



# POQUONNOCK BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes September 14, 2023

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

**Absent:** Gail Goode, Al Luther and Ron Johnson

At 6:11 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 August 10, 2023.

### Remarks from Visitors:

n/a

### Reports and Communications:

Chief Driscoll's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record. Chief Driscoll also presented his letter of retirement with a December 7, 2023 retirement date. The letter was received and accepted by the Board. President Yuhas commented that he was appreciative of the support and time that was received by Town Manager Burt, Councilor Franco, Fire Chief Driscoll and Deputy Chief Douchette on the Pilot Money. Deputy Chief Douchette's report was submitted, read and accepted for the record 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 2023/2024, the Monthly Transaction Detail, the Inspection Fees and Permit and the Current Tax Collections.

### Old Business

President Yuhas, Fire Chief Driscoll and District Administrator Santos met with Liberty Bank. Chief Driscoll was very impressed by their presentation, especially the fact they have a dedicated Municipal Division. They also gave us a list of references which the Chief will follow up with. Chelsea Groton Bank does not have a Municipal Division and can only offer us an outside Investor/Contractor for investing services. Liberty Bank also offered us several options for Money Market accounts. President Yuhas would like to give Chelsea Groton Bank a last chance effort with improving our services/relationship. Treasurer Aguiar is opposed to moving to Liberty Bank. Chief Driscoll is asking to move the Obligation and Reserve accounts to Liberty Bank to "trial" them and revisit both banks. A motion was made by Vice President Marquardt and Seconded by Director Ackley. The vote was three (3) in favor, no one opposed and one (1) abstained.

Chief Driscoll gave an update on the Fire Box Removal project. He stated it was moving along and they sold supplies to Mystic this month.

New Business

n/a

Good of the Department

President Yuhas would like to recognize the increase in State Pilot money for FYE 2025 to the Poquonnock Bridge Fire District.

Presentation and payment of bills

Treasurer/Clerk Susan Aguiar announced that the bills to be paid for August 2023 in the amount of \$98,005.53 were accepted.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Treasurer Aguiar to go into Executive Session at 7:02pm. The meeting was resumed at 7:19pm. A motion was made by Treasurer Aguiar and Seconded by Vice President Marquardt to post the Fire Chief Position asap. The vote was unanimous. President Yuhas addressed Deputy Chief Douchette and would like to see him put in for the job. If he doesn't get the job he would like him to stay on as the Deputy Chief.

MOTION: At 7:21 PM it was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2023.

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