

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

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:08 PM.

Attending were Chairman Brefere, Commissioners R. Makowski and A. Mignone, Treasurer L. Saenger, Assistant Chief S. Bornstein and M. McCarthy.

The minutes of the September monthly meeting were accepted on a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, Commissioner Mignone was authorized to attend the Association of Fire Districts Westchester County Installation Dinner on November 9, 2024 at a cost of \$150.00

R. Makowski reported that full time caretaker Jack Ungar has been offered health insurance and has declined stating he is covered by another policy,

The Board discussed the 2025 proposed budget and changes proposed by Secretary Makowski. The changes involved reallocating funds slightly differently but not affecting the total budget. Secretary Makowski reported that according to the worksheet provided by the State Comptroller, a tax levy of \$2,292,688 is \$57,634 below the suggested 2% limit. On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the revised proposed 2025 budget in the amount of \$2,358,688 with a tax levy of \$2,292,688 was adopted.

R. Makowski reported the fire company kitchen committee has had another mishap while using the deep fryer causing a boil over and spill of a considerable amount of cooking oil. This is the third time. He reported that the clean-up has taken at least seven hours each time. On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Mignone, training in proper use to the fryer is mandated. The fire company will be responsible for future clean-ups.

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the purchase of a rope simulator in the amount of approximately \$1100 was approved.

Chief Bornstein requested the District reimburse John A. Ford for the cost of Emergency Medical refresher certification. On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously, per District policy, FF Ford is approved for training and reimbursement made after one year of faithful service to the district.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously the 2024 Board of Elections was appointed per the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District election; and

WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the

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Westchester County Boards of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Purchase Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Purchase Fire District Board of Elections for the 2024 annual Fire District election:

Theresa Morrone, Chairman

Carla Lobel, Election Inspector

Annmarie Acuti, Ballot Clerk

and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Election Inspector(s) and Ballot Clerk(s) be compensated in the amount of \$100 for their services in preparing the registration records and the same sum for their service and attendance at the annual election; and be it further

RESOLVED that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, the Board of Fire Commissioners or the Secretary of the Fire District may appoint alternates who are resident electors; and be it further

RESOLVED that, if clerical help is deemed necessary, the Board of Fire Commissioners delegates to the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners the power to appoint such clerical help at a reasonable rate.

Motion made by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and passed unanimously on October 15, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM on a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously.

MEETING NOTICE

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