



**VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONER  
REGULAR MEETING - AGENDA**

**Date: October 25, 2023**

**Call To Order**

**Present:**

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Motion to Approval of Minutes** of the October 11, 2023 Meeting and October 18, 2023 Special Fire District Meeting.

**Correspondence:**

- Received and File September 18, 2023 Fire Advisory Board Minutes
- Received and File Warrant 2023-41F and Warrant 2023-42F

**Bid Openings**

None

**Resolutions**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Vestal Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2024 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 18, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and received comments for and against the proposed budget at said budget hearing on October 18, 2023, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Final Budget for the Vestal Fire District for 2024 with total appropriations (including Special Foam District) attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$ 2,204,750.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and, upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairman John Schaffer	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY
Commissioner Stephen Donnelly	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY
Commissioner Patty Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY
Commissioner John Fletcher	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY
Commissioner Suzanne Messina	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: October 25, 2023

Vestal, New York

WHEREAS, the Vestal Fire District needs a plan for the future replacement of vehicles, apparatus and building improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissions of the Vestal Fire District has the financial goal to increase capital reserves in order to finance, in whole or part, the replacement of vehicles, apparatus and building improvements to reduce the dependency on issuing debt, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissions has established Reserve Funds to fund future needs without issuing debt, and

WHEREAS, the Vestal Fire District has developed a plan to achieve this goal with planned annual increases in the tax levy dependent on the current conditions of the economy,

WHEREAS, the provisions of this plan were discussed at the Public Hearing on the district's 2024 budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following be adopted to represent the district's 5-year Capital Plan which modifies the previous 5-year plan adopted on October 26, 2022. Material modifications to this plan may only be made by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Chairman John Schaffer	___	AYE	___	NAY
Commissioner Stephen Donnelly	___	AYE	___	NAY
Commissioner Patty Fitzgerald	___	AYE	___	NAY
Commissioner John Fletcher	___	AYE	___	NAY
Commissioner Suzanne Messina	___	AYE	___	NAY

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**Chief's Report**

J. Paffie:

- 1) Equipment
- 2) Apparatus
- 3) Radio Communications
- 4) Stations
- 5) Training
- 6) Special Events
- 7) Miscellaneous

**Treasurer's Report:**

Presented Vouchers to be paid.

**Motion to approve Vouchers for payment.**

**Budget & Finance:**

- 1) **Motion to Approve** Chairman Schaffer to sign the lease agreement for the Chenango Bridge Fire Department to use the Fred Singer Training Facility on October 30, 2023 at the daily rate of \$200.00.
- 2) **Motion to Approve** Chairman Schaffer to allow the Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company to provide coverage for the Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program under the Enhanced Coverage in the amount of \$11,401.14 for the 2024 Budget year.
- 3) **Motion to Approve** the purchase of an Elite Crash Bag Kit for estimated cost of \$1,450 including estimated shipping. The purchase orders for Misc. Operational and Misc. Tools (F3410-4060) will be used to cover the cost.
- 4) **Motion to Approve** Chairman Schaffer to approve and sign the contract for Maximum Security Systems for Central Station Monitoring Agreement for New Station 4 in the amount of \$185.00 for installation. The annual cost of \$396.00.

**Personnel:**

- 1) **Motion to approve** the following applicants to become members of the Vestal Fire Department Inc,
  - a. Station 3: Ryan Teed
  - b. Station 4: Jacob Malik

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- 1) **Motion to Approve** the Auxiliary of Station #2, Rebecca Kircher, Fundraising Sale of prepared goods that is to be held at Vestal Fire Department Station #2 on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 from 6am- 2pm.
- 2) All requisitions & budget spending should be turned in and completed no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>. All open purchase orders for Miscellaneous Spending will expire December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Comments:**

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Fire District Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at the conclusion of the Town Board Meeting.

**Motion to adjourn**