

Goshen Fire District

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

I. Call to order:

Chairman Turi called to order the regular meeting of the Goshen Fire District at 7:00 PM on November 16, 2023 in Goshen, NY. Unless otherwise stated, all of the resolutions/motions were approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners present and such persons were present during each vote unless otherwise indicated.

II. Attendees:

The following people were present: Chairman Turi, Commissioner Pearson, Commissioner Shovlin, Commissioner Donnelly, Commissioner Mendres, Secretary Roberts, Treasurer Keeley, Assistant Chief Easop, Assistant Chief Graham Past Chief Budd, Dikeman Captain Gambuti

Absent: Chief Wade

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to approve the minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 19, 2023. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

IV. Correspondence:

- Received fee schedule from Penflex.
- Received a thank you note and donation from Jack Deshler's family.
- Received a FOIL request from O'Connor & Partners with regards to a incident on September 4, 2022. Gave a copy to Chief Wade.
- Received an e-mail from Brad Pinsky with regards to the new incentive program.
- Received a letter from the Hudson Valley Developmental Disabilities with regards to the day habilitation on Broadela Road inviting our fireman to visit the location. Gave a copy of the letter to Chief Wade.
- Received a letter from the Goshen School District with regards to the meeting on November 6. Notification was sent to all the Commissioners and Chiefs.
- Received notification of the household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on November 17 and 18. A copy was given to Chief Wade.
- Received paperwork from Dikeman Engine & Hose for new member Michael Stumbo. All paperwork is in order.
- Received paperwork from Dikeman Engine & Hose Company for change of status for David Ward – Terminated and Jeff Morse – Active to Honorary.
- Received paperwork from Minisink Hook & Ladder for change of status as follows:
Terminated – Jackson Brady, Alex Manna, Jake McPhee
Active to Honorary – John Manna, John Jonas Sr.
- Received an invitation from the Cataract Engine & Hose Company for their Christmas party to be held on December 9th. They ask that we rsvp by November 22.

V. Treasurer Report :

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to approve Abstract 18 consisting of vouchers 11 to 19 in the amount of \$23,422.06 and Abstract 19 consisting of vouchers 46 to 73 in the amount of \$101,158.54 for a total amount of \$124,580.60. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

VI. Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Pearson:

- 10 Truck Checks done, no major issues, refilled necessary fluids.
- 931 – Added DEF.
- 932 – Check engine light was on. Heavy DPF Saturation, Perform diagnostic regen , Added DEF, Clear codes
- 933 – Check Over, NYSI
- 934 – Added DEF and washer fluid
- 934 – Replaced wiper blades
- 936 – Added DEF, Found air leak at Air Dryer – replaced and back in service.
- 937 – Found air leak on Frame, Unit was brought to JA Truck – repair done, NYSI
- 938 – Adjusted tire pressure
- 939 – None
- 941 - None

Commissioner Shovlin:

- Ordered storage cabinet for Station 1.

Commissioner Mendres:

- Took 2012 Durango off insurance.
- Will receive a check for \$2,475 for the repair of the bay doors at Station 1.

Commissioner Donnelly: DIKEMAN

- Ceiling in bar area will be repaired.
- Mountain Restaurant repaired upstairs fridge.
- Letters going up week of December 4th.
- AC will be installed week of November 27th.

CATARACTS

- Painted frames of bay doors completed.

MINISINKS

- Painting has been completed
- Radio room floors were redone and waxed.
- HK Laundry repaired the washer
- Lights over the signs were upgraded

SHED

- AC will be installed week of November 27th.

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- All 3 air hose reels will be installed by the end of next week
- Spoke with NAS about relay for fans to turn off when alarm goes off.
- Spoke with Burke about adding extra lights and cameras.
- Will be meeting with Boiler King about noise in office.
- All units have been turned to heat.

Commissioner Turi:

- LOSAP came on November 13 and updated us on our program.
- Will have to do a resolution for the LOSAP changes.

VII. Chief's Reports

Chief Wade: Absent

Assistant Chief Easop:

- Fire Calls October 2023, Fire - 40, Rescue -8, Total -48, YTD - 478
- Candy Cane run will be December 2 in the AM and will be bringing Santa in the afternoon
- Council Party will be December 9 – all are welcome.
- Received a request from the Mayor to use the Ladder to install Christmas light on the tree and the street. Ok as long as they get insurance to us.
- Fisch issue is still on going.
- December 13 is Wreaths across America – will meet here at 9

Assistant Chief Graham:

- Shabad has requested the use of the ladder on December 7 to light the Menorah
- Had a Mass Casualty Drill at the Jail and the stand pipes are bad. As of right now all stand pipes at the jail are out of service.
- Hazardous waste information had wrong numbers and didn't even say to call the fire department. Addressed this with Chief Tankasali.
- Haven't ordered the harnesses yet that did not come with gear. Waiting for the amount from Hi-Tech.
- New tablets and mounts are here. Will begin installing after Thanksgiving.
- Alpine Software waved invoice until February.
- Have had issue with Emergency Reporting. Should be receiving a refund check for the \$500.00 they charged us. If we don't have our files by the end of next week will be contacting Alpine Software who said they will write a demand letter to help us obtain our information. The start date of January 1 may not be viable because of the issues with Emergency Reporting.

VIII. Old Business:

- Commissioner Donnelly met with Greenlight with regards to what firehouse they felt would be the best to put their equipment. Station 2 looks like the best option. They would use the Fire Police room and the Fire Police would move back downstairs.
- Commissioner Pearson reported that the Pumper/Tanker specs are done and need to go to the lawyer to be reviewed. The cost of will be \$1,357,0342 because of new regulations by the NFPA. If we put 75% down we will get a discount of \$167,252.00. Will have chrome rims due to the weight and axle.

IX. New Business:

- Upon a motion made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly a resolution was made to change the LOSAP Program as follows:
Lower the entitlement age from 62 to 60
Increase monthly amount from \$20.00 to \$30.00.
By doing this the yearly amount would increase approximately from \$130,000 to \$230,000.
A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed. (Attachment A)

- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to accept Michael Stumbo as a member of the Dikeman Engine & Hose Company. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to authorize UBS to pay Penflex our annual fee. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Shovlin to allow UBS to reinvest \$137,000 in a 12 month CD at 5.4%. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Turi, Mendres, Shovlin, Donnelly and Pearson all voted yes. Motion passed.

X. Public Participation:

- Past Chief Budd asked if everyone could please respond to the Cataract Christmas party invitation by November 22, 2023.
- Past Chief Budd asked if we had received any response from Mr. Pinsky with regards to the Incentive Program. Commissioner Turi said we had and that the proposed program was not going to be initiated. The chief's would be taking it over and awards would be given out by the number of calls the attended. (Ex. 10% - shirt, 15% - flashlight). No one would be going to the store to order any item.

XI. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Pearson to adjourn at 7:35 PM. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Mendres to come back into session as an item was forgotten.

Commissioner Pearson brought up the way points were figured for the Chief's election and asked if a member joined any time after November 1, 2022 that their points would be figured on the time that they were in (ex. If a member joined in May of 2023 their % of calls would be divided on the total number of calls from May to October.) All Commissioner agreed. Secretary Roberts was instructed to look at any new member and to configure their percentage accordingly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mendres and seconded by Commissioner Donnelly to adjourn at 7:45 PM. All Commissioners present in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. Roberts
Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
GOSHEN FIRE DISTRICT**

*In the matter of amending the provisions of the Length of Service Award Program adopted for active
volunteer firefighter members of the Goshen Fire Department*

WHEREAS; qualified electors of the Goshen Fire District approved a proposition to establish a Defined Benefit Length of Service Award Program, with the first program year beginning January 1, 1992, to be administered by the Goshen Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, for active volunteer firefighter members of the Goshen Fire Department ("Active Members"), in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law ("Law"); and,

WHEREAS; under the current Program provisions, volunteers earn a \$20 Monthly Service Award for each year of Service Credit earned under the Service Award Point System up to twenty (20) years of such credit in the Program, with the monthly Service Award payments commencing to the volunteer upon attainment of the Program Entitlement Age of sixty two (62);

WHEREAS; Article 11-A of the Law authorizes the Board of Fire Commissioners to hold a referendum to seek approval for an amendment to the Program; and,

WHEREAS; these amendments may be intended to enable the Fire District to improve the Service Award Program benefits for the Active Members; and,

WHEREAS: such improvement in the Service Award Program benefits is consistent with the intent of the Program to help the Goshen Fire Department. recruit and retain Active Members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners, as authorized by Article 11-A of the Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters of the Goshen Fire District in an election to be held on December 12, 20 23 to seek voter approval to:

increase the Monthly Service Award from \$20 to \$30 for service credit earned effective January 1, 2024; and

change the entitlement age from 62 to 60 that a participant is eligible to start receiving benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the current program calendar year 2023 cost of the Program will be about \$130,000 or about \$634 per participating volunteer, which includes the annual cost of administration of about \$10,600. Should voters approve this amendment, the annual cost of the amended program for current participants is estimated to increase to about \$230,000, or \$1,122 per participating volunteer. There will be no increase in administrative fees expected because of this amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all other provisions of the Program which require voter approval shall not change and the Program shall continue to be administered in accordance with Article 11-A of the Law as such law is amended from time to time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of the Goshen Fire District are authorized to and shall take the necessary actions to carry out this resolution.

Commissioner Pearson moved, Commissioner Donnelly seconded, and the Goshen Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, voted as follows:

	IN FAVOR	OPPOSED
Commissioner Turi _____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Print Name <u>ALFRED Tuni</u>		
Commissioner Mendres _____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Print Name <u>Richard E. Mendres</u>		
Commissioner Pearson _____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Print Name <u>Richard Pearson JR</u>		
Commissioner Shovlin _____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Print Name <u>Brendan P. Shovlin</u>		
Commissioner Donnelly _____	<u>✓</u>	_____
Print Name <u>BEX DONNELLY</u>		