Regular Commissioners’ Meeting

Plattekill Fire District

June 24th , 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Salute to Flag

Commissioner’s Present:

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Late

Commissioner Patricia Betanzos Naye

Treasurer Cynthia Delgado Aye

Secretary Nancy Papo Aye

Bid Opening

Ambulance Chasis remount

Desorcie Emergency OSAGE for 244,990.00 total 1095 days valid 15 days after meeting money due in 4 years.

\* 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 award bid to Desorcie emergency OSAGE for chasis remount for 244,990.00. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

Janitor Bid Station 2

480.00 Antonio Cepeda

Only Bid

\* 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 award bid to Antonio Cepeda for cleaning station 2 for 480.00 a month. Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

Item #1 Public Input: Dean Depew

Town supervisor came to meeting would like to thank board for coming to town meeting, spoke about different things going on in the town. Discussed changing out police 40’s for 9-millimeter guns since ammo is less expensive and looking for grants for vests. Much discussed on what the town is doing cleaning up files and paperwork. Discussion on event on east road with possibly 500-1000 people coming maybe next year. A discussion on letter of support on comprehensive plan.

\* 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 sign the letter for the town. Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

Item#2 Vouchers:

No Vouchers this meeting.

Item #3 Meeting Minutes

No Minutes this month

Item#4 Treasurer Report

No Report this meeting

Item#5 Chief’s Report

**Chiefs Office Report**

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Chief C. Mancuso

**Chief’s Points of Discussion**

* Presentation from AC Doug Foster on Health and Wellness

A few people need PO’s for mental health crisis intervention

\* 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 allow PO’s for members in need of counseling on the new health and wellness plan with new providers. Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

* Pricing for billing has been retuned by four (4) different billing companies and will be reviewed for a forward movement at the next commissioner’s meeting in July 2025. EMS and the Chiefs have a series of meetings upcoming on our next steps and scheduled for June 26th, 2025. We have received information from the following billing agencies:

1. ProClaim Services
2. P.A.B
3. Crossroads Billing
4. Priority One

* Effective January 1st, 2026, the Modena Fire District will transition from being a transporting EMS agency to operating on an "EMS first response" basis. Further details regarding this change are currently unavailable. The EMS Committee will take this development into account when discussing and finalizing the Plattekill Fire District Plan.
* We are submitting the final specifications for the new E3, which will be built on the E-One Platform as a 3000 Gallon Tanker. The current pricing is $1,399,000, and it is included in the purchasing contract. Our goals and objectives have evolved with this purchase and over the past three years of committee deliberations. The overall cost to maintain two of our oldest apparatus (E3, a 2005 Peirce, and E2, a 2009 HME) has become prohibitively expensive and challenging to budget for. Additionally, the declining workforce available to operate both apparatus simultaneously has made their deployment increasingly impractical. After extensive discussions regarding our strategic direction, we have concluded that it would be most prudent to sell both E2 and E3 and replace them with a single Tanker. Furthermore, we propose replacing E4 with a used Quint ladder. Given the current high market value of used apparatus, we can leverage these funds to offset the cost of the new apparatus and the acquisition of the used E4 unit.

\* 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 start process to do a resolution and whatever needed to get that process started on new tanker. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford 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 start the process to sell either 47-20 or 47-30. Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

* You will need to purchase a fridge/freezer for station 2. The one there is no longer viable and discarded. The one there now is on loan is not a solution for that station.

\* Upon motion made, seconded and discussion held, the following resolution was approved by the commissioners, Be it resolved Commissioner Richard Merrill made a motion to purchase fridge/freezer for station 2 no more than 1500.00. Commissioner Robert Jackson seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

* Executive Session for personnel matters.

\* 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 9:17 personnel issue. Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

Item # 6 New Business

Letter received in reference to land on rainbow drive to purchase just read letter.

\* 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 adopt chain of command policy. Commissioner Richard Merrill seconded the motion.

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

Item # 7 Old Business

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

. On the vote: Commissioner Jim Hoppenstedt Aye

Commissioner Richard Merrill Aye

Commissioner Robert Jackson Aye

Commissioner Brian Stafford Aye

Adjourned

Submitted Nancy Papo

Time 9:54