

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS, PURCHASE FIRE DISTRICT, PURCHASE, NY, Held
on Thursday July 22, 2021**

Chairman Joseph Brefere called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:22 PM.

Attending were: Chairman Brefere, Commissioners: M. Lobel, R. Makowski, A. Mignone, and G. Scott Sala, Treasurer L. Saenger and Counsel W. Badura.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the minutes of the June 2021 meeting were accepted.

An email communication from Carl Potts proposing various projects at District expense on his property was received. On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the request was denied.

On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, Travis Burns and Brian Kelly were accepted as non-resident probationary members of the fire company. Both were sworn in by Counsel

A letter from Cummins, Inc. regarding a recall involving the Diesel engine on Engine 241 was received. The letter advised of a possible fuel leak and subsequent fire possibility. Currently there is no fix. Hudson Valley Fire Equipment is aware and has recommended that we continue using the engine but monitor for fuel leakage or diesel odor.

Letters were received from the fire company requesting permission to hold a family picnic at the firehouse on August 29, 2021 and a golf outing, raffle and dinner on October 12, 2021. On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously, both were approved with the understanding that all CDC and local COVID restrictions in place at the time of the events be strictly adhered to and enforced by the fire company.

A letter from Evan Sundquist advising that he cannot accept a permanent full-time position as office assistant and would like to return to Caretaker part-time. This was accepted.

On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the purchase of 10 Motorola portable UHF radios on NY State Contract PT 68722 for a total amount of \$36,629.00 was approved.

R. Makowski reported that there has been a third fire sprinkler leak and that the latest caused significant damage. This has been reported to insurance. The sprinkler in the affected area was installed in the late 1980's. W&M Fire Protection has inspected the pipe and found it to be in good condition. The main piping uses Victaulic couplings and gaskets. The coupling design was updated some time ago. They are now in the process of changing the couplings and gaskets. Since the fire sprinkler is inoperable in this area the expenditure of funds related to the repair are declared to be of an emergency nature,

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suspending normal procurement procedures. This was approved on a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Mignone and carried unanimously.

R. Makowski reported the 2020 audit performed by BST Co. was completed and submitted to the State Comptroller. On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the audit was accepted. Counsel to advertise its availability for public review.

On a motion by Commissioner Lobel, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, a public bid for replacement of the carpet and flooring in the meeting room was authorized.

R. Makowski reported that as part of the new construction project, only one wall in the meeting room was refurbished and painted. On a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried, Peter Gisondi & Co will be contracted to removed the wallpaper, smooth the walls and paint the remaining three wall for \$3,300.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Mignone, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, a transfer of \$5,000.00 from A3410.4 to A9025.8 was authorized.

On a motion by Commissioner Sala, seconded by Commissioner Lobel and carried unanimously, the following purchases requested by Chief Varmon were authorized:

2 EMS bags @ \$285.00 ea.
1 Phillips AED \$1,559.00
1 Safety mat for bailout training \$600.00

On a motion by Commissioner Makowski, seconded by Commissioner Brefere and carried unanimously, the expenditure of \$40.00 per firefighter for CPR/AED training was authorized.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm on a motion by Commissioner Brefere, seconded by Commissioner Makowski and carried unanimously.

Robert Makowski, Secretary

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MEETING NOTICE

**The August 2021 regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners,
Purchase Fire District will be held on Thursday August 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**