25-Feb	437	\$200	\$0					X	
26-Feb	445	200	450	X					

Susan would like to purchase 5 new tables to replace broken ones. Priced out to approx. \$300 each, Chairman Werner made a motion to allow her to purchase 5 replacements 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried. She will contact Adam to replace the broken tables.

Old Business:

- a. **Legal Issues-** Attorneys are working on the Cornwall lawsuit.
- b. **Apparatus-** Commissioner Werner states we missed the change order regarding the piping. Shawn is working on correcting this.
- c. **Alpine-** Chief McNeely will call them regarding the SCBA module missing.
- d. **Boat-** Chief McNeely states that he spoke with Noah, and they are still committed to the donation of the boat.
- e. **Surplus-** Chairman Werner states that 237 has been sold for \$45,000.00 and will be placed out of service, it will be going to Rapid Tire for new front tires, it is schedule to be picked up by March 31st. Chairman Werner states that a title is not necessary as the registration is transferrable.
- f. **Misc.-** none

New Business:

Correspondence:

HVHF- Chairman Werner made a motion to allow Honor Flight use of the hall on April 2, 2023, for Mission 29 meet and greet 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Walden Baptist Church- as per Susan they cancelled the date and is now open for the fire dept to use as a setup, Chairman Werner made a motion to allow WFD to use the hall for the Easter Breakfast set up 2nd by Commissioner Stabner, carried.

Resolutions-

WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT 23-3

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTIAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND
VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE WORKERS**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walden Fire District (“Fire District”) at a Meeting held on the 13th day of March 2023, adopted the following resolution by majority vote:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022 effective December 9, 2022, the state Real Property Tax Law was amended by adding a new §466-a authorizing local governments, including Fire districts, to enact by resolution a ten (10%) percent partial real property tax exemption of the assessed value of the primary residence owned by a qualified enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service that serves the city, town or village where the Fire District is located; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to permit the partial real property tax exemption for qualified enrolled members of said emergency services organizations for real property taxes imposed by the Fire District; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2023, after providing the statutorily required notice, a Public Hearing was conducted by the Fire District to solicit input and to hear all persons interested in the partial real property tax exemption of the assessed value of the primary residence owned by a qualified enrolled member of said emergency service organizations that serve the Fire District; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the primary residential real property located in the Fire District that is owned by an enrolled member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service that provides services within the city, town or village in which the Fire District is located shall be exempt from taxation and assessments levied by the Fire District to the extent of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property, exclusive of special assessments, subject to the requirements set forth in this herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of this Resolution the “Authority Having Jurisdiction” shall mean:

- A. In the case of a fire district, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District;
- B. In the case of an incorporated voluntary ambulance service, the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such exemption shall not be granted unless:

- A. The applicant resides in the Fire District which is served by the above listed incorporated volunteer fire company, volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service of which the applicant is a qualified enrolled member;
- B. the property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- C. the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that if any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant’s residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this Resolution; and
- D. the applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member who has served such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least two years; and
- E. the applicant must submit such certification together with the tax exemption application to the local assessor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent (10%) exemption authorized by this Resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Fire District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property tax exemption authorized by this Resolution and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member’s un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member who was killed in the line of duty;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five (5) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the property tax exemption authorized by this Resolution and granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service shall, upon application, be continued to such deceased enrolled member’s un-remarried spouse, provided that:

- A. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of such enrolled member;
- B. such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty (20) years; and
- C. such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an application form for such exemption and a certification provided by the appropriate authority having jurisdiction shall be filed with the Assessor for the Town on or before the taxable status date of each year or as otherwise required as prescribed by New York State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status

is receiving any benefit under the provisions of Article 4 of the state Real Property Tax Law on the effective date of this Resolution shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to adopt the Resolution made by Commissioner Werner.
Seconded by Commissioner Stabner.

On the Motion

Commissioner Werner	Aye / Nay / Absent
Commissioner Stabner	Aye / Nay / Absent
Commissioner Kurtz	Aye / Nay / Absent
Commissioner Phelps	Aye / Nay / Absent
Commissioner McNamee	Aye / Nay / Absent

The Resolution was adopted.

Dated: March 13, 2023

Denise McNeely, Secretary
Walden Fire District

New Members- none

Miscellaneous- none

Public Comment- none

Executive Session- none

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McNeely, Secretary
Walden Fire District