



POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes July 13, 2023

Present: President Ron Yuhas, Vice President Kevin Marquardt, Directors Gale Goode, Jon Luther, Clerk/Treasurer Susan Aguiar, Chief Driscoll, Deputy Chief Douchette and Administrator Mary Santos

Absent: Randy Ackley, Ron Johnson, and Al Luther

At 7:18 p.m. President Ron Yuhas announced the call to order with the time, date and place. Roll call was taken to establish a quorum. A moment of silence and a pledge to the flag followed.

MOTION: It was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to accept the meeting minutes of May 10, 2023.

Remarks from Visitors:

n/a

Reports and Communications:

Chief Driscoll's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Deputy Chief Douchette's report and Fire Marshal Bednarz's report was submitted and accepted for the record. Additional reports submitted and accepted for the record were the Budget Summary 2022/2023, the Monthly Transaction Detail, the Inspection Fees and Permit and the Current Tax Collections.

Old Business

Chief Driscoll stated the updated State Pilot money distribution between the Town of Groton and the Districts will be discussed and voted on at the August 1st Council meeting which he will be attending, if voted on and approved it will be made policy.

New Business

President Yuhas talked about the hiring process for the upcoming vacancies. Chief Driscoll suggested going back to the old process. Chief Driscoll asked the Board to approve investing in a \$50,000 US Treasury Bill with the extra money in the Fidelity checking account. The bill would be short term and could be liquidated at any time. Susan Aguiar made a motion to invest \$50,000.00 in a US Treasury Bill with the extra money in the Fidelity checking account short term and Treasury bill could be liquidated at any time if needed, motion was seconded by Kevin Marquardt, motion passed 4-0. Chief Driscoll also stated the Board would need to appoint Trustees for OPEB. Susan Aguiar made a motion to appoint the Fire Chief, the PBFAD Administrator, 1 (one) firefighter (Union Trustee) and 2 (two) board members to be approved and voted on by the Board. Approval and

voting on Trustees will be added to the July meeting agenda every year. Motion seconded by Gale Goode, motion passed 4-0.

Susan Aguiar brought up changing the meeting time from 7pm to 6pm. If legally able to do so the board approves it unanimously. Susan will call the City Clerk, Betsy Moukawsher.

President Yuhas is looking for people that would like to become a Board Member. If anyone knows of anyone, please let him know.

Deputy Chief Douchette was looking for approval to purchase bay doors that were already budgeted. President Yuhas approved this request.

Good of the Department

Gale Goode witnessed an interaction by the Poquonnock Bridge Firefighters while getting gas. She stated she was with her grandchildren, and they wanted to see the fire truck. She was very impressed with the interaction between the firefighters and her grandchildren.

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Susan Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for June 2023, were \$77,388.32 were accepted.

MOTION: At 8:04 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Aguiar, Clerk
Poquonnock Bridge Fire District