**WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 10, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Walden Fire District was called to order by Chairman Werner at 6:00pm.

The pledge to the flag was led by Chairman Werner. A moment of silence for fallen brother Vern Spencer.

Roll Call: Chairman Roy Werner

 Commissioner Scott Hickey

 Dave Kurtz

 Sam Phelps

 Kevin McColl

 Secretary Denise McNeely

 S.H. Clerk Susan Morrison

 Treasurer Diane Holbert

 Chief Chic McNeely

 Asst. Chief George Brown

 Asst. Chief Brad Davis

 Asst. Chief Jason Faso

**Minutes of February –** Chairman Werner made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections to

Pg 1 Commissioner McColl was absent/ watched via Video Conference

Pg 3 change 68 months to 63

Pg 4 Kevin McColl absent/ Commissioner Werner stated not able to vote due to law 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

**Financial report –**Chairman Werner made a motion to accept 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried. Statements verified by Commissioner Phelps, except the general fund statement not in.

**Disbursements –** Chairman Werner motioned to pay all bills, if found correct, 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

**Correspondence**- none

Received:

 WFD (New member)

**Chief’s report:**

FOR THE MONTH OF: February DATE: 03/05/2025

COMPLETED BY: Chief Charles McNeely

1. **Number and Type of Alarms** 20 Alarms for the month. See attached report

3 structure fires,

 50 S Montgomery St (with fatality)

 127 Plains Rd. (Bella Acres Farm & Sanctuary)

 154 E. Main St.

1. **Personnel**

New members: Carls Desir

ABC’s for Shawn Colgan, Carls Desir, James DeStefano returned all good

1. **Training** See Attached report

Micheal Keenan driver training

Russel Garrison ARRF in Dutchess County

Bullville FD requests use of the Training Building March 24th all paperwork sent awaiting return

1. **Maintenance**

Hose Testing April 22nd

Mobile radios Sq 236 and Sq 237 noise filters installed

1. **Requests for Apparatus Leaving District**
2. **Upcoming goals- None**
3. **Purchase Requests**

Received loaner portable NX5300

1. **Other**

FD Demographics sent to DHS for NERIS (will be working on necessary documents for the next 2 months)

**Social Hall report**:

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| Date | Contract # | Deposit | Rental  | Resident | Non Resident | Member | Non Profit | Waived Fee |
| 1-Feb | 629 | 200 | 600 | X |   |   |   |   |
| 8-Feb | 655 | 200 | 0 |   |   |   |   | X |
| 15-Feb | 638 | 200 | 600 | X |   |   |   |   |
| 16-Feb | 645 | 200 | 0 |   |   | x |   |   |
| 21-Feb | 634 | 300 | 1000 |   | X |   |   |   |
| 22-Feb | 612 | 200 | 600 | x |   |   |   |   |
| 23-Feb | 654 | $200  | 0 |   |   | x |   |   |
| 28-Feb | 635 | $300  | 1000 |   | X |   |   |   |

Health Inspection up to date, painting is almost done, will be getting quotes for the floor striping and wax.

**Old Business:**

1. **Legal Issues-** status quo
2. **Chief’s Vehicle-** in service, April 9th will be getting lettered.
3. **Radios-** Chairman Werner would like to make sure the radios are NFPA compliant, will need 2 more prices and demo the radio, Commissioner Kurtz would like to see local companies like River Valley submit a quote. Will need to verify that the contract numbers are correct. Chairman Werner made a motion to post legal notice of referendum for the radios 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried. This will have to sit for 30 prior to purchasing.

**Legal Notice**

**Walden Fire District**

**Notice of Permissive Referendum**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walden Fire District at a Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2025, duly adopted a Resolution as abstracted below pursuant to General Municipal Law§ 6-g, subject to permissive referendum:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Walden Fire District authorizes the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $150,000 from the Apparatus Capital Fund for the purpose of purchasing new Kenwood radios; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,  that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

Dated: March 10, 2025

Denise McNeely, Secretary

Walden Fire District

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Werner Yes

Commissioner Kurtz Yes

Commissioner Phelps Yes

Commissioner McColl Yes

Commissioner Hickey Yes

1. **Misc-**

**Commissioner Phelps:** Max Home Interior Repairs quote to the building 1. Interior equipment Pad for the water softener tank $2510.00 Chairman Werner made a motion to have this done 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

**Commissioner McColl:** need to replace the Yield, Stop, Keep Left and No Dumping signs, with new signs.

**Commissioner Phelps:** has 2 quotes for new mirrors Campbell $7554. And Sager Fleet $4487. Chairman Werner made a motion to approve Sager Fleet change out the mirrors pending that Campbell doesn’t void out the any of kind warranty on the vehicle, Chairman Werner will email Daryl regarding. Chairman Werner states that we will need another quote. After discussion regarding warranty and another quote, motion was not carried.

Sullivan came in to repair some leaks.

Would like to know who repairs the bay floor?

**New Business:**

**Correspondence: none**

**Explorers:** Chairman Werner states there is an insurance issue, we will have to get a Criminal background check done on ALL instructors/ advisors and anyone else that is consistent with the program and a policy will have to be put in place. Chairman Werner states he reached out to VFIS to see if they recommend a company to handle background checks, ItelliCorp package price is $23.10.

**Resolutions- none**

**New Members-** Chairman Werner made a motion to accept Carls Desir of Walden pending ABC and physical 2nd by Commissioner Hickey, carried.

**Miscellaneous-**

**Chairman Werner:** made a motion to have a bid spec done for Pavement, split front and back 2nd by Commissioner Hickey, carried.

**Commissioner Hickey:** made a motion to purchase a 24’ ladder for Station 2, 2nd by Commissioner Kurtz, carried.

**Commissioner McColl:** motioned to have a work session on March 24th at 6pm. to discuss the Website, language to the Chiefs purchasing policy and video conferencing. 2nd by Commissioner Hickey, carried.

**Commissioner Kurtz:** states that part of tree fell down and broke part of the fence on the hill that’s not ours. Theres a company that is interested in seeing 238, will be here on March 12th at11am.Ozman will bill for storage after the apparatus is gone. Questioned the photo policy, and having Jessica take photos, will need to get a SD card for photo storage. Chief McNeely states they are looking to get a vest of some sort that identifies as photographer.

**Public Comment-** none

**Executive Session**-none

Chairman Werner made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm 2nd by Commissioner Hickey, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McNeely, Secretary

Walden Fire District