

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE
COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY, Held on Thursday
February 15, 2024**

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:30 PM.

Attending were: Chairman Brefere, Commissioners M. Lobel, R. Makowski and A. Mignone, Chief J. Varmon, Treasurer L. Saenger and Office Assistant M. McCarthy.

The minutes of the January 2024 meeting were accepted on a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously.

A letter was received from FF Harry Peterson requesting permission to hold a fund-raising event on June 10, 2024 that includes a golf outing and raffle. The entire event will take place off premises. This request was approved on a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, Jacob Casamassima was approved as a non-resident probationary member. He was sworn in by Secretary Makowski.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, the purchase of a Bauer Compressor System from AAA Emergency Supply Company on NY Contract PC 69006 in the amount of \$69,843.00 plus installation.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, District Officers and Office Assistant McCarthy were authorized to attend the AFDSNY training April 26-27, 2024 in White Plains.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the purchase of a heat pump split systems for the department office and old bunk room was authorized. This should allow us to use the old steam heat system as a back-up only.

The Board discussed what the policy will be for firefighters who do not complete OSHA training by the March 1st deadline. It was decided the chief will suspend anyone who misses the deadline until the March 21, 2024 Commissioner meeting where action will be discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the purchase of a stainless steel work table at a cost of approximately \$1,500 for the third floor kitchen was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the renewal of our insurance policies for the term 2/23/2024 thru 2/23/2025 was approved. The increase is 4.6%.

A discussion was held regarding the intake physicals for prospective members who apply to the company and either withdraw the application or do not complete their probationary period. On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the company will be directed to add wording to the membership application advising candidates we reserve the right to seek reimbursement if they withdraw the application or do not complete the probationary year.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the expenditure of \$415 for Chief Varmon to attend extrication training was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, the purchase of a Motorola APX 8500 portable radio on NYS contract for 2413 was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, the expenditure of \$35/firefighter to attend NYSAFC training was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the purchase of additional name tags for the passport accountability system was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, FF Jonathon Mackey of the Somers Fire District was approved as an ongoing mutual aid firefighter.

On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the outstanding claims were ordered paid.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Robert Makowski

MEETING NOTICE

The March 2024 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be held on Thursday March 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM.