

EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JULY 11, 2024

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Chairman Paul Carlo
Commissioner Brian E. Keating

In Attendance:

Chief Brian Tween
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 Commr. Ranellone

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

- June 13, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Commr.. Cerasi, seconded by Commr. Lore
Aye: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone
Final: Motion Carried

4. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom was not in attendance at the July 11, 2024 meeting. Hedstrom submitted the following report to the Board:

July 11, 2024

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, Eastchester Fire District
From: Jamie Hedstrom, Treasurer
Subject: Actual vs. Budget Comparison, June 2024

The financials as of June 30, 2024 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$60K.

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

- 1150.5 Insurance
- 3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles
- 3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance
- 3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance
- 3416.1 Terminal Leave

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- fully expended as of June 2024	\$69,000.00
Radio Equipment- partially expended May 2024	\$75,294.65
Hoses and Nozzles – fully expended Feb 2024	\$22,210.00
Fire Equip and Capital Outlay- Cruisers Division – partially expended as of May 2024	\$120,000.00
Fire Equip and Capital Outlay- Ladder Truck- expended March 2024	\$400,000.00
Total Budget Encumbrances	\$686,504.65

The ladder truck has been delivered and paid for as of March 31st. The additional funding required of \$515,163.38 was appropriated from the unreserved surplus available.

Construction Projects:

Current Balance in Capital Reserve: \$372,746.52

Location	Vendor	Description	Cost	Remainder	Funding
Station 4	Vinco	Apparatus Floor	\$ 852,474.76	\$ 5,800.00	Split- remainder General Fund
Station 3	Highland Associates	Apparatus Floor- Architectural Only TO BE REVISED	TBD (was \$34,500)	TBD (was \$34,500)	General Fund

Other:

Treasury Direct Investments

We have resumed our Treasury Direct Investments, in \$3M increments. Interest rates remain around 5.3%.

Year-End Audit

The fieldwork on our year-end audit with BST & Co. is complete, and drafts of the financial statements are currently under review.

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 2025 budget.

As with 2024, no carryover will be available for purposes of the 2% tax cap. A 2% budget increase would be approximately \$400-450K depending on the tax base growth factor and allowable levy growth factors, which are not yet available.

GL accounts that will require increases in the 2025 budget based on 2024 spending and trends include:

- 3413.1 Overtime- Firefighters
- 9060.1 Hospital
- 1150.5 Insurance
- 3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance
- 3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance
- 3416.1 Terminal Leave

At this time, we also do not have a negotiated contract for 2025 and beyond. This will impact the budgeted amounts for various salary and benefit lines.

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

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve	188,847.00	188,847.00		
Appropriated Fund Balance	495,163.38	495,163.38		
Budget Encumbrances	1,546,849.08	1,546,849.08	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	20,866,263.00	20,866,263.00	0.00	100.00%
2401 Interest Earnings	133,007.01		133,007.01	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	5,229.00		5,229.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	18,900.18	8,750.00	10,150.18	216.00%
Total Income	\$ 23,254,258.65	\$ 23,105,872.46	\$ 148,386.19	100.64%
Gross Profit	\$ 23,254,258.65	\$ 23,105,872.46	\$ 148,386.19	100.64%
Expenses				
1110.5 Outside Services	8,039.49	6,000.00	2,039.49	133.99%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,775.00	1,000.00	775.00	177.50%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	6,587.69	5,500.02	1,087.67	119.78%
1150.5 Insurance	125,388.86	108,750.00	16,638.86	115.30%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	3,247.45	6,000.00	(2,752.55)	54.12%
1180.5 Education & Travel	1,597.45	2,500.02	(902.57)	63.90%
1200.5 Recruitment	0.00	2,500.02	(2,500.02)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	72,292.26	106,500.00	(34,207.74)	67.88% BE
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	3,605.97	10,000.02	(6,394.05)	36.06%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	60,374.11	32,210.02	28,164.09	187.44% BE
3040.2 Tires	6,467.50	7,999.98	(1,532.48)	80.84%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	19,018.77	25,000.02	(5,981.25)	76.08%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	78,758.51	40,000.02	38,758.49	196.90%
3070.2 Telephone	5,799.47	27,499.98	(21,700.51)	21.09%
3090.2 Certiorari	8,752.60	100,000.02	(91,247.42)	8.75%
3105.4 Uniforms	31,489.03	45,000.00	(13,510.97)	69.98%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	2,312.80	25,000.02	(22,687.22)	9.25%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	69,528.76	75,000.00	(5,471.24)	92.71%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	7,779.04	10,000.02	(2,220.98)	77.79%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	33,659.82	33,100.02	559.80	101.69%
3130.4 Office Supplies	3,364.08	4,000.02	(635.94)	84.10%
3135.4 Postage	304.96	750.00	(445.04)	40.66%
3140.4 Subscriptions	245.00	600.00	(355.00)	40.83%
3145.4 Association Dues	930.00	750.00	180.00	124.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	1,212.00	0.00	1,212.00	
3155.4 Sewer Tax	12,994.04	14,000.00	(1,005.96)	92.81%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00	13,000.00	5,000.00	138.46%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	59,607.34	34,999.98	24,607.36	170.31%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	50,921.68	60,000.00	(9,078.32)	84.87% BE
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing		1,999.98	(1,999.98)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	129,599.90	64,999.98	64,599.92	199.38%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	111,552.00	108,000.00	3,552.00	103.29%

3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	98,683.20	87,599.98	11,083.22	112.65%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	433,430.40	435,000.00	(1,569.60)	99.64%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	646,274.00	649,999.98	(3,725.98)	99.43%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	2,956,792.92	2,899,999.98	56,792.94	101.96%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	37,507.60	37,412.52	95.08	100.25%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	23,906.25	25,000.02	(1,093.77)	95.62%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	86,048.60	88,099.98	(2,051.38)	97.67%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	2,165,799.46	2,123,649.46	42,150.00	101.98% CAP/BE
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	13,500.00	17,500.00	(4,000.00)	77.14%
3410.44 Year-End fees		0.00	0.00	
Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ (4,000.00)	77.14%
3410.46 Consultants fees	1,500.00		1,500.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	13,850.00	32,500.02	(18,650.02)	42.62%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	4,331.00	45,000.00	(40,669.00)	9.62%
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 19,681.00	\$ 77,500.02	\$ (57,819.02)	25.39%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	26,301.05		26,301.05	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	81,164.44	100,500.00	(19,335.56)	80.76%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	248,031.60	280,000.00	(31,968.40)	88.58%
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	398,491.51	415,125.00	(16,633.49)	95.99%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	15,186.82	49,999.98	(34,813.16)	30.37%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	20,470.61	19,999.98	470.63	102.35%
3414.1 EMT Training	13,343.00	10,000.02	3,342.98	133.43%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	306,694.62	200,000.00	106,694.62	153.35%
9010.8 NYS Retirement		0.00	0.00	
9020.8 Social Security	413,145.12	389,500.02	23,645.10	106.07%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	18,362.26	19,411.50	(1,049.24)	94.59%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	225,425.00	255,000.00	(29,575.00)	88.40%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	21,970.13	23,000.00	(1,029.87)	95.52%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	16,950.00	30,000.00	(13,050.00)	56.50%
9060.81 Hospital	1,675,948.42	1,753,900.02	(77,951.60)	95.56%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	47,400.00	45,000.00	2,400.00	105.33%
Total Expenses	\$ 11,085,713.59	\$ 11,145,858.60	\$ (60,145.01)	99.46%
Net Operating Income	\$ 12,168,545.06	\$ 11,960,013.86	\$ 208,531.20	101.74%
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Budget vs. Actuals: FY2024 Budget - FY24 P&L
 January - December 2024

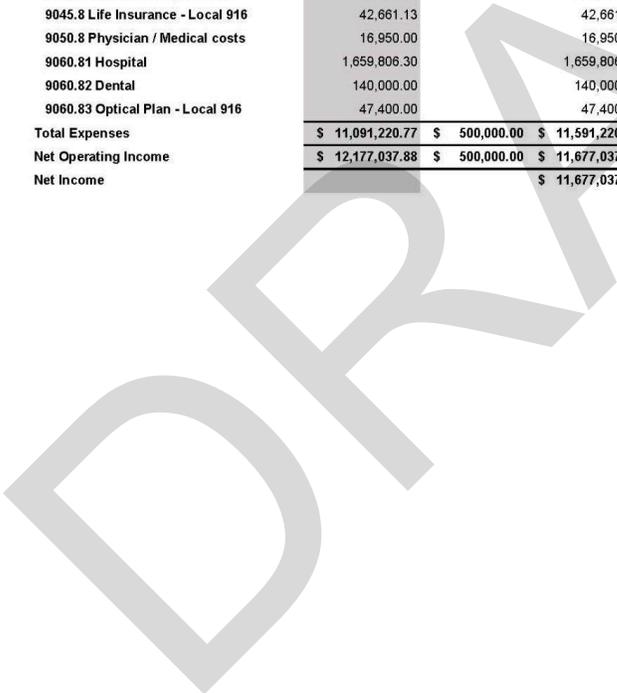
	Actual	Appropriated for 2025	Actual + Appropriated	Budget-with Modifications	Total		over Budget	% of Budget
					Original Budget	Budget Encumbrances from 2024 & Mods		
Income								
Use of Capital Reserve	188,847.00		188,847.00	188,847.00	0.00	188,847.00	0.00	100.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance	495,163.38		495,163.38	495,163.38	0.00	495,163.38	0.00	100.00%
Budget Encumbrances	1,560,849.08		1,560,849.08	1,623,341.27	0.00	1,623,341.27	(62,492.19)	96.15%
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	133,007.01		133,007.01			0.00	133,007.01	
2680 Insurance Recoveries			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	5,229.00		5,229.00			0.00	5,229.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimb	18,900.18		18,900.18	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	(2,099.82)	90.00%
Total Income	\$ 23,268,258.65	\$ -	\$ 23,268,258.65	\$ 23,194,614.65	\$ 20,887,263.00	\$ 2,307,351.65	\$ 73,644.00	100.32%
Gross Profit	\$ 23,268,258.65	\$ -	\$ 23,268,258.65	\$ 23,194,614.65	\$ 20,887,263.00		\$ 73,644.00	100.32%
Expenses								
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1110.5 Outside Services	8,039.49		8,039.49	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(3,960.51)	67.00%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,775.00		1,775.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(7,225.00)	19.72%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	7,545.99		7,545.99	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	(3,454.01)	68.60%
1150.5 Insurance	125,388.86		125,388.86	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00	(19,611.14)	86.48%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	3,247.45		3,247.45	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(8,752.55)	27.06%
1180.5 Education & Travel	1,597.45		1,597.45	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(3,402.55)	31.95%
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	72,292.26		72,292.26	144,000.00	75,000.00	68,000.00	(71,707.74)	50.20%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	3,605.97		3,605.97	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(16,394.03)	18.03%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	60,374.11		60,374.11	42,210.00	20,000.00	22,210.00	18,164.11	143.03%
3040.2 Tires	6,467.50		6,467.50	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	(9,532.50)	40.42%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	19,018.77		19,018.77	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(30,981.23)	38.04%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	78,758.51		78,758.51	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	(1,241.49)	98.45%
3070.2 Telephone	5,799.47		5,799.47	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(49,200.53)	10.54%
3090.2 Certiorari	8,752.60		8,752.60	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(191,247.40)	4.38%
3105.4 Uniforms	31,489.03		31,489.03	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	(43,510.97)	41.98%

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	Total							
	Actual	Appropriated for 2025	Actual + Appropriated	Budget- with Modifications	Original Budget	Budget Encumbrances from 2024 & Mods	over Budget	% of Budget
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	2,312.80		2,312.80	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(2,687.20)	46.26%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	69,528.76		69,528.76	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	(80,471.24)	46.35%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	7,779.04		7,779.04	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(12,220.96)	38.90%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	33,659.82		33,659.82	66,200.00	66,200.00	0.00	(32,540.18)	50.85%
3130.4 Office Supplies	3,364.08		3,364.08	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	(4,635.92)	42.05%
3135.4 Postage	304.96		304.96	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,195.04)	20.33%
3140.4 Subscriptions	245.00		245.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	(955.00)	20.42%
3145.4 Association Dues	930.00		930.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(570.00)	62.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	1,212.00		1,212.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	(9,288.00)	11.54%
3155.4 Sewer Tax	12,994.04		12,994.04	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	(1,005.96)	92.81%
3160.4 Fire Training	18,000.00		18,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	(8,000.00)	69.23%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	59,807.34		59,807.34	70,000.00	70,000.00	0.00	(10,392.66)	85.15%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	50,921.68		50,921.68	135,294.65	60,000.00	75,294.65	(84,372.97)	37.64%
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	129,599.90		129,599.90	130,000.00	130,000.00	0.00	(400.10)	99.69%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	111,552.00		111,552.00	216,000.00	216,000.00	0.00	(104,448.00)	51.64%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	98,683.20		98,683.20	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00	(76,316.80)	56.39%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	433,430.40		433,430.40	870,000.00	870,000.00	0.00	(436,569.60)	49.82%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	646,274.00		646,274.00	1,300,000.00	1,300,000.00	0.00	(653,726.00)	49.71%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	2,956,792.92		2,956,792.92	5,800,000.00	5,800,000.00	0.00	(2,843,207.08)	50.98%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	37,507.60		37,507.60	74,825.00	74,825.00	0.00	(37,317.40)	50.13%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	23,906.25		23,906.25	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(26,093.75)	47.81%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	86,048.60		86,048.60	176,200.00	176,200.00	0.00	(90,151.40)	48.84%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	2,165,799.46	500,000.00	2,665,799.46	2,643,649.46	520,000.00	2,123,649.46	22,150.00	81.92%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	13,500.00		13,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	77.14%
3410.46 Consultants fees	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	

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3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	13,850.00		13,850.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	(51,150.00)	21.31%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	4,331.00		4,331.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	(85,669.00)	4.81%
3410.48 Labor Consultants	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 19,681.00	\$ -	\$ 19,681.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ -	\$ (135,319.00)	12.70%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	26,301.05		26,301.05			0.00	26,301.05	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	81,164.44		81,164.44	201,000.00	201,000.00	0.00	(119,835.56)	40.38%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	248,031.60		248,031.60	560,000.00	560,000.00	0.00	(311,968.40)	44.29%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	398,491.51		398,491.51	830,250.00	830,250.00	0.00	(431,758.49)	48.00%
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	15,186.82		15,186.82	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(84,813.18)	15.19%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	20,470.61		20,470.61	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	(19,529.39)	51.18%
3414.1 EMT Training	13,343.00		13,343.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(6,657.00)	66.72%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	306,694.62		306,694.62	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	106,694.62	153.35%
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	413,145.12		413,145.12	779,000.00	779,000.00	0.00	(365,854.88)	53.04%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	18,362.26		18,362.26	38,823.00	38,823.00	0.00	(20,460.74)	47.30%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	225,425.00		225,425.00	255,000.00	255,000.00	0.00	(29,575.00)	88.40%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	42,661.13		42,661.13	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	(3,338.87)	92.74%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	16,950.00		16,950.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(43,050.00)	28.25%
9060.81 Hospital	1,659,806.30		1,659,806.30	3,507,800.00	3,507,800.00	0.00	(1,847,993.70)	47.32%
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	47,400.00		47,400.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(2,600.00)	94.80%
Total Expenses	\$ 11,091,220.77	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 11,591,220.77	\$ 23,177,417.11	\$ 20,887,263.00	\$ 2,290,154.11		47.85%
Net Operating Income	\$ 12,177,037.88	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 11,677,037.88	\$ 17,197.54			\$ 11,659,840.34	70806.86%
Net Income			\$ 11,677,037.88	\$ 17,197.54				0.00%



5. Chief Report

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm Activity: 307

Fire: 7

EMS/Rescue: 148

Mutual Aid Received: 1 (NRFD)

Mutual Aid Given: 1 (NRFD)

- 1) The North End firehouse rear roof repair and basement ceiling removal was completed by Master Building and Contracting LLC. Bronx, NY.
- 2) The old hazmat Squad 5, a 1997 Ford bus was auctioned off on the Auctions International website and the vehicle was picked up by the highest bidder.
- 3) The three probationary firefighters in the Career Fire Academy will be graduating on Friday July 19th , 10 am at Westchester Community College. They will report for duty at the firehouse on Monday July 22nd , and will work one or two weeks on straight days and then will be assigned to a Group to begin working 24-hour tours on an engine with a Lieutenant for several months.
- 4) Vehicle and equipment maintenance is being done in house as much as possible by part-time mechanic Hank Henninger. The new TL-17 should go in service in two weeks in the North End firehouse. Hank Henninger's mechanic report for June was emailed to the Board on 7/5/24.
- 5) Tim Dalton's weekly maintenance reports for June were emailed to the Board on 7/5/24.
- 6) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports for June were emailed to the Board on 7/5/24.
- 7) Currently there are three members are out on long term absence and one member is assigned to light duty and is working with Isang on digitizing the Fire Prevention records.
- 8) The five high school seniors completed their internships. This years' experience was success as the members and interns all expressed positive feedback on the program.
- 9) On July 3 rd , the Board was emailed a quote for a Bauer OXY-1S oxygen containment fill station from AAA Emergency Supply Co. Inc., White Plains, on NY State HIRE Contract pricing for \$12,783.50 delivered and installed. I request the Board authorize me to complete the purchase.
- 10) Earlier today, I emailed the Board two quotes for 16 unassembled metal lockers for the Sta. 2 dormitory. I request the Board authorize me to purchase the lockers from the lower of the two quotes, which is from Salsbury Industries, Carson, CA. for a total of \$9,199.00 delivered.
- 11) I would like to offer my congratulations to Captain Bruce Calby, on his retirement effective June 29, 2024. Bruce was appointed as a career firefighter on February 24, 1996 and issued badge #151. Bruce served the residents of the Eastchester Fire District for over 28 years. I wish him a long and healthy retirement.
- 12) I would also like to offer my congratulations to Firefighter Billy Wiegelman, on his retirement effective June 29, 2024. Billy began his career with the Eastchester Fire District as a volunteer firefighter with Tuckahoe Hose Company on October 9, 1986 and was issued badge #1734. He was appointed as a career firefighter on September 8, 1991, issued badge #132. Billy served the residents of the Eastchester Fire District for over 37 years of combined service. I wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Respectfully submitted July 11, 2024 by Fire Chief Brian Tween

6. Secretary Report

Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith submitted the following report:
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Social Media

- June Activity: 6 posts
- Email Addresses: Chief Tween and I continue to work on the domain transfer from eastchesterfd.com to eastchesternyfd.gov. Due to a technical issue, we are hopeful to make the transfer over by end of July.

Website and Notices

- Ongoing updates to the website and review of social media records retention options.
- Collaborating with Chief Tween on the mid-year report for the Eastchester Fire District.

FOIL OFFICER

- June Activity: Received 3 FOIL requests

RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

- Records Relocation: Previous conversations at Board meetings indicate that Station 3 may be renovated in the near future. I have begun to review and prepare for the relocation of the records room with Chief Tween.
- Ongoing Projects: Continued work on organizing loose records and scanning projects

OFFICE - GENERAL

- Prepared and sent out Canvass letters for promotions
- Prepared the OML document for the July meeting.
- Updated and posted minutes on the website.
- Updated the 2024 resolutions spreadsheet.
- Performed regular office tasks including scheduling, billing, customer service, and staff support.

7. Business Office Recommendations

Motion by Commissioner. Cerasi, seconded by Commr. Lore
Aye: Commr. Cerasi, Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone
Final: Motion Carried

9. Future Meeting Dates

9.1 - August 8, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Eastchester Town Hall

10. Comments from Local 916

Union President Joseph Costanzo echoed Chief Tween's comments regarding the retirements of Captain Bruce Calby and Firefighter Billy Weigelman, wishing them well and a healthy retirement. He also thanked the Board for purchasing the oxygen fill station. Costanzo mentioned a fundraiser organized by the Career Chiefs Academy, benefiting Building Homes for Heroes, which will be held at Ron Blacks in White Plains

11. Comments from the Public

Tony Fiore from the Village of Tuckahoe inquired about the status of the spare ladder, asking if it had been sold or scrapped. Chief Tween explained that the new ladder is not yet in service, so the existing ladder will remain as a spare, noting that its pump is functional. The plan is to keep the spare ladder until the Bronxville firehouse is closed, as the only associated cost is for insurance, which is minimal. Eventually, the board will be asked to surplus the spare ladder.

Regarding the Bronxville firehouse, Fiore asked for an update. Commissioner Ranellone responded that they are awaiting the engineers' report before taking further action. Once the report is received, it will be put out to bid. After that, they will decide on the plan, determine the costs, and secure proof of bond. Fiore mentioned that it would be beneficial to find a new home for Ladder 16 if the Board approves the construction of a new firehouse in Bronxville.

12. Comments from the Commissioners

Commissioner Lore thanked the Board and Chief for loaning the maintenance truck for the Mamaroneck parade, where the team won an award for the most antique non-motorized apparatus. He appreciated all the men who pushed it down to the harbor and thanked Fiore for providing refreshments. Commissioner Lore also congratulated the new recruits on their upcoming graduation. Additionally, he requested common courtesy

after observing a minibus driving too close while he was driving the trolley and seeing an alarm come on. He also reminded everyone to keep vehicles off the ramp when changing shifts.

Commissioner Ranellone reported that on June 20th, he attended the wake of Retired Fire Chief Daniel Raftery of the Greenville Fire Department. He also shared that William, the brother of Chief Daniel Raftery, passed away five days after his brother, and their father had been a Captain in the EFD. On June 26th, he attended Billy Weigelman's retirement party. On June 28th, he watched the Mamaroneck parade and visited Station 5 to check on the repair of the firehouse.

13. **Adjournment**

There being no further Commissioner comments, Commr. Ranellone adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
JULY 11, 2024**

Minutes prepared by:
Marissa "Isang" Smith
Secretary to the Board of Fire Commissioners