

# MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**Location: Eastchester Town Hall - Courtroom - 40 Mill Road, Eastchester**  
**(Thursday, February 8, 2024)**

## **Board Members Present:**

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

## **Board Members Absent:**

Commissioner Brian E. Keating

## **In Attendance:**

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

### **1. Call to Order**

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#### **Action: 1.1 - Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Chairman Carlo.

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### **2. Salute to the Flag**

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### **3. Amy Paulin - Presentation**

Commr. Carlo advised that the presentation for Amy Paulin would take place when she arrives at the meeting.

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### **4. Adoption of Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to adopt the following meeting minutes:

- January 4, 2024: Reorganizational Meeting
- January 11, 2024: Regular Meeting
- January 15, 2024: Special Meeting

- January 17, 2024: Special Meeting

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

## 5. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom submitted the following report:

February 8, 2024

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, Eastchester Fire District

From: Jamie Hedstrom, Treasurer

Subject: Actual vs. Budget Comparison, January 2024

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The financials as of January 31, 2024 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$130K.

The financials as of December 31, 2023 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$600K, after accounting for budget encumbrances and funds allocated to 2024 purchases.

### Funds allocated to 2024

Below is the current list of budget encumbrances for 2024.

#### **Budget Encumbrances- Purchases initiated that won't be complete until 2024**

Coats, Boots, Helmets	\$69,000.00
Radio Equipment	\$75,294.65
Hoses and Nozzles	\$22,210.00
Fire Equip and Capital Outlay- Cruisers Division	\$120,000.00
Fire Equip and Capital Outlay- Ladder Truck	\$400,000.00
<b>Total Budget Encumbrances</b>	<b>\$686,504.65</b>

#### **Budget Encumbrances- Ladder Truck to be delivered in 1Q 2024**

Ladder Truck Commitment	\$1,852,000.00
2023 Encumbrance- Fire Equip and Cap Outlay	(\$400,000.00)
2023 Treasury Direct Interest	(\$366,536.62)
2023 Misc Income- FEMA grant, SAM grant, auction proceeds	(\$570,300.00)
<b>Additional Funding Required</b>	<b>\$515,163.38</b>

**Year-End Budget Transfers**

Adjustments need to be made to certain GL accounts where 2023 expenditures exceeded the amount budgeted for that line item. The over-budgeted accounts and the recommendations for transfers are below for your review and approval.

<b>Transfer From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3090.2 Certiorari	1110.4 Archiving	\$ 18,964.30
3090.2 Certiorari	1110.5 Outside Services	\$ 5,616.06
3090.2 Certiorari	1140.5 Insurance	\$ 111.12
3090.2 Certiorari	3060.2 Fuel & Electric	\$ 1,725.93
3090.2 Certiorari	3125.4 Computers, Software, Internet	\$ 6,084.91
3090.2 Certiorari	3145.4 Association Dues	\$ 745.00
3090.2 Certiorari	3150.4 Elections & Referendums	\$ 1,337.02
3090.2 Certiorari	3410.11 Fire Chief Salary	\$ 893.60
3090.2 Certiorari	3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	\$ 3,180.80
<b>Total From Certiorari</b>		\$ 38,658.74
3410.13 Fire Captains Salary	3410.14 Fire Lieutenants Salary	\$ 3,184.00
3413.12 Overtime-Training	3115.4 Emergency Equipment	\$ 18,775.68
3416.1 Terminal Leave	3414.1 EMT Training	\$ 5,651.22
6050.8 Physician/Medical Costs	9020.8 Social Security	\$ 6,123.80
3413.1 Overtime-Firefighters	9060.81 Hospital	\$ 80,000.00
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	9060.81 Hospital	\$ 45,000.00
9010.8 NYS Retirement	9060.81 Hospital	\$ 75,000.00
<b>Total Transfers</b>		\$ 272,393.44

**Construction Projects:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Remainder</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Station 4	Vinco	Apparatus Floor	\$ 852,474.76	\$ 5,800.00	Split- remainder General Fund
Station 4	B&B	Heating & ADA Compliance Invoice presented tonight for \$95,326	\$ 794,272.00	\$ 127,793.00 after invoice presented tonight	Capital Reserve
Station 3	Highland Associates	Apparatus Floor- Architectural Only	\$ 34,500.00	\$ 34,500.00	General Fund

Current Balance in Capital Reserve: \$559,141.02

Remainder after Station 4 Permissive Referendum (\$760,000): \$363,181.05

**Other:**

**Treasury Direct Investments**

We currently have \$4M invested in 4-week Treasury bills through our Treasury Direct account. The current interest rates are approximately 5.3%.

**Year-End Audit**

We have begun the process of compiling information to provide to our auditors, BST & Company, for our year-end audit which we anticipate will take place mid-March.

**Worker's Compensation Insurance**

The District's two-year contract with PERMA for worker's compensation insurance will end on 6/30/24. Our broker, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. has expressed interest in going out to market for WC insurance quotes this year. In order to do this, the Board should authorize the Chief or I to sign the Reservation of Rights letter provided by PERMA and previously circulated to the Board.

**Eastchester, NY Fire District  
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2023 Budget - FY23 P&L  
January - December 2023**

	Actual	Appropriated	Actual + Appropriated	Total Budget-with Modifications	Original Budget	Modifications	over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>								
Use of Capital Reserve	571,153.00		571,153.00	571,153.00	571,153.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance			0.00			0.00	0.00	
Budget Encumbrances	234,483.71		234,483.71	234,483.71	234,483.71	0.00	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	19,816,022.50		19,816,022.50	19,816,022.50	19,816,022.50	0.00	0.00	100.00%
2401 Interest Earnings	366,536.62	366,536.62	0.00			0.00	0.00	
2680 Insurance Recoveries			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure	6,597.00		6,597.00			0.00	6,597.00	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	588,348.18	570,300.00	18,048.18			0.00	18,048.18	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	66,685.99		66,685.99	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	45,685.99	317.55%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,649,827.00</b>	<b>\$ 936,836.62</b>	<b>\$ 20,712,990.38</b>	<b>\$ 20,642,659.21</b>	<b>\$ 20,642,659.21</b>		<b>\$ 1,007,167.79</b>	<b>104.88%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 21,649,827.00</b>	<b>\$ 936,836.62</b>	<b>\$ 20,712,990.38</b>	<b>\$ 20,642,659.21</b>	<b>\$ 20,642,659.21</b>		<b>\$ 1,007,167.79</b>	<b>104.88%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	38,483.30		38,483.30	19,519.00	19,519.00	0.00	18,964.30	197.16%
1110.5 Outside Services	17,616.06		17,616.06	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	5,616.06	146.80%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	7,611.05		7,611.05	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(1,388.95)	84.57%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	9,081.47		9,081.47	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	(1,918.53)	82.56%
1150.5 Insurance	135,205.59		135,205.59	135,094.47	120,000.00	15,094.47	111.12	100.08%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	3,885.70		3,885.70	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(8,114.30)	32.38%
1180.5 Education & Travel	1,679.50		1,679.50	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(3,320.50)	33.59%
1200.5 Recruitment	1.49		1.49	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(4,998.51)	0.03%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	74,735.89		74,735.89	144,697.80	144,697.80	0.00	(69,961.91)	51.65%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,562.50		4,562.50	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(15,437.50)	22.81%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	28,393.92	22,210.00	50,603.92	50,725.18	50,725.18	0.00	(121.26)	55.98%
3040.2 Tires	12,084.38		12,084.38	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	(3,915.62)	75.53%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	51,047.05		51,047.05	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	1,047.05	102.09%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	81,725.93		81,725.93	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	1,725.93	102.16%
3070.2 Telephone	23,445.55		23,445.55	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(31,554.45)	42.63%
3090.2 Certiorari	33,441.98		33,441.98	73,905.53	200,000.00	(126,094.47)	(40,463.55)	45.25%

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3105.4 Uniforms	58,258.05		58,258.05	59,250.00	54,250.00	5,000.00	(991.95)	98.33%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	3,357.74		3,357.74	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(1,642.26)	67.15%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	168,775.68		168,775.68	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	18,775.68	112.52%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	10,521.11		10,521.11	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(9,478.89)	52.61%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	87,384.91		87,384.91	81,300.00	66,200.00	15,100.00	6,084.91	107.48%
3130.4 Office Supplies	6,141.44		6,141.44	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	(1,858.56)	76.77%
3135.4 Postage	871.36		871.36	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(628.64)	58.09%
3140.4 Subscriptions	905.00		905.00	1,155.00	1,200.00	(45.00)	(250.00)	78.35%
3145.4 Association Dues	2,290.00		2,290.00	1,545.00	1,500.00	45.00	745.00	148.22%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	11,337.02		11,337.02	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	1,337.02	113.37%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	11,899.64		11,899.64	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00	(1,100.36)	91.54%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00		18,000.00	21,000.00	26,000.00	(5,000.00)	(3,000.00)	85.71%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	103,981.57		103,981.57	104,000.00	120,000.00	(16,000.00)	(18.43)	99.98%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	70,245.01	26,294.65	96,539.66	146,325.63	146,325.63	0.00	(49,785.97)	48.01%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	4,897.35		4,897.35	4,897.35	4,000.00	897.35	0.00	100.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	214,391.91		214,391.91	216,000.00	130,000.00	86,000.00	(1,608.09)	99.26%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	208,893.60		208,893.60	208,000.00	208,000.00	0.00	893.60	100.43%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	173,180.80		173,180.80	170,000.00	170,000.00	0.00	3,180.80	101.87%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	844,896.00		844,896.00	850,000.00	850,000.00	0.00	(5,104.00)	99.40%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	1,263,184.00		1,263,184.00	1,260,000.00	1,260,000.00	0.00	3,184.00	100.25%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	5,911,565.96		5,911,565.96	6,020,000.00	6,020,000.00	0.00	(108,434.04)	98.20%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	71,340.52		71,340.52	73,000.00	73,000.00	0.00	(1,659.48)	97.73%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	33,956.25		33,956.25	37,102.65	0.00	37,102.65	(3,146.40)	91.52%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	167,762.23		167,762.23	176,200.00	176,200.00	0.00	(8,437.77)	95.21%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	599,369.10	520,000.00	1,119,369.10	1,119,369.10	1,119,369.10	0.00	0.00	53.55%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	16,500.00		16,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	(1,000.00)	94.29%

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3410.46 Consultants fees	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	100.00%
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	47,450.00		47,450.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	(17,550.00)	73.00%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	32,288.50		32,288.50	85,203.00	90,000.00	(4,797.00)	(52,914.50)	37.90%
3410.48 Labor Consultants	297.00		297.00	297.00	0.00	297.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>Total 3410.46 Consultants fees</b>	<b>\$ 84,535.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 84,535.50</b>	<b>\$ 155,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 155,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (70,464.50)</b>	<b>54.54%</b>
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	(5,021.25)		(5,021.25)			0.00	(5,021.25)	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	157,439.82		157,439.82	163,775.20	201,000.00	(37,224.80)	(6,335.38)	96.13%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	532,724.40		532,724.40	542,000.00	542,000.00	0.00	(9,275.60)	98.29%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	124.80		124.80	124.80		124.80	0.00	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	748,922.16		748,922.16	830,250.00	830,250.00	0.00	(81,327.84)	90.20%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	40,062.02		40,062.02	94,600.00	94,600.00	0.00	(54,537.98)	42.35%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	51,859.44		51,859.44	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(48,140.56)	51.86%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	39,938.73		39,938.73	40,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	(61.27)	99.85%
3414.1 EMT Training	25,651.22		25,651.22	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	5,651.22	128.26%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	123,433.56		123,433.56	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00	(21,566.44)	85.13%
9010.8 NYS Retirement	2,736,707.00		2,736,707.00	2,815,000.00	2,815,000.00	0.00	(78,293.00)	97.22%
9020.8 Social Security	766,123.80		766,123.80	760,000.00	760,000.00	0.00	6,123.80	100.81%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	34,594.26		34,594.26	37,822.50	37,822.50	0.00	(3,228.24)	91.46%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	235,154.00		235,154.00	255,000.00	255,000.00	0.00	(19,846.00)	92.22%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	43,849.13		43,849.13	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	(2,150.87)	95.32%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	20,912.50		20,912.50	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	(9,087.50)	69.71%
9060.81 Hospital	3,149,593.01		3,149,593.01	2,950,000.00	2,950,000.00	0.00	199,593.01	106.77%
9060.82 Dental	135,000.00		135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	48,000.00		48,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	96.00%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,556,511.71</b>	<b>\$ 568,504.65</b>	<b>\$ 20,125,016.36</b>	<b>\$ 20,642,659.21</b>	<b>\$ 20,642,659.21</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>94.74%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,093,315.29</b>	<b>\$ 1,595,341.27</b>	<b>\$ 587,974.02</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 587,974.02</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$ 587,974.02</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				

**Eastchester, NY Fire District**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: FY2023 - FY23 P&L**  
**January 2024**

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Use of Capital Reserve</b>				
<b>Budget Encumbrances</b>	95,326.00	95,326.00	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes		0.00	0.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	23,652.88		23,652.88	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	100.00		100.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	3,200.00	1,750.00	1,450.00	182.86%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 122,278.88</b>	<b>\$ 97,076.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,202.88</b>	<b>125.96%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 122,278.88</b>	<b>\$ 97,076.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,202.88</b>	<b>125.96%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
1110.5 Outside Services	2,699.49	1,000.00	1,699.49	269.95%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	900.00	1,000.00	(100.00)	90.00%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	859.23	916.67	(57.44)	93.73%
1150.5 Insurance	34,573.00	36,250.00	(1,677.00)	95.37%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	551.95	1,000.00	(448.05)	55.20%
1180.5 Education & Travel	580.00	416.67	163.33	139.20%
1200.5 Recruitment	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	2,349.11	6,250.00	(3,900.89)	37.59%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00%
3040.2 Tires		1,333.33	(1,333.33)	0.00%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.		4,166.67	(4,166.67)	0.00%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	12,486.17	6,666.67	5,819.50	187.29%
3070.2 Telephone	1,169.56	4,583.33	(3,413.77)	25.52%
3090.2 Certiorari	3,994.36	16,666.67	(12,672.31)	23.97%
3105.4 Uniforms	19,455.00	20,000.00	(545.00)	97.28%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools		416.67	(416.67)	0.00%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	17,849.92	12,500.00	5,349.92	142.80%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	2,406.91	1,666.67	740.24	144.41%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	4,529.10	5,516.67	(987.57)	82.10%
3130.4 Office Supplies	1,462.58	666.67	795.91	219.39%
3135.4 Postage	87.36	125.00	(37.64)	69.89%
3140.4 Subscriptions		100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
3145.4 Association Dues	100.00	125.00	(25.00)	80.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums		0.00	0.00	
3155.4 Sewer Tax		0.00	0.00	
3160.4 Fire Training		0.00	0.00	
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	1,945.63	5,833.33	(3,887.70)	33.35%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing		333.33	(333.33)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	5,709.55	10,833.33	(5,123.78)	52.70%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	23,904.00	18,000.00	5,904.00	132.80%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	21,146.40	14,583.33	6,563.07	145.00%

3410.13 Fire Captains salary	66,681.60	72,500.00	(5,818.40)	91.97%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	99,596.80	108,333.33	(8,736.53)	91.94%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	456,795.20	483,333.33	(26,538.13)	94.51%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	5,770.40	6,235.42	(465.02)	92.54%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	13,298.40	14,683.33	(1,384.93)	90.57%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	95,326.00	139,169.33	(43,843.33)	68.50%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees			0.00	
3410.44 Year-End fees		0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
3410.46 Consultants fees			0.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers		5,416.74	(5,416.74)	0.00%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees		7,500.00	(7,500.00)	0.00%
<b>Total 3410.46 Consultants fees</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12,916.74</b>	<b>\$ (12,916.74)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	5,896.05		5,896.05	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	12,487.36	16,750.00	(4,262.64)	74.55%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	670.56	0.00	670.56	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	21,744.50	69,187.50	(47,443.00)	31.43%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	0.00	8,333.33	(8,333.33)	0.00%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	2,305.07	3,333.33	(1,028.26)	69.15%
3414.1 EMT Training	(1,800.00)	1,666.67	(3,466.67)	-108.00%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	43,513.03	50,000.00	(6,486.97)	87.03%
9010.8 NYS Retirement		0.00	0.00	
9020.8 Social Security	61,365.34	64,916.67	(3,551.33)	94.53%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	2,727.39	3,235.25	(507.86)	84.30%
9040.8 Workers Compensation		0.00	0.00	
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916		0.00	0.00	
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	2,400.00	5,000.00	(2,600.00)	48.00%
9060.81 Hospital	281,829.36	292,316.67	(10,487.31)	96.41%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,514,366.38</b>	<b>\$ 1,716,194.25</b>	<b>\$ (201,827.87)</b>	<b>88.24%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ (1,392,087.50)</b>	<b>\$ (1,619,118.25)</b>	<b>\$ 227,030.75</b>	<b>85.98%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ (1,392,087.50)</b>	<b>\$ (1,619,118.25)</b>	<b>\$ 227,030.75</b>	<b>85.98%</b>

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<b>Income</b>								
Use of Capital Reserve	95,326.00		95,326.00	95,326.00	0.00	95,326.00	0.00	100.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance			0.00			0.00	0.00	
Budget Encumbrances	87,454.20		87,454.20	886,504.65	0.00	686,504.65	(589,050.45)	12.74%
1001 Real Property Taxes	20,866,263.00		20,866,263.00	20,866,263.00	20,866,263.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
2401 Interest Earnings	23,652.88		23,652.88			0.00	23,652.88	
2680 Insurance Recoveries			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2705 Miscellaneous Income			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimb	3,200.00		3,200.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	(17,800.00)	15.24%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 21,075,896.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,075,896.08</b>	<b>\$ 21,669,093.65</b>	<b>\$ 20,887,263.00</b>		<b>\$ (583,197.57)</b>	<b>97.26%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 21,075,896.08</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 21,075,896.08</b>	<b>\$ 21,669,093.65</b>	<b>\$ 20,887,263.00</b>		<b>\$ (583,197.57)</b>	<b>97.26%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1110.5 Outside Services	2,699.49		2,699.49	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(9,300.51)	22.50%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	900.00		900.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(8,100.00)	10.00%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	859.23		859.23	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	(10,140.77)	7.81%
1150.5 Insurance	34,573.00		34,573.00	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00	(110,427.00)	23.84%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	551.95		551.95	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(11,448.05)	4.60%
1180.5 Education & Travel	580.00		580.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(4,420.00)	11.60%
1200.5 Recruitment	0.00		0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	2,349.11		2,349.11	144,000.00	75,000.00	69,000.00	(141,650.89)	1.63%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	0.00		0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)	0.00%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	0.00		0.00	42,210.00	20,000.00	22,210.00	(42,210.00)	0.00%
3040.2 Tires	0.00		0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	(16,000.00)	0.00%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	0.00		0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(50,000.00)	0.00%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	12,486.17		12,486.17	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	(67,513.83)	15.61%
3070.2 Telephone	1,169.56		1,169.56	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(53,830.44)	2.13%
3090.2 Certiorari	3,994.36		3,994.36	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(196,005.64)	2.00%
3105.4 Uniforms	19,455.00		19,455.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	(55,545.00)	25.94%

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3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	0.00		0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	17,849.92		17,849.92	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	(132,150.08)	11.90%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	2,406.91		2,406.91	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(17,593.09)	12.03%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	4,529.10		4,529.10	66,200.00	66,200.00	0.00	(61,670.90)	6.84%
3130.4 Office Supplies	1,462.58		1,462.58	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	(6,537.42)	18.28%
3135.4 Postage	87.36		87.36	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,412.64)	5.82%
3140.4 Subscriptions	0.00		0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	(1,200.00)	0.00%
3145.4 Association Dues	100.00		100.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,400.00)	6.67%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	0.00		0.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	(10,500.00)	0.00%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	0.00		0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	(14,000.00)	0.00%
3160.4 Fire Training	0.00		0.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	(26,000.00)	0.00%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	1,945.63		1,945.63	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00	(68,054.37)	2.78%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	0.00		0.00	135,294.65	60,000.00	75,294.65	(135,294.65)	0.00%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	0.00		0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	5,709.55		5,709.55	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00	(124,290.45)	4.39%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	31,872.00		31,872.00	216,000.00	216,000.00	0.00	(184,128.00)	14.76%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	28,195.20		28,195.20	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00	(146,804.80)	16.11%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	100,022.40		100,022.40	870,000.00	870,000.00	0.00	(769,977.60)	11.50%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	149,395.20		149,395.20	1,300,000.00	1,300,000.00	0.00	(1,150,604.80)	11.49%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	680,666.40		680,666.40	5,800,000.00	5,800,000.00	0.00	(5,119,333.60)	11.74%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	8,655.60		8,655.60	74,825.00	74,825.00	0.00	(66,169.40)	11.57%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	3,468.75		3,468.75	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(46,531.25)	6.94%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	19,901.60		19,901.60	176,200.00	176,200.00	0.00	(156,298.40)	11.29%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	182,780.20	500,000.00	682,780.20	1,135,326.00	520,000.00	615,326.00	(452,545.80)	16.10%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	0.00		0.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	(17,500.00)	0.00%
3410.46 Consultants fees	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	0.00		0.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	(65,000.00)	0.00%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	0.00		0.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	(90,000.00)	0.00%
3410.48 Labor Consultants	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 3410.46 Consultants fees</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 155,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 155,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (155,000.00)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	13,651.23		13,651.23			0.00	13,651.23	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	18,730.64		18,730.64	201,000.00	201,000.00	0.00	(182,269.36)	9.32%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	670.56		670.56	560,000.00	560,000.00	0.00	(559,329.44)	0.12%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	37,915.76		37,915.76	830,250.00	830,250.00	0.00	(792,334.24)	4.57%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	0.00		0.00	96,965.00	96,965.00	0.00	(96,965.00)	0.00%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	0.00		0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(100,000.00)	0.00%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	3,986.68		3,986.68	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	(36,013.32)	9.97%
3414.1 EMT Training	(1,800.00)		(1,800.00)	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(21,800.00)	-9.00%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	43,513.03		43,513.03	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(156,486.97)	21.76%
9010.8 NYS Retirement	0.00		0.00	3,250,000.00	3,250,000.00	0.00	(3,250,000.00)	0.00%
9020.8 Social Security	87,936.51		87,936.51	779,000.00	779,000.00	0.00	(691,063.49)	11.29%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	3,908.37		3,908.37	38,823.00	38,823.00	0.00	(34,914.63)	10.07%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	0.00		0.00	255,000.00	255,000.00	0.00	(255,000.00)	0.00%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	21,970.13		21,970.13	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	(24,029.87)	47.76%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	4,800.00		4,800.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(55,200.00)	8.00%
9060.81 Hospital	262,662.18		262,662.18	3,507,800.00	3,507,800.00	0.00	(3,245,137.82)	7.49%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00		140,000.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	45,000.00		45,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	90.00%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,001,611.36</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,501,611.36</b>	<b>\$ 21,669,093.65</b>	<b>\$ 20,887,263.00</b>	<b>\$ 781,830.65</b>		<b>9.24%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 19,074,284.72</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,574,284.72</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,563,661.30</b>	<b>\$ 18,574,284.72</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$ 18,574,284.72</b>	<b>\$ -</b>				

8.1 - BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to pay the bills and vouchers as presented. The Board has been supplied with one set 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- 2/8/24 - \$475,339.63  
 Credit Card – 2/18/24 - \$1,584.23  
**Total: \$476,923.86**

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore  
 Final Resolution: Motion Passed  
 Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Chairman Carlo

8.2 BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes the recommended budget transfers for those GL accounts where the 2023 expenditures exceeded the amount budgeted for the GL account, as follows:

Transfer From:	To:	Amount
3090.2 Certiorari	1110.4 Archiving	\$ 18,964.30
3090.2 Certiorari	1110.5 Outside Services	\$ 5,616.06
3090.2 Certiorari	1140.5 Insurance	\$ 111.12
3090.2 Certiorari	3060.2 Fuel & Electric	\$ 1,725.93
3090.2 Certiorari	3125.4 Computers, Software, Internet	\$ 6,084.91
3090.2 Certiorari	3145.4 Association Dues	\$ 745.00
3090.2 Certiorari	3150.4 Elections & Referendums	\$ 1,337.02
3090.2 Certiorari	3410.11 Fire Chief Salary	\$ 893.60
3090.2 Certiorari	3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	\$ 3,180.80
<b>Total From Certiorari</b>		<b>\$ 38,658.74</b>
3410.13 Fire Captains Salary	3410.14 Fire Lieutenants Salary	\$ 3,184.00
3413.12 Overtime-Training	3115.4 Emergency Equipment	\$ 18,775.68
3416.1 Terminal Leave	3414.1 EMT Training	\$ 5,651.22
6050.8 Physician/Medical Costs	9020.8 Social Security	\$ 6,123.80
3413.1 Overtime-Firefighters	9060.81 Hospital	\$ 80,000.00
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	9060.81 Hospital	\$ 45,000.00
9010.8 NYS Retirement	9060.81 Hospital	\$ 75,000.00
<b>Total Transfers</b>		<b>\$ 272,393.44</b>

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone  
 Final Resolution: Motion Passed  
 Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Chairman Carlo

9.1 - BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Brian Tween or Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom to sign the Reservation of Rights letter to be sent to PERMA.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore  
 Final Resolution: Motion Passed  
 Yes: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Chairman Carlo

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin was in attendance. Chief Tween proceeded to thank NYS Assembly Member Amy Paulin and her staff for securing a \$500,000.00 SAM grant which the District received in October 2023. This helped reimburse a purchase of a new ladder truck in 2020. Chief Tween thanked Tim Foley, Catherine Draper, and Melissa Kagan for their assistance with the application process. Chief Tween acknowledged former Commissioner Thomas Roche, who referred him to Assembly person Amy Paulin's office and began the three-year process.

Chairman Carlo presented the plaque to Assembly Member Amy Paulin with the following inscription:

In recognition of your outstanding support for  
the members of the Eastchester Fire District and the residents of  
Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville, for over twenty-three years.  
The Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners appreciate and acknowledge your  
efforts in securing a New York State and Municipal Facilities Grant to provide  
capital funding for the purchase of a 2020 Pierce Rear Mount Ladder Truck.

Presented by Chairman Paul Carlo, Commissioner Brian Keating, Commissioner  
Paul Ranellone, Commissioner Anthony Lore, Commissioner Tony Cerasi

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Assembly Member Amy Paulin thanked everyone for the plaque, feeling humbled and appreciates the response. She felt pleased being able to provide an important and needed equipment for the community.

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## **6. Chief Report**

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm activity: 357

Fire: 3

EMS/Rescue: 200

Mutual Aid Given: 2 (FDMV, Scarsdale FD)

1) I would like to thank NYS Assembly Member Amy Paulin and her staff for securing a \$500,000.00 SAM grant which the District received in October 2023. I would especially like to thank Tim Foley, Catherine Draper, and Melissa Kagan for their assistance with the application process. I finally want to acknowledge former Commissioner Thomas Roche, who referred me to Assembly person Amy Paulin's office and began the three-year process.

2) Commissioner Ranellone and I attended the 36th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast sponsored by the Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (WestCOP) at the Reformed Church of Bronxville, on Monday January 15, 2024. It was a wonderful event with interesting speakers and amazing singers.

3) Vehicle and equipment maintenance is being done in house as much as possible by part-time mechanic Hank Henninger. Hank has advised that he is available to come in a second day every other week. This should help catch up on the needed apparatus repairs. His report was emailed

to the Board on 2/6/24. Tim Dalton's submitted weekly maintenance reports for December were emailed to the Board on 2/6/24. Tim has been doing a great job working at the Chester Heights firehouse. He replaced the dorm light fixtures, and painted the dorm ceiling. He is currently painting the kitchen and will assemble new furniture and gear lockers as we get closer to re-opening the firehouse.

4) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports were emailed to the Board on 2/5/24.

5) Currently there are two members are out on long term absence and one member assigned to light duty is working with Isang on digitizing the Fire Prevention records.

6) B&B Contracting Group continues the work at the Chester Heights firehouse. The railings for the new entrance walkway were being welded today and will be sent out to get a galvanized coating applied. The Board has two quotes to replace the front door, the lowest for \$7900.00.

7) The auction for the surplus utility trailer on Auction International website has ended and the winning bid was for \$1,225.00. Auction International confirms the bidder has paid in full and Assistant Chief Yozzo will coordinate with the buyer for pick up.

8) I have sent the Board several proposals for discussion. One allows me to use the EFD credit card to purchase a powered stair chair for \$3,459.97, another is to hire an engineer to inspect the Tuckahoe firehouse fire escape for \$1,250.00, another for UES to review the design of the Chester Heights firehouse apparatus floor to see if it can support TL-17 for \$3,600.00, another for a social media archiving solution, which I ask the Board to hold off voting on as Isang has found more cost effective solutions, and finally I ask the Board for a response for the Town of Pelham to temporarily house an ambulance at the Chester Heights firehouse.

9) I request a moment of silence for Matthew McGee, father of FF Sean McGee who passed 2/4/24

Respectfully submitted February 8, 2024 by Fire Chief Brian Tween

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## 7. Secretary Report

Secretary Marissa "Isang" Smith submitted the following report:

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 1) All 2024 EBOFC Documents to date have been uploaded on our website.
- 2) The Chief and I reviewed options for Social Media records retention. These options can be reviewed for the agenda item CivicPlus Social Media Archiving. As the Chief mentioned, we will review additional inexpensive options.

### FOIL OFFICER

- 1) Our office received 5 FOILs in January

### RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

- 1) I met with NYSA Advisor Maria McCashion today, 2/8/24. I will relay my updates on the LGRMIF application status to the Board via email.
- 2) 2023 records are being reviewed and prepared for transfer to Station 3 Records room.

### OFFICE - GENERAL

- 1) Processing onboarding for the 4 PFF's for the 2024 Spring Academy

- 2) OML Document for February Meeting
- 3) Minutes have been updated and posted to the website
- 4) Updated 2024 resolutions spreadsheet
- 5) Regular office tasks as needed, including scheduling, billing, customer service, and staff support.

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**8. See above in Treasurer Report**

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**9. Other Business**

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**Discussion: Pelham Ambulance**

Chairman Carlo discussed the Pelham Ambulance being at Station 4. There were concerns of the ambulance operating in the Firehouse at all hours rather than just storing the vehicle there.

**Action 9.2 - BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners does not allow Pelham Ambulance to use Station 4 Firehouse.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Ranellone

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**Action: 9.3 - Chester Heights Front Door**

Resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Brian Tween to replace the front door at Chester Heights using the Master Building and Contracting LLC quote for \$7,900.00

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Cerasi

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**Action 9.4 - Powered Stair Chair Purchase**

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Brian Tween to make the purchase for the Climbing Steps Genesis Mobile Stairlift battery powered portable stair lift for \$3,459.97 on the EFD credit card.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**Action 9.6 - UES Proposal - Station 4 - Floor Weight Capacity**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves the proposal 2024-002.R1, for \$3,600.00 from UES, having an engineer confirm the floor can support the current TL-17 weight, as this was not part of their original work to design the new floor.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

**Action 9.7 - Proposal - Station 2 - Fire Escape**

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves the proposal #0202240119 from NUNZIO PIETROSANTI CONSULTING ENGINEER for a total base fee of \$1,250 to conduct the inspection and make recommended repairs and reinspection for the fire escape at Station 2.

Motion by Chairman Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Chief Tween commented that they would do the inspection, not the repairs.

**10. Future Meeting Dates**

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**9.1 - March 14, 2024 - Station 1 - Fire Headquarters**

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*Notes:* Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom discussed a change order that was approved for Station 4 at a special meeting. She noted that the costs would exceed the permissive referendum item and asked the Board to consider amending the permissive referendum to continue to use funds from the capital reserve for that project, or to pay remainder from the general fund and hold on to the capital reserve. Commr. Lore asked Hedstrom which was better. Hedstrom shared she believed it was not a huge amount right now and that the funds would be used for Station 3, and to leave the permissive referendum as is, but commented it is the Board's decision. Chairman Carlo shared he was fine with the funds coming from the general ledger and not needing to vote or discuss further in March.

**11. Comments from Local 916**

No comments provided.

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**12. Comments from the Public**

Tom Visci: President of Volunteer Association (28 Main Or St, Tuckahoe). Shared a proclamation from Fire Fighters Association State of New York addressed to Anthony J. Lore Sr., whereas Anthony J. Lore Sr. of the Eastchester Fire Department, Tuckahoe Hose Company #1, has dedicated 50 years of volunteer fire service in the State of New York, and whereas Anthony J. Lore Sr., continues to faithfully carry out the duties and is a credit to the entire State of New York Volunteer Fire Service, whereas members of the Fire Association of the State of New York wish to honor and recognize such outstanding dedication, therefore be it resolved the Firemen's Association of State of the New York

extends its thanks and appreciation to Anthony J. Lore Sr., for 50 years of loyal service to the New York Volunteer Fire Service and their community. Be it further resolved that the membership of this Association conveys to Anthony Lore Sr., its congratulations and best wishes presented this day the 31st of January 2024 and is signed by John S. D'Alessandro, Secretary, and President Edward Tase, Jr of FASNY.

Commr. Lore gave his thanks and received applause from those in attendance and the certificate of proclamation from Tom Visci.

Tom Visci further shared that after Commr. Lore joined the Tuckahoe Hose Company in 1973, Commr. Ranellone, James Rooney, John Arrigo, and Vinny Spadaro all joined the Tuckahoe Hose Company. Tom Visci remarked on Commr. Ranellones service of 50 years to the community as well as both a Volunteer Firefighter and Career Firefighter. Commr. Ranellone remarked he still loved it.

Mike Parici (16 Lockwood Avenue) - Parici congratulated Commr. Lore on his 50 years of service. Parici remarked on Station 4 and the updates taking place, including the ramps, concrete, fencing and believed the Board of Fire Commissioners should be praised for their work and the Chief, Assistant Chief and the members that serve the community.

Kenneth Simonides (144 Anderson Ave, Eastchester) - Simonides remarked he wasn't sure what firehouse Mike Parici was looking at in Chester Heights. Simonides remarked he was concerned about the activity around the firehouse. Simonides asked who the engineer was heading the project. Chief Tween shared it was Universal Engineering Services in Harrison. Simonides asked about the firms experience in remodeling firehouses or commercial buildings. Chief Tween shared there are numerous engineers working on the project, including subcontractors. Simonides remarked there was a window on side of firehouse on same level where sidewalk was level. Simonides shared his opinion that there was an opening they could have cut a handicap door in with a window for accessibility to apparatus floor. Simonides continued to share his observations of Station 4, including the ramp, criticizing its appearance and his opinion on how the ramp should have been installed and perceived safety concerns. Simonides inquired after the curbing put in front of the ramp. Chief Tween shared the curbing was a design suggested by the engineering firm, and that the ADA requirement requires that the handicap access has to be the same door that everybody else uses. Chairman Carlo remarked that the Board depends on the engineering firm to suggest the designs for their review and approval. Simonides reminded the Board that Station 4 is a tax payer asset. Chairman Carlo expressed his uncertainty on the direction of Simonides comments. Simonides accused the Board of wasting money. Simonides shared his opinion that the Board destroyed the Station 4 firehouse. Commr. Lore expressed disagreement and frustration regarding Simonides comments that the Board destroyed the firehouse. Chief Tween further clarified the decisions behind the ramp. Simonides inquired about the new door, asking if an overhand would be installed. Chief Tween remarked that right now they were just replacing the door, and that the Board could consider installing it in the future. Simonides remarked they should consider a push button on the door for convenience. Chief Tween reminded Simonides that it has to be an ADA compliant door. Simonides remarked that the Board should include the Firefighters as assets.

On a separate topic, Simonides asked Chief Tween how many fire department physicals he was sent too. Simonides shared his opinion that had the department sent him to a department physical for pulmonary function, they would have noticed the changes in the quality of respiration. Chief Tween stated that no one was being sent in for those tests during Covid, and that he was certain that Simonides had a medical questionnaire in compliance with OSHA for a Fit Test and was reviewed by the doctor. Simonides clarified that the years were 2017-2019. Simonides continued to remark on his physical condition and disagreed with the Fire Departments approach. Simonides shared he was not trying to be combative with Commr. Lore. Chief Tween shared that they're working with the Union and that funds were increased for the medical.

On a final topic, Simonides asked about an SOP and SOD for members with guidance on fire fighting. Chief Tween shared that training is provided and at moment an SOP is not provided. Simonides recommended they consider that.

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**13. Comments from the Commissioners**

Commr. Ranellone remarked that most of the month has been spent at Station 4, and that the District is closer to opening the fire house. Commr. Ranellone shared that Tim Dalton finished painting the kitchen, that the bathrooms are done, and that he helped Dalton clean the dormitory out. Commr. Ranellone shared that Chief Tween met with additional vendors and engineers to further finish projects and get closer to opening.

Commr. Lore remarked that he was sorry that Simonides had already left the meeting, and reminded the public of the process that takes place in order to renovate or complete a public works project. Commr. Lore disapproved of Simonides stating that the Board destroyed the firehouse, and Commr. Lore took offense to that comment.

**14. Executive Session**

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**Action 14.1 - Motion to enter Executive Session**

Motion by Chairman Carlo to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, unanimously agreed upon at 8:05 pm.

**15. Public Session & Adjournment**

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Motion by Chairman Carlo to exit Executive Session and reenter Public session at 8:17 pm. The Board adjourned and a moment of silence was held for Matthew McGee, FF Sean McGee's father.