

**FIRE DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF THE VESTAL TOWN BOARD
FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

TOWN BOARD PRESENT:

Supervisor/Chair of Fire Commissioner John Schaffer

Board Members/Board of Fire Commissioners:

Patty Fitzgerald

Suzanne Messina

Stephen Donnelly

John Fletcher (absent illness)

ALSO ATTENDING: Town Attorney David Berger, Town Clerk/Fire Secretary Debra Wallace

Supervisor Schaffer convened the meeting at 5:00PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Messina and seconded by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, the following was

ADOPTED Schaffer, Fitzgerald, Messina, Donnelly

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion approving the February 8th, 2023 Minutes, of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board.

3. BID OPENINGS

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

6. RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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Supervisor Schaffer requested that 7.2.2 be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly and seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the following with exclusion of 7.2.2 was

ADOPTED Schaffer, Fitzgerald, Messina, Donnelly
Ayes 4
Nays 0

8. PUBLIC WORKS (MESSINA)

9. FINANCE (MESSINA /Donnelly)

R012F-2023 Approval of Retroactive Contract with TenKate

Approval for Retroactive Contract with TenKate Grant Services LLC to write and prepare FY2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application.

Pulled for Further Discussion

Authorization for Retroactive pay to TenKate Grant Services LLC to write and prepare FY2022 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application in the amount of \$2000.

R013F-2023 Approval of Retroactive Budget Transfer

Approval of a Retroactive budget transfer of \$2,000 from F3410 4060 to 3410 4000 to cover the invoice from TenKate Grant Services LLC.

10. PERSONNEL (FITZGERALD/Donnelly)

R014F-2023 Approval of Removal of Membership

Approve the following members for removal from membership by their Company: Michael Behr, Jared Little and Nicolas Martinez. All from Station 4.

R015F-2023 Approval to Review Firefighter Gerald Konen's Points

Approval for review of Firefighter Gerald Konen points from Station 3 resulted in final total of 49 points. There will be no change in status for Firefighter

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R016F-2023 Approval to Review Firefighter Joshua Jaso's Points

Approval for a review of Joshua Jaso points from Station 4 giving a final total of 62 Points. Firefighter Joshua Jaso will be added to the approved 2022 Length of Service Awards Listing.

11. PLANNING & ZONING (FITZGERALD)

12. PUBLIC SAFETY (MESSINA)

13. ADMINISTRATION (MESSINA)

RECEIVE AND FILE:

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilwoman Fitzgerald, seconded by Councilman Donnelly, the following was

ADOPTED as written

Schaffer, Fitzgerald, Donnelly, Messina

Ayes 4

Nays 0

R017-2023 Approval to Pay TenKate Grant LLC

Approve the payment to TenKate Grant Services LLC for \$2000. The Town Board acknowledges the expertise and experience and success in procuring grants for Fire and Emergency Services thus constituting a professional service not subject to the Towns Procurement Policy.

PETITIONS & PROTESTS

OLD BUSINESS

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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ADOPTED as written

Schaffer, Fitzgerald, Donnelly, Messina

Ayes 4

Nays 0

R018F-2023 Approval of Retroactive VFBL Coverage for Firehouse Subs

Retroactive approval of Station 4 Membership to have Firehouse Subs at Station 4 as a fundraiser this week from 2/20 to 2/26. They are asking for VFBL Coverage for members that assist during this event.

SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE CHAIR COMMENTS AND UPDATES

- Coffee with Commissioners is open to the Fire Commissioners to participate on a monthly basis. Free webinar through the Association of Fire District.
- Broome County passed a resolution on 2/16/2023 adopting into Law providing Real Property Tax Exemptions to Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance workers at the rate of 10%. There are stipulations for any member to receive these benefits. The Law goes into effect 1/1/2024 and shall apply to taxable status dates occurring on or after this date.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Donnelly, seconded by Councilwoman Messina, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M. Carried unanimously.

Approved by _____
Debra Wallace, Town Clerk