

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners
Location: Eastchester Town Hall
(Thursday, August 10, 2023)

Board Members Present:

Chairman Paul Carlo
Commissioner Paul M. Ranellone
Commissioner Anthony J. Lore, Sr.
Commissioner Tony Cerasi

Absent:

Commissioner Brian E. Keating

In Attendance:

Chief Brian Tween
Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom
Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith

1. Call to Order

Action: 1.1 - Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Carlo.

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Executive Session

The Board made a motion to go into executive session for matters of the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Reenter Public Session

The Board returned to the public session at 7:30 PM.

4. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom submitted the following report:

August 10, 2023

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, Eastchester Fire District
From: Jamie Hedstrom, Treasurer
Subject: Actual vs. Budget Comparison, July 2023

The financials as of July 31, 2023 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$700K.

The following accounts that are anticipated to need a budget transfer based on YTD spending include the following:

- 1150.5 Insurance
- 3105.4 Uniforms
- 9060.81 Hospital
- 9050.8 Physician/Medical costs (assuming physicals in 2023)
- 3416.1 Terminal Leave

We will continue to monitor these accounts for future transfers.

Construction Projects:

Location	Vendor	Description	Cost	Remainder	Funding
Station 4	Vinco	Apparatus Floor	\$ 852,474.76	\$ 5,800.00	Split- remainder General Fund
Station 4	B&B	Heating & ADA Compliance Includes Change Orders 2&3	\$ 649,533.00	\$ 649,533.00	Capital Reserve
Station 3	Highland Associates	Apparatus Floor- Architectural Only	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 34,500.00	General Fund

Current Balance in Capital Reserve: \$1,123,181.05
Remainder after Station 4 Permissive Referendum (\$760,000): \$363,181.05

At this time I would recommend that we request an estimate of fees from UES for the remainder of the Station 4 project, for the Board's review and approval.

Other:

Treasury Direct Investments

We have resumed our investments in 4-week Treasury bills through our Treasury Direct account in \$3M increments. The current interest rates are approximately 5.3%. To date we have earned approximately \$170K in interest, which was not anticipated in the budget.

Preliminary Budget Planning

At this time feedback is requested from the Commissioners and the Chief on any major items anticipated or planning to be proposed for the 2024 budget.

Unlike in previous years, no carryover will be available for purposes of the 2% tax cap, as the District exceeded the tax cap for the 2023 budget. Based on the tax base growth factor and allowable levy growth factors that have been provided by NYS, the District has the ability to increase taxes approximately 2.57% without exceeding the tax cap.

Tax Cap Calculation 2024

Last Year's Levy	19,816,022.50
Tax Base Growth Factor	<u>1.0056</u>
	19,926,992.23
Allowable Levy Growth Factor	<u>1.02</u>
	20,325,532.07
Available Carryover	<u>0</u>
Allowable 2022 Levy	20,325,532.07
Allowable Difference (Increase)	509,509.57
Allowable % Increase	2.5712%

Budget Factors

- GL Accounts that will require increases in the 2024 budget based on 2023 spending and trends include:
 - 1150.5 Insurance
 - 3105.4 Uniforms
 - 9060.81 Hospital
 - 9050.8 Physician/Medical costs
 - 3416.1 Terminal Leave
- If the Board does not plan to make any increases to the membership numbers in 2024, we can anticipate a decrease to our overall payroll costs, which should also be reflected in our NYSLRS pension costs. This is the result of the member retirements in 2021, 2022 and the current year and the ability to replace these members with Tier 6 members with significantly lower starting salaries. While these salaries will increase over time, it will result in savings in the near-term, and the increases may continue to be offset by future retirements.

- Based on the 2024 projected invoice provided by NYSLRS, which is not final, our pension costs to be paid in 2023 are likely to come in approximately \$80K under budget. At this time we do not have a projection of rates for the 2025 NYSLRS invoice, which will determine whether a budget adjustment is necessary for 2024.
- The Chief has indicated a desire to build funds for future apparatus purchases into the 2024 and subsequent budgets.

Budget Timeline

The Board's September monthly meeting is scheduled for September 14th, and the proposed budget must be adopted by September 27th.

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Eastchester, NY Fire District
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2023 - FY23 P&L
Jan-July 2023

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve				
Budget Encumbrances	120,246.83	120,246.83	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50	19,816,022.50	0.00	100.00%
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure	6,597.00		6,597.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	147,706.21		147,706.21	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	71,448.18		71,448.18	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	17,200.00	12,250.00	4,950.00	140.41%
Total Income	\$ 20,179,220.72	\$ 19,948,519.33	\$ 230,701.39	101.16%
Gross Profit	\$ 20,179,220.72	\$ 19,948,519.33	\$ 230,701.39	101.16%
Expenses				
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	15,483.30	15,500.00	(16.70)	99.89%
1110.5 Outside Services	8,321.45	7,000.00	1,321.45	118.88%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	175.00	200.00	(25.00)	87.50%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	5,850.74	6,416.70	(565.96)	91.18%
1150.5 Insurance	100,521.47	101,000.00	(478.53)	99.53%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,726.20	7,000.00	(4,273.80)	38.95%
1180.5 Education & Travel	214.01	2,916.70	(2,702.69)	7.34%
1200.5 Recruitment	1.49	5,000.00	(4,998.51)	0.03%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	49,732.27	88,276.60	(38,544.33)	56.34%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,002.56	11,666.70	(7,664.14)	34.31%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	25,826.34	23,735.52	2,090.82	108.81%
3040.2 Tires	11,209.93	9,333.35	1,876.58	120.11%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	19,755.97	29,166.70	(9,410.73)	67.73%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	44,488.04	46,666.70	(2,178.66)	95.33%
3070.2 Telephone	40,618.84	32,083.35	8,535.49	126.60%
3090.2 Certiorari	16,285.79	116,666.70	(100,380.91)	13.96%
3105.4 Uniforms	52,872.65	38,681.85	14,190.80	136.69%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	801.75	2,916.70	(2,114.95)	27.49%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	48,579.11	87,500.00	(38,920.89)	55.52%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	6,449.30	11,666.70	(5,217.40)	55.28%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	22,165.07	38,616.70	(16,451.63)	57.40%
3130.4 Office Supplies	2,745.76	4,666.70	(1,920.94)	58.84%
3135.4 Postage	544.60	875.00	(330.40)	62.24%
3140.4 Subscriptions	615.00	700.00	(85.00)	87.86%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,545.00	875.00	670.00	176.57%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	800.00	0.00	800.00	
3155.4 Sewer Tax	11,899.64	13,000.00	(1,100.36)	91.54%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	100.00%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	50,412.86	45,000.00	5,412.86	112.03%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	43,012.51	70,955.31	(27,942.80)	60.62%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	1,800.00	4,000.00	(2,200.00)	45.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	116,658.31	75,833.35	40,824.96	153.84%

3410.11 Fire Chief salary	123,788.80	127,333.35	(3,544.55)	97.22%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	99,912.00	99,166.70	745.30	100.75%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	487,440.00	495,833.35	(8,393.35)	98.31%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	728,760.00	735,000.00	(6,240.00)	99.15%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	3,375,822.40	3,511,666.70	(135,844.30)	96.13%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	40,538.88	42,583.35	(2,044.47)	95.20%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	15,675.00	20,000.00	(4,325.00)	78.38%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	97,067.45	102,783.35	(5,715.90)	94.44%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	57,320.22	60,000.00	(2,679.78)	95.53%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees			0.00	
3410.44 Year-End fees	16,500.00	17,500.00	(1,000.00)	94.29%
Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)	94.29%
3410.46 Consultants fees	4,500.00		4,500.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	29,450.00	37,916.70	(8,466.70)	77.67%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	15,423.00	52,500.00	(37,077.00)	29.38%
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 49,373.00	\$ 90,416.70	\$ (41,043.70)	54.61%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	7,467.38		7,467.38	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	90,990.45	117,250.00	(26,259.55)	77.60%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	243,267.24	271,000.00	(27,732.76)	89.77%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	16.00		16.00	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	436,860.07	484,312.50	(47,452.43)	90.20%
3413.12 Overtime- Training		0.00	0.00	
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	22,893.84	58,333.35	(35,439.51)	39.25%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	18,843.82	23,333.35	(4,489.53)	80.76%
3414.1 EMT Training	18,432.42	12,000.00	6,432.42	153.60%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	80,980.56	85,000.00	(4,019.44)	95.27%
9010.8 NYS Retirement		0.00	0.00	
9020.8 Social Security	442,521.06	443,333.35	(812.29)	99.82%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	19,667.63	22,063.10	(2,395.47)	89.14%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	235,154.00	255,000.00	(19,846.00)	92.22%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	43,849.13	44,000.00	(150.87)	99.66%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	11,827.50	17,500.00	(5,672.50)	67.59%
9060.81 Hospital	2,036,925.16	1,966,666.68	70,258.48	103.57%
9060.82 Dental	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	47,400.00	50,000.00	(2,600.00)	94.80%
Total Expenses	\$ 9,708,408.97	\$ 10,202,992.16	\$ (494,583.19)	95.15%
Net Operating Income	\$ 10,470,811.75	\$ 9,745,527.17	\$ 725,284.58	107.44%
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Eastchester, NY Fire District
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2023 - FY23 P&L
January - December 2023

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve				
Budget Encumbrances	234,483.71	234,483.71	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50	19,816,022.50	0.00	100.00%
2401 Interest Earnings	172,332.89		172,332.89	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure	6,597.00		6,597.00	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	71,448.18		71,448.18	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	18,800.00	21,000.00	(2,200.00)	89.52%
Total Income	\$ 20,319,684.28	\$ 20,071,506.21	\$ 248,178.07	101.24%
Gross Profit	\$ 20,319,684.28	\$ 20,071,506.21	\$ 248,178.07	101.24%
Expenses				
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	15,483.30	19,519.00	(4,035.70)	79.32%
1110.5 Outside Services	8,321.45	12,000.00	(3,678.55)	69.35%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	175.00	9,000.00	(8,825.00)	1.94%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	5,850.74	11,000.00	(5,149.26)	53.19%
1150.5 Insurance	100,521.47	120,000.00	(19,478.53)	83.77%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,726.20	12,000.00	(9,273.80)	22.72%
1180.5 Education & Travel	202.01	5,000.00	(4,797.99)	4.04%
1200.5 Recruitment	1.49	5,000.00	(4,998.51)	0.03%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	49,732.27	144,697.80	(94,965.53)	34.37%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,002.56	20,000.00	(15,997.44)	20.01%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	25,903.61	50,725.18	(24,821.57)	51.07%
3040.2 Tires	11,209.93	16,000.00	(4,790.07)	70.06%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	19,755.97	50,000.00	(30,244.03)	39.51%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	44,488.04	80,000.00	(35,511.96)	55.61%
3070.2 Telephone	40,618.84	55,000.00	(14,381.16)	73.85%
3090.2 Certiorari	16,285.79	175,000.00	(158,714.21)	9.31%
3105.4 Uniforms	52,872.65	54,250.00	(1,377.35)	97.46%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	801.75	5,000.00	(4,198.25)	16.04%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	49,671.11	150,000.00	(100,328.89)	33.11%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	6,449.30	20,000.00	(13,550.70)	32.25%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	22,165.07	66,200.00	(44,034.93)	33.48%
3130.4 Office Supplies	2,745.76	8,000.00	(5,254.24)	34.32%
3135.4 Postage	544.60	1,500.00	(955.40)	36.31%
3140.4 Subscriptions	615.00	1,200.00	(585.00)	51.25%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,545.00	1,500.00	45.00	103.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	800.00	10,000.00	(9,200.00)	8.00%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	11,899.64	13,000.00	(1,100.36)	91.54%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00	26,000.00	(8,000.00)	69.23%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	50,412.86	70,000.00	(19,587.14)	72.02%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	43,012.51	146,325.63	(103,313.12)	29.40%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	1,800.00	4,000.00	(2,200.00)	45.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	123,403.31	130,000.00	(6,596.69)	94.93%

3410.11 Fire Chief salary	123,788.80	208,000.00	(84,211.20)	59.51%
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3410.13 Fire Captains salary	487,440.00	850,000.00	(362,560.00)	57.35%
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3413.12 Overtime- Training		94,600.00	(94,600.00)	0.00%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	22,893.84	100,000.00	(77,106.16)	22.89%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	18,843.82	40,000.00	(21,156.18)	47.11%
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9010.8 NYS Retirement		2,815,000.00	(2,815,000.00)	0.00%
9020.8 Social Security	442,521.06	760,000.00	(317,478.94)	58.23%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	19,667.63	37,822.50	(18,154.87)	52.00%
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9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	43,849.13	46,000.00	(2,150.87)	95.32%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	12,547.50	30,000.00	(17,452.50)	41.83%
9060.81 Hospital	2,023,786.62	2,950,000.00	(926,213.38)	68.60%
9060.82 Dental	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	47,400.00	50,000.00	(2,600.00)	94.80%
Total Expenses	\$ 9,717,670.76	\$ 20,071,506.21	\$ (10,353,835.45)	48.42%
Net Operating Income	\$ 10,602,013.52	\$ -	\$ 10,602,013.52	
Net Income	\$ 10,602,013.52	\$ -	\$ 10,602,013.52	

NOTES: Chairman Carlo commented it was a good idea to have an apparatus fund for future purchases such as an engine or a ladder. Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom commented there is a reserve fund but it's been some time to set another one up, and the process involves setting it up on the

election ballot. Chairman Carlo asked if the funds in the reserve fund could only be spent on apparatus. Hedstrom confirmed.

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom pointed out the CBA expires in 2024, so it would be the last year where the increases are used to calculate the budget for the following year. Hedstrom commented that healthcare cost increases have been unprecedented in the past few years. Chairman Carlo asked if the overtime was down. Hedstrom confirmed and noted that the overtime was well under what was budgeted for.

5. Chief Report

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm activity: 357

Fire: 5

EMS/Rescue: 195

Mutual Aid Given: 2 (FDMV)

Mutual Aid Received: 1 (Greenville FD)

- 1) The Eastchester Fire District has responded to two lithium battery fires causing garbage trucks to catch on fire in the last few months. We would like to remind the residents that it is illegal to throw any type of rechargeable battery in the garbage. They should be recycled properly by returning them to a store that accepts batteries for recycling, or residents may contact the Westchester County Hazardous Material Recovery Facility (H-MRF) in Valhalla by calling 914-813-5425 to make an appointment to dispose of unwanted or damaged Lithium-Ion batteries.
- 2) Vehicle and equipment maintenance is being done in-house as much as possible by part-time mechanic Hank Henninger. His report was emailed to the Board on 8/10/23.
- 3) Tim Dalton's weekly maintenance reports for June were emailed to the Board on 8/10/23.
- 4) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports were emailed to the Board on 8/3/23.
- 5) Currently there are three members are out on long-term absence. FF Simonides has decided to retire effective 8/20/2023. Congratulations and best wishes on his retirement after more than 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of the Eastchester Fire District.
- 6) The five probationary firefighters graduated from the Career Chiefs Firefighter Academy on Friday, July 28th. They completed their orientation and driver training and have been assigned to a Group and are now working 24-hour tours assigned to engines with a Lieutenant. Congratulations to Probationary Firefighters Joseph Toscano, Peter Navaretta, Andrew Reese, Patrick Nigro, and Joseph Arcidiacono.
- 7) B&B Contracting Group is in the process of beginning the next phase of construction at the Chester Heights firehouse. The mechanical drawings are expected to be completed by August 14th. The Fire District attorneys and Eastchester Building Department have said work can begin at the firehouse.

- 8) On August 3rd, Commissioners Ranellone, Lore and myself presented a proclamation that congratulated retired Firefighter Pat Dotoli on the occasion of his 100th birthday. FF Dotoli served the Fire District for over 38 years from 1949 until 1987. A lunch was organized by retired FF Joseph Iamonico at Roma's Restaurant.

NOTES: Commr. Lore commented that junk yards are no longer accepting lithium batteries. Chief Tween agreed and recommended that the public recycle them properly by contacting a designated center.

6. Secretary Report

Secretary Marissa "Isang" Smith submitted the following report:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 1) Website Metrics:
 - a) Our website has now been switched over to Google Analytics 4. There were 530 new visitors for the month of July. The Hiring Process page is once again the top-performing page.
- 2) July Social Media: 7 Posts:
 - a) Instagram: @EastchesterFireDistrict
 - b) Facebook: Eastchester Fire District
 - c) Twitter: Eastchester FD
- 3) The August newsletter will be sent out on August 15th

FOIL OFFICER

- 1) Our office received 1 FOIL in July

RECORDS DIGITIZATION

- 1) Two inventory clerks have completed their work on the District records. They will submit the full inventory and recommendations for disposal by next week.
- 2) Beginning phase 2 for preparation of scanning active records at headquarters.
- 3) Continued research for an electronic content management system to manage district records in preparation for digitization. I will submit my findings for the September meeting for the Board's consideration

OFFICE - GENERAL

- 1) OML Document for August Meeting
- 2) Minutes have been updated and posted to the website
- 3) Updated 2023 resolutions spreadsheet
- 4) Regular office tasks as needed, including scheduling, billing, customer service, and staff support.

7. Business Office Recommendations

Action: 7.1 - Payment of Bills

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to pay the bills and vouchers as presented. The Board has been supplied with two sets of bills and one credit card bill. Chief Tween has reviewed all prior to the meeting, except certiorari claims and those specifically marked as reviewed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer has requested the Board approve the following:

Warrant 1- 8/10/2023 - \$373,712.98

Warrant 2 - 8/10/2023 - \$20,019.83

Credit Card – 8/18/23 - \$1,346.96

Total \$395,079.77

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

8. Other Business

Action: 8.1 - Mechanic Salary - Tim Dalton

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a 2.5% increase to Mechanic Tim Dalton's salary effective August 12, 2023.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

Action: 8.2 - Floating Holiday - Mechanic & Fire District Secretary

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves adding a floating holiday for both Mechanic Tim Dalton and Secretary Marissa Isang Smith effective immediately.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Commr. Carlo

NOTES: Commr. Cerasi advised he had two estimates for the Board to consider for closing up the windows at Station 4. Chairman Carlo reviewed the submitted proposals. Commr. Cerasi commented he was still awaiting estimates for the sheetrock project at Station 4. Chief Tween asked if the proposals indicated prevailing wage. Chairman Carlo commented that more information was needed on a prevailing wage from one of the vendors. Chairman Carlo advised to delay on a decision till the Special Meeting scheduled for next week, August 16th.

9. Future Meeting Dates

Action: 9.1 - September 14, 2023 - Eastchester Town Hall - Regular Meeting Information

NOTES: A Special Meeting is now scheduled for August 16, 2023.

10. Comments from Local 916

No comments provided

11. Comments from the Public

Resident Mike Parici asked Chief Tween when the job would begin work at Station 4. Chief Tween updated that the contractors should begin demolition work in one to two weeks and that a construction schedule will be provided once they begin. Mike Parici asked if there would be an overseer on the project. Chief Tween advised the building inspectors will do periodic inspections and that the architect will do periodic inspections. Mike Parici asked when the engine company would be back at Station 4. Chief Tween advised they are considering moving them back in, hopefully by the end of September. Mike Parici asked where the engine would go if they couldn't return to Station 4 or be in the schoolhouse. Chief Tween updated that the engine might go back to Headquarters temporarily.

12. Comments from the Commissioners

Commr. Ranellone shared the following updates:

- On July 18th, he met with Commr. Cerasi and Chief Tween at Station 4 for an estimate on sheet rocking.
- On July 28th, he met with the Chief and Assistant Chief and attended the probationary firefighter graduation ceremony in Valhalla.
- On August 1st, he attended the wake for the mother of Lieutenant John O'Leary and Firefighter Michael O'Leary.
- On August 3rd, with Commr. Lore and the Chief and Assistant Chief he attended the 100th birthday celebration of retired firefighter Pat Dotoli, whom he had the pleasure of working with while on the job.

Commr. Lore congratulated the new probationary firefighters on their graduation and hoped he would see them serve longer than 20 years. Commr. Ranellone commented the firefighters would have to make it to 25 years. Chief Tween commented that it actually is 20 years since 384e is a 20-year plan, per the CBA.

Chairman Carlo congratulated the new probationary firefighters. He also shared his condolences to the O'Leary family.

13. Adjournment

Action 12.1 - Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Chairman Carlo, unanimously agreed upon

Final Resolution: Motion passed

Yes: Commr. Carlo, Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone,

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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