

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**AUGUST 8, 2024**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Commissioner Tony Cerasi  
Commissioner Brian Keating

**In Attendance:**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

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

- July 9, 2024 - Special Meeting
- July 11, 2024 - Regular Meeting
- July 23, 2024 - Special Meeting
- July 31, 2024 - Special Meeting

NOTES: Chairman Carlo advised this item will be moved to next month’s Board meeting, on September 12, 2024.

**4. Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom submitted the following report to the Board:

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August 8, 2024

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

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The financials as of July 31, 2024 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$80K.

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
<b>Total Budget Encumbrances</b>	<b>\$686,504.65</b>

The ladder truck has been delivered and paid for as of March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 <b>TO BE REVISED</b>	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**

Copies of our 2023 financial statements are now available in the office and via FOIL, and will be posted to our website.

**2025 Budget Updates and Factors**

As with 2024, no carryover will be available for purposes of the 2% tax cap. Based on currently available data, we could increase the budget approximately 2.4%, or approximately \$500,000, without exceeding the tax cap. Based on the budget factors discussed below, the Board will likely need to exceed the tax cap for the upcoming budget.

***Budget Factors***

- At this time, we do not have a negotiated contract for 2025 and beyond. This will impact the budgeted amounts for various salary and benefit lines.
- The Board has indicated that it is considering increasing membership by 4 positions in 2025.
- 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
  - 3060.2 Fuel & Electric
  - 3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance
  - 3416.1 Terminal Leave
- The budget includes \$500,000 for the Pierce Enforcer Pumper that the Board has previously committed to purchase and anticipates receipt of in late 2025/early 2026. The budget does not include any additional funds for future apparatus purchases.
- The budget does not include any funds for future capital improvements. The Board is contemplating bonding a 2025 renovation to Station 3.
- Based on the 2025 projected invoice provided by NYSLRS, which is not final, our pension costs to be paid in 2024 are likely to come in approximately \$95K under budget. At this time we do not have a projection of rates for the 2026 NYSLRS invoice, which will determine whether a budget adjustment is necessary for 2025. We anticipate receiving this projection prior to the budget's final adoption in 2026, and potentially prior to the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Last year, the rates increased approximately 15%.

- NYSHIP premium rates for 2025 will not be released until after the October Budget Hearing. It is unknown at this time what the percentage increase will be, but it is assumed to be at least 10%. Rate increases from 2023 to 2024 were approximately 10% for non-Medicare plans and over 20% for Medicare primary plans.
- The Chiefs have requested the purchase of a transport van and a new vehicle for Fire Prevention, estimated at \$110,000.

***Budget Timeline***

The Board's September monthly meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>, and the proposed budget must be adopted by September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Eastchester, NY Fire District**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: FY2024 - FY24 P&L**  
**January- July 2024**

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Use of Capital Reserve	188,847.00	188,847.00		
Appropriated Fund Balance	495,163.38	495,163.38		
Budget Encumberances	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	222,564.87		222,564.87	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	7,254.00		7,254.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement	22,100.18	12,250.00	9,850.18	180.41%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,349,041.51</b>	<b>\$ 23,109,372.46</b>	<b>\$ 239,669.05</b>	<b>101.04%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 23,349,041.51</b>	<b>\$ 23,109,372.46</b>	<b>\$ 239,669.05</b>	<b>101.04%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
1110.5 Outside Services	8,289.49	7,000.00	1,289.49	118.42%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,775.00	1,000.00	775.00	177.50%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	7,545.99	6,416.69	1,129.30	117.60%
1150.5 Insurance	123,118.82	108,750.00	14,368.82	113.21%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	551.95	7,000.00	(6,448.05)	7.89%
1180.5 Education & Travel	1,597.45	2,916.69	(1,319.24)	54.77%
1200.5 Recruitment	0.00	2,916.69	(2,916.69)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	86,104.30	112,750.00	(26,645.70)	76.37% BE
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,785.00	11,666.69	(6,881.69)	41.01%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	58,940.72	33,876.69	25,064.03	173.99% BE
3040.2 Tires	10,182.55	9,333.31	849.24	109.10%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	22,822.96	29,166.69	(6,343.73)	78.25%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	88,429.59	46,666.69	41,762.90	189.49%
3070.2 Telephone	8,361.45	32,083.31	(23,721.86)	26.06%
3090.2 Certiorari	19,482.45	116,666.69	(97,184.24)	16.70%
3105.4 Uniforms	39,641.43	50,000.00	(10,358.57)	79.28%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	2,312.80	2,916.69	(603.89)	79.30%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	78,483.18	87,500.00	(9,016.82)	89.70%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	9,913.94	11,666.69	(1,752.75)	84.98%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	39,559.64	38,616.69	942.95	102.44%
3130.4 Office Supplies	4,119.29	4,666.69	(547.40)	88.27%
3135.4 Postage	304.96	875.00	(570.04)	34.85%
3140.4 Subscriptions	245.00	700.00	(455.00)	35.00%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,330.00	875.00	455.00	152.00%
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	44,476.36	40,833.31	3,643.05	108.92%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	51,262.48	65,000.00	(13,737.52)	78.87% BE
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing		2,333.31	(2,333.31)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	139,629.33	75,833.31	63,796.02	184.13%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	127,488.00	126,000.00	1,488.00	101.18%

3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	112,780.80	102,083.31	10,697.49	110.48%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	488,998.40	507,500.00	(18,501.60)	96.35%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	745,533.20	758,333.31	(12,800.11)	98.31%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	3,391,580.12	3,383,333.31	8,246.81	100.24%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	43,278.00	43,647.94	(369.94)	99.15%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	27,187.50	29,166.69	(1,979.19)	93.21%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	99,255.00	102,783.31	(3,528.31)	96.57%
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	
<b>Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (4,000.00)</b>	<b>77.14%</b>
3410.46 Consultants fees	1,500.00		1,500.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	28,380.85	37,916.69	(9,535.84)	74.85%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	4,443.00	52,500.00	(48,057.00)	8.46%
<b>Total 3410.46 Consultants fees</b>	<b>\$ 34,323.85</b>	<b>\$ 90,416.69</b>	<b>\$ (56,092.84)</b>	<b>37.96%</b>
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	8,005.75		8,005.75	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	93,651.20	117,250.00	(23,598.80)	79.87%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	248,031.60	280,000.00	(31,968.40)	88.58%
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	567,251.26	484,312.50	82,938.76	117.13%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	17,653.42	58,333.31	(40,679.89)	30.26%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	23,927.38	23,333.31	594.07	102.55%
3414.1 EMT Training	13,343.00	11,666.69	1,676.31	114.37%
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	474,999.10	454,416.69	20,582.41	104.53%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	21,111.36	22,646.75	(1,535.39)	93.22%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	225,425.00	255,000.00	(29,575.00)	88.40%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	42,661.13	43,000.00	(338.87)	99.21%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs	17,790.00	35,000.00	(17,210.00)	50.83%
9060.81 Hospital	2,223,915.32	2,300,000.00	(76,084.68)	96.69%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	48,000.00	45,000.00	3,000.00	106.67%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,607,656.64</b>	<b>\$ 12,691,400.10</b>	<b>\$ (83,743.46)</b>	<b>99.34%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,741,384.87</b>	<b>\$ 10,417,972.36</b>	<b>\$ 323,412.51</b>	<b>103.10%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,741,384.87</b>	<b>\$ 10,417,972.36</b>	<b>\$ 323,412.51</b>	<b>103.10%</b>

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<b>Income</b>								
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%
<b>Budget Encumbrances</b>	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	222,564.87		222,564.87			0.00	222,564.87	
2680 Insurance Recoveries			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2701 Refund of PY Expenditure			0.00			0.00	0.00	
2705 Miscellaneous Income	7,254.00		7,254.00			0.00	7,254.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimb	22,100.18		22,100.18	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	1,100.18	105.24%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 23,363,041.51</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,363,041.51</b>	<b>\$ 23,194,614.65</b>	<b>\$ 20,887,263.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,307,351.65</b>	<b>\$ 168,426.86</b>	<b>100.73%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 23,363,041.51</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,363,041.51</b>	<b>\$ 23,194,614.65</b>	<b>\$ 20,887,263.00</b>		<b>\$ 168,426.86</b>	<b>100.73%</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	8,289.49		8,289.49	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(3,710.51)	69.08%
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	8,460.29		8,460.29	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	(2,539.71)	76.91%
1150.5 Insurance	123,118.82		123,118.82	145,000.00	145,000.00	0.00	(21,881.18)	84.91%
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	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	86,104.30		86,104.30	144,000.00	75,000.00	69,000.00	(57,895.70)	59.79%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	4,785.00		4,785.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(15,215.00)	23.93%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	58,940.72		58,940.72	42,210.00	20,000.00	22,210.00	16,730.72	139.64%
3040.2 Tires	10,182.55		10,182.55	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	(5,817.45)	63.64%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	22,822.96		22,822.96	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(27,177.04)	45.65%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	88,429.59		88,429.59	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	8,429.59	110.54%
3070.2 Telephone	8,361.45		8,361.45	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(46,638.55)	15.20%
3090.2 Certiorari	19,482.45		19,482.45	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(180,517.55)	9.74%

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					Original Budget				
3105.4 Uniforms	39,641.43		39,641.43	75,000.00	75,000.00		0.00	(35,358.57)	52.86%
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	78,483.18		78,483.18	150,000.00	150,000.00		0.00	(71,516.82)	52.32%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	9,913.94		9,913.94	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00	(10,086.06)	49.57%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	39,559.64		39,559.64	66,200.00	66,200.00		0.00	(26,640.36)	59.76%
3130.4 Office Supplies	4,119.29		4,119.29	8,000.00	8,000.00		0.00	(3,880.71)	51.49%
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	1,330.00		1,330.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		0.00	(170.00)	88.67%
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	45,730.21		45,730.21	70,000.00	70,000.00		0.00	(24,269.79)	65.33%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	51,262.48		51,262.48	135,294.65	60,000.00	75,294.65	75,294.65	(84,032.17)	37.89%
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	139,629.33		139,629.33	130,000.00	130,000.00		0.00	9,629.33	107.41%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	135,456.00		135,456.00	216,000.00	216,000.00		0.00	(80,544.00)	62.71%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	119,829.60		119,829.60	175,000.00	175,000.00		0.00	(55,170.40)	68.47%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	522,304.80		522,304.80	870,000.00	870,000.00		0.00	(347,695.20)	60.04%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	794,982.80		794,982.80	1,300,000.00	1,300,000.00		0.00	(505,017.20)	61.15%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	3,604,662.52		3,604,662.52	5,800,000.00	5,800,000.00		0.00	(2,195,337.48)	62.15%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	46,163.20		46,163.20	74,825.00	74,825.00		0.00	(28,661.80)	61.69%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	27,187.50		27,187.50	50,000.00	50,000.00		0.00	(22,812.50)	54.38%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	105,858.20		105,858.20	176,200.00	176,200.00		0.00	(70,341.80)	60.08%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	2,185,799.46	500,000.00	2,685,799.46	2,643,649.46	520,000.00	2,123,649.46	2,123,649.46	42,150.00	82.68%
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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	Total							
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3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	28,380.85		28,380.85	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00	(36,619.15)	43.66%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	4,443.00		4,443.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00	(85,557.00)	4.94%
3410.48 Labor Consultants	0.00		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total 3410.46 Consultants fees</b>	<b>\$ 34,323.85</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 34,323.85</b>	<b>\$ 155,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 155,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (120,676.15)</b>	<b>22.14%</b>
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	17,305.33		17,305.33			0.00	17,305.33	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	99,894.58		99,894.58	201,000.00	201,000.00	0.00	(101,105.42)	49.70%
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	641,012.71		641,012.71	830,250.00	830,250.00	0.00	(189,237.29)	77.21%
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	22,770.34		22,770.34	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(77,229.66)	22.77%
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	24,703.77		24,703.77	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	(15,296.23)	61.76%
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	505,291.41		505,291.41	779,000.00	779,000.00	0.00	(273,708.59)	64.86%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	22,457.72		22,457.72	38,823.00	38,823.00	0.00	(16,365.28)	57.85%
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	17,790.00		17,790.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(42,210.00)	29.65%
9060.81 Hospital	1,931,718.36		1,931,718.36	3,507,800.00	3,507,800.00	0.00	(1,576,081.64)	55.07%
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	48,000.00		48,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(2,000.00)	96.00%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,784,807.82</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,284,807.82</b>	<b>\$ 23,177,417.11</b>	<b>\$ 20,887,263.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,290,154.11</b>		<b>55.16%</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,578,233.69</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,078,233.69</b>	<b>\$ 17,197.54</b>			<b>\$ 10,061,036.15</b>	<b>61510.16%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>			<b>\$ 10,078,233.69</b>	<b>\$ 17,197.54</b>				<b>0.00%</b>

NOTES: Chairman Carlo advised a special meeting will take place sometime before the next regular meeting on September 12th.

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## 5. Chief Report

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm Activity: 342

Fire: 5

EMS/Rescue: 170

Mutual Aid Given: 2 (NRFD, Hartsdale FD)

- 1) On Tuesday August 6 th , Captain Debitetto and the members of Group 4 responded to a house that was struck by lightning which caused a fire in the attic. They responded, confirmed the residents had evacuated the house, and proceeded to extinguish the fire. There was limited access to the attic which made it difficult to stretch hose lines to the seat of the fire. The members quickly overcame this difficulty and did an outstanding job during unfavorable weather conditions of torrential rain, thunder, and lightning. Thank you to Eastchester Police for their assistance and to the EVAC paramedics and members that transported one injured firefighter to Westchester Medical Center. Thank you also to the NRFD engine and truck that provided mutual aid coverage in the District during the incident.
- 2) The three probationary firefighters graduated from the Career Fire Academy on Friday July 19 th. Last week they were each assigned to a different Group and began working 24-hour tours on engine 27 as the second firefighter.
- 3) Vehicle and equipment maintenance is being done in house as much as possible by part-time mechanic Hank Henninger. Hank Henninger's mechanic report for July was emailed to the Board on 8/8/2024.
- 4) The new TL-17 was placed in service and is responding out of the North End firehouse.
- 5) Tim Dalton's weekly maintenance reports for July were emailed to the Board on 8/8/2024.
- 6) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports for July were emailed to the Board on 8/6/2024.
- 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) I request the Board to close tonight's meeting with a moment of silence to honor the passing of longtime volunteer firefighter Francis X. O'Rourke Jr on Wednesday August 7 th . He was the father of current Lieutenant Francis X. O'Rourke III. Francis X. O'Rourke Jr. joined the Eastchester Fire Patrol Company on March 13, 1958 and was issued Patrol Company badge #99. He transferred to the Waverly Engine Company No. 1 on December 12, 1963 and was issued badge #1431. He was an active member of the Eastchester Fire Department for over 66 years. There was a note with his personnel card stating that during the period from 3/13/58 through 9/7/90 he responded to over 3,800 alarms.

Respectfully submitted August 8, 2024  
by Fire Chief Brian Tween

## **6. Secretary Report**

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

### Social Media

- July Activity: 5 posts
- Community Forms: Starting After the Fire pamphlet project for website and for handouts.

### Website and Notices

- Ongoing updates to the website and review of social media records retention options.
- Collaborating with Chief Tween on an updated annual report for 2024 for the Eastchester Fire District.
- Coordinated with Chief Tween to update our phone auto attendant in response to weather events. In event of a weather emergency, such as flooding, a prompt is available now that connects residents directly to dispatch.

### FOIL OFFICER

- July 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. Continued preparation for the relocation of the records room with Chief Tween.
- Ongoing Projects: Continued work on organizing loose records and scanning projects

### OFFICE - GENERAL

- Continued onboarding processing for Probationary Firefighters
- Prepared the OML document for the August 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

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**Subject**                      **7.1 - Payment of Bills**

**Recommended Action**    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, one set of SCAR 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- 8/8/24- \$410,613.03  
SCAR Claims 2024 - 8/18/24 - \$10,729.80  
Credit Card – 8/18/24 - \$3,189.01  
**Total: \$424,531.84**

Motion by Chairman. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Lore  
Aye: Commr. Lore, Commr. Ranellone, Chairman. Carlo  
**Final: Motion Carried**

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## 8. Future Meeting Dates

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**9.1 - September 12, 2024 - Regular Meeting - Eastchester Town Hall**

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## 9. Comments from Local 916

No comments provided

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## 10. Comments from the Public

No comments provided

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## 11. Comments from the Commissioners

Commissioner Lore expressed his heartfelt condolences to the O'Rourke family on the passing of Frank O'Rourke Jr.

Chairman Carlo also extended his sympathies, highlighting Frank O'Rourke Jr.'s positive contributions to the community.

Commissioner Ranellone reported on his participation in community events throughout July and August. He offered his condolences to the families of Alex Bonci and Frank O'Rourke Jr., noting that their combined service to the community spanned over a century. Commissioner Ranellone shared a personal memory of fighting a fire alongside Frank O'Rourke Jr., underscoring Frank's dedication and bravery. He also announced that

the 9/11 memorial will take place at Lake Isle on September 23rd and 24th, and he encouraged community members to attend.

## 12. **Adjournment**

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With no further comments from the commissioners, Chairman Carlo called for a moment of silence in honor of Alex Bonci and Frank O'Rourke Jr. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 8, 2024**

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

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