Regular Commissioners’ Meeting

Plattekill Fire District

April 08th, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Salute to Flag

Commissioner’s Present:

Commissioner Brian Stafford Naye Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Treasurer Cynthia Delgado Aye

Secretary Nancy Papo Aye

Item #1 Public Input: Chantel Stephens presented board with web-site.

New Members:

Item#2 Vouchers:

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to pay the vouchers. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Abstained from signing Haight Fire Equipment

Commissioner Brian Stafford Abstain from J&N Stafford voucher.

Item#3 Meeting Minutes

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to accept March meeting minutes. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Item#4 Treasurers Report Statements reviewed by Commissioner Robert Jackson

**TREASURERS’ REPORT**

**APRIL 8, 2025**

General Fund - $916,428.09

Petty Cash - $241.00

Vehicle Reserve Acct., - $11,817.71

Land & Building - $40,919.65

Voucher #24-533 and 24-534 in the amount of $1620.16 are presented for payment.

Voucher # 25-155 to 25-2231 in the amount of $169,041.24 are presented for payment.

No deposits were made this month.

Treasurer asked for help for new quick books and since we are over 1-million-dollar budget comptroller has no issues with accountant from RBT to come to firehouse to help with this process. The cost of RBT to come and set up about 1000.00 to 2000.00 .

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Patricia Betanzos made a motion to allow RBT to come help with quick books. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion accept treasurers report as read. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Item#5 Chief’s Report

1. Call Statistics for March 2025

70 Calls for Month of March (1 UAC, 99% for March)

* 47 EMS Alarms / 37 in district - 10 Mutual Aid

1. 23 Critical Alarms
2. 20 Stable Alarms
3. 2 Unstable Alarms
4. 2 Medical Alarm
5. Mutual Aid EMS:
6. 5 - CFD 21
7. 3- MFD 40
8. 2- WVAC 76

***1UAC for total EMS Alarms, 98% Response Rate, EMS (100% Rate for the Mutual aid EMS))***

* 6 Personal Injury Motor Vehicle Accidents
* 3 Mutual Aid (Fire)

1. 2 CVFD
2. 1 MHFD

* 3 Automatic Fire Alarm
* 2 HAZMAT Gas Leak/Odor of Gas
* 2 Rescue, Person Stuck in Furniture
* 1 Outdoor Electrical
* 1 Structure Fire

Total Calls for 2025 (to April 1st, 2025): 188 (4 UAC’s 98.01% Response)

* EMS Alarms: 122 (98.01% Response Rate)
* Fire Alarms: 66 (100% Response)

***Total Agency Response rate is 99%.***

*Discussion on the county wide EMS Plan and the false narrative that was pushed by some individuals of power.*

1. Aaron Kopaskie has been elected to Fulfill the Second Assistant Chief Position by department election on April 3rd, 2025.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to accept Aaron Kopaskie as Asst Chief. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. Discussion on Data Entry person for BFIR/NFIR Reporting – AC D. Foster

Scheduled interviews 4 people interested dropped to 3 only 1 person interested in doing the BFIRS Doug Comfortable with Chantel Stephens to do them.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Patricia Betanzos made a motion hire Chantel Stephens to do Data entry Niffers. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. Quincy Cutchin has been qualified and cleared as a driver on Ambulance 645 & 647
2. The new Chiefs office Apple computer has been ordered and has been delivered. Jose Delgado is meeting me April 9th, 2025 @ 13:00 hours for installation.
3. Parade Dates and Locations, needs permission to use district equipment for the following parades.
4. Memorial Day – Town of Plattekill, May 24th, 2025
5. Memorial Day – Town of Newburgh, May 25th, 2025
6. Hudson Valley Parade (Mardi Gras & Dress), Lake George, June 11th – 14th 2025
7. Ulster County Volunteer Firefighters Association Parade, Ellenville, July 26th, 2025

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt made a motion allow apparatus to above parades. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. District Physicals are underway and shall be completed by May 30th, 2025. Anyone member that has not met the requirement will be made inactive until the requirement is met. As of today’s date, the physicals are being completed at FirstCare in Highland or at your primary physician in which HSO Drobot has only received 18 forms as of April 3rd, 2025.

It is possible to do a urine test called Icup if a drug test needed to be completed with in a time frame. Will come back.

1. Station 2 Painting project as requested by the fire district for the front of the building. Doors would be painted to match the station 1 scheme. Red Doors, Dark Grey Brick. The cost of Painting project is $4,530.00 from O & R Painting, Wallkill, NY. Please take both painting projects out of Land & Building Fund.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to put out a permissive referendum contact John Sisti for the proper paperwork. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. Notification: The New Brush response Vehicle, 47-45, has been delivered. Radio has been installed. The equipment supplied is being mounted. In Service training and qualifications will take place soon. The projected in-service date time frame is the first week of May.
2. Would like the bid specifications approved and sent out for competitive bidding process for the remount project the 2013 Chevrolet / OSAGE ambulance. I would suggest bid opening date for our next commissioner’s meeting.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion contact John Sisti for ambulance. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. Would like to go out for the competitive bidding process for billing for EMS services in the Plattekill Fire District as Discussed. Please see the attached RFP.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to contact Brad Pinsky for this. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. We have ordered the budgeted project Battery-Operated Leaf Blowers, QTY (3) out of Line Item 210.004. Total Purchase is $1,049.97. Lowest Price was Napa, Highest was Milwaukee Direct. They are for Rescue 5 and Engine 4.
2. **Uline: $440.00 Plus Shipping (Total $1,320.00)**
3. **Home Depot: $399.00 Plus Shipping (Total $1,197.00)**
4. **Napa: $349.99 Includes Shipping ($1,049.97)**
5. **Milwaukee: $ 699.98 Plus Shipping ($2,099.94)**

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. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

1. Executive Session for Personnel issues w/ Chiefs.
2. Investigation 2025-003
3. Investigation 2025-004

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. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Submitted:

**Christopher Mancuso**

Chief Christopher Mancuso

Item # 6 New Business

A discussion on desk and cabinet for station 2 will come back to district.

Brought back solar information for station 1 and 2 discussed on savings. Would like Chuck to come in to do presentation from Solar Farms.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to have solar personnel come for presentation. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

A discussion on renewal not to save the 429.00 leave policy how it is.

Doing bid packages for snow removal for station one and two.

Item # 7 Old Business

Judy Mayle objects to comments on age.

A discussion on policies needs to be reviewed to check to see what needs to be updated.

Chiefs will be bringing back overlapping and contradicting policies.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Patricia Betanzos made a motion approve painting garage doors for 4530.00. Commissioner Rich Merrill seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Patricia Betanzos made a motion to move 4530.00 from line item 210.011 to 290.002 for the painting project station 2. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to go into executive session 8:27 for personnel issue. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to come out of executive session 9:32. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt made a motion investigation 2025-003 go to Brad Pinsky. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt made a motion investigation 2025-004 disciplinary upheld by district. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Robert Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Patricia Betanzos seconded the motion

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Absent

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Adjourned

Submitted Nancy Papo

Time 9:33