

EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 13, 2025

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Eastchester Town Hall (40 Mill Road) Eastchester, NY 10709.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Commissioner Tony Cerasi

In Attendance:

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

● **CALL TO ORDER**

Action: 1.1 - Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Ranellone

● **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

● **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Action: 1.1 - Motion to go into executive session for purposes of discussion of legal items and personnel items.

Chairman Ranellone made the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

● **PUBLIC SESSION**

Action: 1.1 - Motion to enter into public session.

Chairman Ranellone made the motion and the Board unanimously approved. The board reentered public meeting at 7:25 PM.

5. Adoption of Minutes

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

January 7, 2025 - Reorganization Meeting

January 16, 2025 - Regular Meeting

February 6, 2025 - Special Meeting

Motion by Commr. Lore, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Aye: Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Lore, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Ranellone

Final: Motion Carried

Notes: Commr. Carlo abstained from February 6, 2025 - Special Meeting

- **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom presented the following report to the Board:

February 13, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners, Eastchester Fire District
 From: Jamie Hedstrom, Treasurer
 Subject: Actual vs. Budget Comparison, January 2025

The financials as of January 31, 2025 currently present a net budget surplus of approximately \$160K.

The financials as of December 31, 2024 present a net budget surplus of approximately \$310K. It should be noted that our 2024 Treasury Direct earnings, which were not budgeted for as they cannot reasonably be estimated, exceeded \$400K, which is more than the current budget surplus. This means that we exceeded our budgeted expenditures in 2024, which is a departure from previous years that have ended in a “true” surplus.

2024 Budget and Income (incl Treasury Direct)	\$ 23,569,458.67
2024 Expenditures + 2025 Appropriations	\$ 23,258,492.31
Overage	\$ 310,966.36
Treasury Direct Earnings	\$ 405,384.49

Year- End Budget Transfers

Adjustments need to be made to certain GL accounts where 2024 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.

From	To	Amount
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1110.5 Outside Services	5,080.46
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	200.62
9040.8 Workers Compensation	3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	9,575.00
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary		10,200.00
3155.4 Sewer Tax		642.94
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	3040.2 Tires	146.45
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	3060.2 Fuel & Electric	52,710.22
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	6,862.81
1180.5 Education & Travel	3145.4 Association Dues	786.47
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	3150.4 Elections & Referendums	4,083.81

1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	1,416.20
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	8,870.00
3105.4 Uniforms		16,000.00
1200.5 Recruitment		4,372.06
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	15,317.60
3410.17 Mechanics salary	3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	190.20
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	500.00
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.46 Consultants fees	1,500.00
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.48 Labor Consultants	3,724.63
9010.8 NYS Retirement	3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	95,000.00
3413.12 Overtime- Training		59,000.00
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive		48,000.00
3411.1 Holiday Pay		22,000.00
3090.2 Certiorari		48,000.00
3070.2 Telephone		40,000.00
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets		24,000.00
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees		29,000.00
9060.81 Hospital		32,000.00
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs		11,933.56
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	6,473.63
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	5,137.60
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	1,000.00
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	1,093.66

Option 1- Re-allocate a portion of the budget earmarked for the Pierce Pumper to be delivered in summer of 2026 via budget transfer		
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	3416.1 Terminal Leave	60,449.66
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	9020.8 Social Security	38,131.51
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	45,054.52
		143,635.69

Option 2- Create a budget amendment to allocate a portion of the Treasury Direct earnings to certain expenses		
Motion to amend the 2024 budget to increase revenue by \$143,635.69 and increase the below expenses:		
	3416.1 Terminal Leave	60,449.66
	9020.8 Social Security	38,131.51
	3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	45,054.52

Funds allocated to 2025

Below is the current list of budget encumbrances for 2025. Note that this list is subject to change upon additional year-end review.

Budget Encumbrances- Purchases initiated that won't be complete until 2025

Emergency Equipment	\$26,204.90
Coats, Boots, Helmets	\$22,836.00
Total	\$49,040.90

Budget Encumbrances- Engine to be delivered in Q3 2026

Ladder Truck Commitment	\$1,064,000.00
2024 Encumbrance- Fire Equip and Cap Outlay	(\$500,000.00)
2025 Encumbrance- Fire Equip and Cap Outlay	(\$500,000.00)
Additional Funding Required	\$64,000.00

Other:

Treasury Direct Investments

At this time, we have ceased our investments in Treasury Direct. We will begin these investments again in May once we receive our tax collection from the Town.

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.

Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal

The Chief and the Treasurer will be meeting with our broker, Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, to discuss our upcoming P&C insurance prior to the meeting, and will share the results of the discussion with the Board.

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

	Actual	Appropriated for 2025	Actual + Appropriated	Budget-with Modifications	Total Original Budget	Budget Encumbrances from 2024 & Mods	over Budget	% of Budget
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	1,578,046.62		1,578,046.62	1,623,341.27	0.00	1,623,341.27	(45,294.65)	97.21%
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	405,384.49		405,384.49			0.00	405,384.49	
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	30,100.18		28,500.18	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	7,500.18	143.33%
Total Income	\$ 23,571,058.67	\$ -	\$ 23,569,458.67	\$ 23,194,614.65	\$ 20,887,263.00	\$ 2,307,351.65	\$ 376,444.02	101.62%
Gross Profit	\$ 23,571,058.67	\$ -	\$ 23,569,458.67	\$ 23,194,614.65	\$ 20,887,263.00		\$ 376,444.02	101.62%
Expenses								
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1110.5 Outside Services	17,080.46		17,080.46	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	5,080.46	142.34%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	8,547.09		8,547.09	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(452.91)	94.97%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	11,200.62		11,200.62	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	200.62	101.82%
1150.5 Insurance	164,261.82		164,261.82	165,000.00	145,000.00	20,000.00	(738.18)	99.55%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	2,179.25		2,179.25	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(9,820.75)	18.16%
1180.5 Education & Travel	3,371.34		3,371.34	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(1,628.66)	67.43%
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	96,457.94	22,836.00	119,293.94	144,000.00	75,000.00	69,000.00	(24,706.06)	66.98%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep	5,397.76		5,397.76	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(14,602.24)	26.99%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	82,627.94		82,627.94	62,210.00	20,000.00	42,210.00	20,417.94	132.82%
3040.2 Tires	16,146.45		16,146.45	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	146.45	100.92%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	42,015.05		42,015.05	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(7,984.95)	84.03%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	132,710.22		132,710.22	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00	52,710.22	165.89%
3070.2 Telephone	14,659.28		14,659.28	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(40,340.72)	26.65%
3090.2 Certiorari	24,972.98		24,972.98	73,000.00	200,000.00	(127,000.00)	(48,027.02)	34.21%
3105.4 Uniforms	58,656.44		58,656.44	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00	(16,343.56)	78.21%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	4,712.39		4,712.39	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(287.61)	94.25%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	123,795.10	26,204.90	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	82.53%

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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
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	15,155.13		15,155.13	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(4,844.87)	75.78%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	73,062.81		73,062.81	66,200.00	66,200.00	0.00	6,862.81	110.37%
3130.4 Office Supplies	7,326.76		7,326.76	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	(673.24)	91.58%
3135.4 Postage	1,013.25		1,013.25	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(486.75)	67.55%
3140.4 Subscriptions	245.00		245.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	(955.00)	20.42%
3145.4 Association Dues	2,286.47		2,286.47	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	786.47	152.43%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums	14,583.81		14,583.81	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	4,083.81	138.89%
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	36,000.00		36,000.00	36,000.00	26,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	86,093.66		86,093.66	85,000.00	70,000.00	15,000.00	1,093.66	101.29%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	75,640.72		75,640.72	135,294.65	80,000.00	75,294.65	(58,653.93)	55.91%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	5,416.20		5,416.20	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	1,416.20	135.41%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	184,242.06		184,242.06	155,000.00	130,000.00	25,000.00	29,242.06	118.87%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	215,136.00		215,136.00	216,000.00	216,000.00	0.00	(864.00)	99.60%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	190,317.60		190,317.60	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00	15,317.60	108.75%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	835,816.80		835,816.80	870,000.00	870,000.00	0.00	(34,183.20)	96.07%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	1,289,716.20		1,289,716.20	1,300,000.00	1,300,000.00	0.00	(10,283.80)	99.21%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	5,845,054.52		5,845,054.52	5,800,000.00	5,800,000.00	0.00	45,054.52	100.78%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	75,015.20		75,015.20	74,825.00	74,825.00	0.00	190.20	100.25%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	45,468.75		45,468.75	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(4,531.25)	90.94%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	171,936.20		171,936.20	176,200.00	176,200.00	0.00	(4,263.80)	97.58%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay	2,201,147.72	500,000.00	2,701,147.72	2,702,997.00	520,000.00	2,182,997.00	(1,849.28)	81.43%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	18,000.00		18,000.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	500.00	102.86%
3410.46 Consultants fees	1,500.00		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	42,917.19		42,917.19	52,950.00	65,000.00	(12,150.00)	(8,932.81)	81.21%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees	10,123.00		10,123.00	40,000.00	90,000.00	(50,000.00)	(29,877.00)	25.31%
3410.48 Labor Consultants	3,724.63		3,724.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,724.63	
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ 58,264.82	\$ -	\$ 58,264.82	\$ 92,850.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ (62,150.00)	\$ (34,585.18)	62.75%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	3,064.71		3,064.71			0.00	3,064.71	

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY2024 Budget - FY24 P&L
 January - December 2024

	Total							
	Actual	Appropriated for 2025	Actual + Appropriated	Budget-with Modifications	Original Budget	Budget Encumbrances from 2024 & Mods	over Budget	% of Budget
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	162,129.02		162,129.02	171,000.00	201,000.00	(30,000.00)	(8,870.98)	94.81%
3411.1 Holiday Pay	537,676.68		537,676.68	560,000.00	560,000.00	0.00	(22,323.32)	96.01%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	1,239,183.56		1,239,183.56	830,250.00	830,250.00	0.00	408,933.56	149.25%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	36,976.80		36,976.80	96,965.00	96,965.00	0.00	(59,988.20)	38.13%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	51,594.82		51,594.82	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(48,405.18)	51.59%
3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	6,473.63		6,473.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,473.63	
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	45,137.60		45,137.60	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	5,137.60	112.84%
3414.1 EMT Training	14,393.00		14,393.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(5,607.00)	71.97%
3416.1 Terminal Leave	367,449.66		367,449.66	307,000.00	200,000.00	107,000.00	60,449.66	119.69%
9010.8 NYS Retirement	3,154,037.00		3,154,037.00	3,250,000.00	3,250,000.00	0.00	(95,963.00)	97.05%
9020.8 Social Security	817,131.51		817,131.51	779,000.00	779,000.00	0.00	38,131.51	104.89%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	36,923.20		36,923.20	38,823.00	38,823.00	0.00	(1,899.80)	95.11%
9040.8 Workers Compensation	225,425.00		225,425.00	235,000.00	255,000.00	(20,000.00)	(9,575.00)	95.93%
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	34,116.00		34,116.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(25,884.00)	56.86%
9060.81 Hospital	3,475,352.24		3,475,352.24	3,507,800.00	3,507,800.00	0.00	(32,447.76)	99.07%
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	51,000.00		51,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	102.00%
Total Expenses	\$ 22,709,451.41	\$ 549,040.90	\$ 23,258,492.31	\$ 23,194,614.65	\$ 20,887,263.00	\$ 2,307,351.65		97.91%
Net Operating Income	\$ 861,607.26	\$ 549,040.90	\$ 310,966.36	\$ -			\$ 310,966.36	
Net Income			\$ 310,966.36	\$ -				

Eastchester, NY Fire District
Budget vs. Actuals: FY2025 - FY25 P&L
Jan-25

	Actual	Budget	Total over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Use of Capital Reserve				
Appropriated Fund Balance				
Budget Encumbrances	26,204.90	26,204.90	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes			0.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	9,951.66		9,951.66	
2705 Miscellaneous Income			0.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimbursement			0.00	
Total Income	\$ 36,156.56	\$ 26,204.90	\$ 9,951.66	137.98%
Gross Profit	\$ 36,156.56	\$ 26,204.90	\$ 9,951.66	137.98%
Expenses				
1110.5 Outside Services	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)	60.00%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
1140.5 Payroll Processing Expense	876.64	916.67	(40.03)	95.63%
1150.5 Insurance	41,143.00	56,250.00	(15,107.00)	73.14%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	160.00	1,000.00	(840.00)	16.00%
1180.5 Education & Travel	322.46	416.67	(94.21)	77.39%
1200.5 Recruitment		416.67	(416.67)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	447.63	6,250.00	(5,802.37)	7.16% BE
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep		1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles		1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00%
3040.2 Tires	1,038.92	1,333.33	(294.41)	77.92%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.		4,166.67	(4,166.67)	0.00%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	11,726.65	8,333.33	3,393.32	140.72%
3070.2 Telephone	272.40	4,583.33	(4,310.93)	5.94%
3090.2 Certiorari		16,666.67	(16,666.67)	0.00%
3105.4 Uniforms	22,417.57	25,000.00	(2,582.43)	89.67%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools		416.67	(416.67)	0.00%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	63,212.93	38,704.90	24,508.03	163.32% BE
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	2,189.90	1,666.67	523.23	131.39%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	8,889.17	5,516.67	3,372.50	161.13%
3130.4 Office Supplies	452.57	666.67	(214.10)	67.89%
3135.4 Postage	114.32	125.00	(10.68)	91.46%
3140.4 Subscriptions	85.00	100.00	(15.00)	85.00%
3145.4 Association Dues	831.25	125.00	706.25	665.00%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums		0.00	0.00	
3155.4 Sewer Tax		0.00	0.00	
3160.4 Fire Training	27,279.20	18,000.00	9,279.20	151.55%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	9,688.98	8,333.33	1,355.65	116.27%
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	28,622.70	16,666.67	11,956.03	171.74%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	24,220.80	19,166.67	5,054.13	126.37%

3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief salary	21,768.00	16,416.67	5,351.33	132.60%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	66,544.00	75,000.00	(8,456.00)	88.73%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	98,942.40	110,833.33	(11,890.93)	89.27%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	448,205.22	550,000.00	(101,794.78)	81.49%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	5,857.20	6,416.67	(559.47)	91.28%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	3,468.75	4,166.67	(697.92)	83.25%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	13,413.60	14,683.33	(1,269.73)	91.35%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay		0.00	0.00	
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees		0.00	0.00	
3410.44 Year-End fees		0.00	0.00	
Total 3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3410.46 Consultants fees			0.00	
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers		0.00	0.00	
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees		7,500.00	(7,500.00)	0.00%
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ -	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (7,500.00)	0.00%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	2,933.60	0.00	2,933.60	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	12,436.92	16,750.00	(4,313.08)	74.25%
3411.1 Holiday Pay		0.00	0.00	
3412.1 Retroactive Pay	69.44	0.00	69.44	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	52,149.72	55,000.00	(2,850.28)	94.82%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	32,186.32	30,000.00	2,186.32	107.29%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive		8,333.33	(8,333.33)	0.00%
3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	1,636.79	3,333.33	(1,696.54)	49.10%
3414.1 EMT Training	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00%
3416.1 Terminal Leave		0.00	0.00	
9010.8 NYS Retirement		0.00	0.00	
9020.8 Social Security	65,276.92	71,666.67	(6,389.75)	91.08%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	2,901.18	3,235.25	(334.07)	89.67%
9040.8 Workers Compensation		0.00	0.00	
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916		0.00	0.00	
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
9060.81 Hospital	568,595.92	570,000.00	(1,404.08)	99.75%
9060.82 Dental	140,000.00	140,000.00	0.00	100.00%
9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	45,600.00	53,000.00	(7,400.00)	86.04%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,832,578.07	\$ 1,990,823.51	\$ (158,245.44)	92.05%
Net Operating Income	\$ (1,796,421.51)	\$ (1,964,618.61)	\$ 168,197.10	91.44%
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Income								
Use of Capital Reserve	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Appropriated Fund Balance	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Budget Encumbrances	49,040.90		49,040.90	49,040.90	0.00	49,040.90	0.00	100.00%
1001 Real Property Taxes	0.00		0.00	0.00	23,872,423.00	23,872,423.00	0.00	
2401 Interest Earnings	9,951.66		9,951.66			0.00	9,951.66	
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	0.00	
2770 Workers Comp - Reimb	1,600.00		1,600.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	(19,400.00)	7.62%
Total Income	\$ 60,592.56	\$ -	\$ 60,592.56	\$ 70,040.90	\$ 23,893,423.00	\$ 23,942,463.90	\$ (9,448.34)	86.51%
Gross Profit	\$ 60,592.56	\$ -	\$ 60,592.56	\$ 70,040.90	\$ 23,893,423.00	\$ 23,942,463.90	\$ (9,448.34)	86.51%
Expenses								
1110.4 Archiving Services & Exp	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1110.5 Outside Services	600.00		600.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(11,400.00)	5.00%
1120.5 Fire Prevention	1,000.00		1,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	(8,000.00)	11.11%
1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	1,788.28		1,788.28	11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	(9,211.72)	16.26%
1150.5 Insurance	41,143.00		41,143.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	0.00	(183,857.00)	18.29%
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	160.00		160.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	(11,840.00)	1.33%
1180.5 Education & Travel	322.46		322.46	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(4,677.54)	6.45%
1200.5 Recruitment			0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	0.00%
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets	447.63		447.63	97,836.00	75,000.00	22,836.00	(97,388.37)	0.46%
3020.2 Tank Refills, Testing & Rep			0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)	0.00%
3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles			0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(20,000.00)	0.00%
3040.2 Tires	1,038.92		1,038.92	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.00	(14,961.08)	6.49%
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.			0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(50,000.00)	0.00%
3060.2 Fuel & Electric	11,726.65		11,726.65	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(88,273.35)	11.73%
3070.2 Telephone	272.40		272.40	55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00	(54,727.60)	0.50%
3090.2 Certiorari			0.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(200,000.00)	0.00%

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3105.4 Uniforms	22,417.57		22,417.57	76,000.00	76,000.00	0.00	(53,582.43)	29.50%
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	907.64		907.64	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	(4,092.36)	18.15%
3115.4 Emergency Equipment	64,220.97		64,220.97	176,204.90	150,000.00	26,204.90	(11,983.93)	36.45%
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	2,488.46		2,488.46	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(17,511.54)	12.44%
3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	12,415.93		12,415.93	66,200.00	66,200.00	0.00	(53,784.07)	18.76%
3130.4 Office Supplies	695.57		695.57	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	(7,304.43)	8.69%
3135.4 Postage	114.32		114.32	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(1,385.68)	7.62%
3140.4 Subscriptions	85.00		85.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	(1,115.00)	7.08%
3145.4 Association Dues	1,231.25		1,231.25	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	(268.75)	82.08%
3150.4 Elections & Referendums			0.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00	(10,500.00)	0.00%
3155.4 Sewer Tax			0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	(14,000.00)	0.00%
3160.4 Fire Training	27,279.20		27,279.20	44,000.00	44,000.00	0.00	(16,720.80)	62.00%
3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	9,939.28		9,939.28	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(90,060.72)	9.94%
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance			0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(60,000.00)	0.00%
3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing			0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	(4,000.00)	0.00%
3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	36,794.46		36,794.46	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00	(163,205.54)	18.40%
3410.11 Fire Chief salary	32,294.40		32,294.40	230,000.00	230,000.00	0.00	(197,705.60)	14.04%
3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	29,024.00		29,024.00	197,000.00	197,000.00	0.00	(167,976.00)	14.73%
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	99,816.00		99,816.00	900,000.00	900,000.00	0.00	(800,184.00)	11.09%
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary	148,413.60		148,413.60	1,330,000.00	1,330,000.00	0.00	(1,181,586.40)	11.16%
3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	669,120.34		669,120.34	6,600,000.00	6,600,000.00	0.00	(5,930,879.66)	10.14%
3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	8,829.20		8,829.20	77,000.00	77,000.00	0.00	(68,170.80)	11.47%
3410.17 Mechanics salary	4,350.00		4,350.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	(45,650.00)	8.70%
3410.18 Treasurer/Secy/PT Asst salary	20,224.00		20,224.00	176,200.00	176,200.00	0.00	(155,976.00)	11.48%
3410.2 Fire Equipment and Capital Outlay		500,000.00	500,000.00	630,000.00	630,000.00	0.00	(130,000.00)	0.00%
3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees			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	

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	Actual	Appropriated for 2026	Actual + Appropriated	Budget- with Modifications	Original Budget	Budget Encumbrances from 2025 & Mods	over Budget	% of Budget
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers			0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(100,000.00)	0.00%
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees			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	
Total 3410.46 Consultants fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ -	\$ (190,000.00)	0.00%
3410.49 Payroll Clearing account	16,920.26		16,920.26			0.00	16,920.26	
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	18,655.38		18,655.38	201,000.00	201,000.00	0.00	(182,344.62)	9.28%
3411.1 Holiday Pay			0.00	605,000.00	605,000.00	0.00	(605,000.00)	0.00%
3412.1 Retroactive Salary	69.44		69.44	0.00		0.00	69.44	
3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	114,866.05		114,866.05	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00	0.00	(1,135,133.95)	9.19%
3413.12 Overtime- Training	32,186.32		32,186.32	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.00	(117,813.68)	21.46%
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive	0.00		0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	(100,000.00)	0.00%
3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	403.68		403.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	403.68	
3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	3,257.34		3,257.34	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	(36,742.66)	8.14%
3414.1 EMT Training	6,700.00		6,700.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	(13,300.00)	33.50%
3416.1 Terminal Leave			0.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00	(400,000.00)	0.00%
9010.8 NYS Retirement			0.00	3,600,000.00	3,600,000.00	0.00	(3,600,000.00)	0.00%
9020.8 Social Security	95,127.91		95,127.91	860,000.00	860,000.00	0.00	(764,872.09)	11.06%
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	4,227.88		4,227.88	38,823.00	38,823.00	0.00	(34,595.12)	10.89%
9040.8 Workers Compensation			0.00	255,000.00	255,000.00	0.00	(255,000.00)	0.00%
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916			0.00	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	(46,000.00)	0.00%
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs			0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	(60,000.00)	0.00%
9060.81 Hospital	534,636.67		534,636.67	4,100,000.00	4,100,000.00	0.00	(3,565,363.33)	13.04%
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	45,600.00		45,600.00	53,000.00	53,000.00	0.00	(7,400.00)	86.04%
Total Expenses	\$ 2,261,811.46	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,761,811.46	\$ 23,942,463.90	\$ 23,893,423.00	\$ 49,040.90		9.45%
Net Operating Income	\$ (2,201,218.90)	\$ 500,000.00	\$ (2,700,815.22)	\$ (23,872,423.00)			\$ 21,171,607.78	9.22%
Net Income			\$ (2,700,815.22)	\$ (23,872,423.00)				0.00%

Subject 7.2 - Budget Transfers

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves the budget transfers for those GL accounts where the 2023 expenditures exceeded the amount budgeted for the GL account, as follows:

Year- End Budget Transfers

Adjustments need to be made to certain GL accounts where 2024 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.

From	To	Amount
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1110.5 Outside Services	5,080.46
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	1140.5 Payroll Processing Exp	200.62
9040.8 Workers Compensation	3030.2 Hoses & Nozzles	9,575.00
3410.14 Fire Lieutenants salary		10,200.00
3155.4 Sewer Tax		642.94
3110.4 Shop Equipment & Tools	3040.2 Tires	146.45
3220.3 Radio Equipment & Maintenance	3060.2 Fuel & Electric	52,710.22
3050.2 Gasoline, Oil, Grease, Etc.	3125.4 Computers, Software & Internet	6,862.81
1180.5 Education & Travel	3145.4 Association Dues	786.47
3120.4 EMS Supplies and Services	3150.4 Elections & Referendums	4,083.81
1170.5 Other Miscellaneous Expenses	3230.3 Ladder & Pump Testing	1,416.20
3410.81 Disabled Firemen salary -207A's	3240.3 Bldg/Prop Repairs & Maintenance	8,870.00
3105.4 Uniforms		16,000.00
1200.5 Recruitment		4,372.06
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	3410.12 Assistant Fire Chief Salary	15,317.60
3410.17 Mechanics salary	3410.16 Maintenance Workers salary	190.20
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.42 Accountants / Auditors fees	500.00
3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.46 Consultants fees	1,500.00

3410.465 Consultant Fees- Engineers	3410.48 Labor Consultants	3,724.63
9010.8 NYS Retirement	3413.1 Overtime - Firefighters	95,000.00
3413.12 Overtime- Training		59,000.00
3413.13 Overtime- Sick Incentive		48,000.00
3411.1 Holiday Pay		22,000.00
3090.2 Certiorari		48,000.00
3070.2 Telephone		40,000.00
3010.2 Coats, Boots, Helmets		24,000.00
3410.47 Professional Consultants fees		29,000.00
9060.81 Hospital		32,000.00
9050.8 Physician / Medical costs		11,933.56
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	3413.14 Overtime- Chiefs	6,473.63
3410.13 Fire Captains salary	3413.2 Overtime - Fire Prevention	5,137.60
9045.8 Life Insurance - Local 916	9060.83 Optical Plan - Local 916	1,000.00
9030.8 Payroll Tax - MTA	3210.3 Vehicle Maintenance	1,093.66

Notes: Treasurer Jamie Hedstrom shared the budget transfers with the Board.
 Motion by Chairman. Ranellone, seconded by Commr. Yankowski
 Aye: Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Lore, Commr. Carlo, Commr. Ranellone
Final: Motion Carried

Option 2- Create a budget amendment to allocate a portion of the Treasury Direct earnings to certain expenses		
Motion to amend the 2024 budget to increase revenue by \$143,635.69 and increase the below expenses:		
	3416.1 Terminal Leave	60,449.66
	9020.8 Social Security	38,131.51
	3410.15 Uniformed Firefighters salary	45,054.52

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

NOTES: Treasurer Hedstrom informed the Board that the District has begun the auditing process. She also noted that the Property and Casualty Insurance renewal is approaching and is currently reviewing options with Chief Tween.

Hedstrom reviewed the insurance budget, highlighting the District's positive experience with McNeil. She reminded the Board that the District seeks new insurance quotes every three years. She also mentioned that while the District currently pays in installments, brokers previously indicated that installment payments may soon incur additional charges. Hedstrom recommended paying the premium in a lump sum.

Hedstrom anticipates having insurance proposals ready for a Board vote at the March meeting. Additionally, she presented a certiorari claim, explaining that it involved paperwork issues, which is why it was not included in the original warrant. She requested the Board consider approving this certiorari claim.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Fire Commissioners approves to pay the certiorari request for 3 River Street in the amount of \$7,714.11.

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

Chief Tween asked Treasurer Hedstrom whether the Board needed to vote on Workers' Compensation now or wait until its renewal in July. Hedstrom stated that a vote was only necessary if the Board decided not to continue coverage. She anticipated having more information soon to share with the Board.

Hedstrom noted that assessment fees are based on estimates and would be approved like any other warrant unless the Board opted to discontinue coverage. Chief Tween inquired whether, in the absence of a settled contract—given that fees are salary-based—payments would be adjusted retroactively once the contract was finalized. Hedstrom explained that the District undergoes an audit at the end of the plan year, and if salaries increased significantly, an additional fee might be assessed. She added that she would look into whether a two-year agreement would be a different process if the contract was settled in that time period.

- **Chief Report**

Chief Tween submitted the following report:

Alarm Activity: 359
Fire: 4
EMS/Rescue: 219

Mutual Aid Given: 1 (FDMV)

- 1) The five probationary firefighters graduated the Career Fire Academy on January 24th, worked a week of orientation training and are now in their assigned Groups working on an engine with a Lieutenant. Good luck to the five new members on having a long healthy career.
- 2) 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 December and Tim Dalton's maintenance report for December was emailed to the Board today 2/13/2025.
- 3) Fire Prevention and Code Enforcement activities continue with numerous plan reviews and inspections. The Fire Prevention reports for October were emailed to the Board on 2/7/2025.
- 4) Currently there are two members are out on long term absence, one member is on administrative leave, and one member is assigned to light duty and is working with Isang on digitizing the Fire Prevention records.
- 5) I request the Board's authorization to purchase a 2025 Chevy Express 12-passenger van from DeNooyer Chevrolet in Albany, NY for \$52,675.00 piggybacking off the Monroe County bid #BP0310-24 pricing. Funds for this vehicle were included in the EFD 2025 budget.
- 6) I request the Board hold a Promotional and Award ceremony prior to the meeting on April 10th. The last ceremony was held on May 11, 2023.
- 7) I request the Board's authorization for the District to host up to six local High School seniors for the WISE and internship programs during May and June. I already have two requests from EHS and one from THS.
- 8) I request the Board's authorization for Isang and I to attend the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY mini summit on March 28th at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains. The cost is \$200 per person. There are many relevant topics on the agenda.
- 9) I request the Board's authorization to purchase 16 new email licenses from Onyx with the "@eastchesternyfd.gov" domain name so all the EFD emails will be more trusted by the public. The cost would be \$162 per year per email or an additional \$2592.00 per year. Westchester County and the Town of Eastchester recently changed to .gov domain emails. Isang and I investigated migrating our emails from G-Suite to Microsoft Office 365 which the Town uses, but the cost to migrate and set up was \$24,546.60. Purchasing the new email licenses is the most cost-effective way to set up the .gov domain emails.
- 10) Over the last week, FDNY has had two fatal fires where cars were parked blocking fire hydrants. When a fire occurs, seconds can matter. I ask the residents not to block the fire hydrants, even if you are just going into a business for a few minutes.

Respectfully submitted February 13, 2025
by Fire Chief Brian Tween

NOTES: Commissioner Carlo asked Chief Tween to clarify the intended use of the van. Chief Tween explained that it would be used to transport members for fire training, particularly probationary firefighters who must travel to another county due to certain equipment not being available at the academy.

Commissioner Carlo noted that the van might not be used frequently. Chief Tween responded that it would see more use if the District had one, as it would replace three 2007 vehicles that are due for replacement. Rather than acquiring another Tahoe-style vehicle, the van would be a more efficient option, serving not only for transportation but also for moving equipment and responding to incidents.

Chairman Ranellone mentioned that he had been informed of technical issues affecting the broadcast of the meeting on the local government channel. Chief Tween asked the videographer for an update, and the videographer confirmed that the issue would be investigated but assured that the meeting was still being recorded.

- **Secretary Report**

Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith submitted the following report:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Social Media

- January Activity: 5 posts
- Community Forms: Planned work for After the Fire pamphlet project for website and for handouts. Spanish version for Resident Safety and Lithium Ion Battery Safety being prepared.

Website and Notices

- Ongoing updates to the website and review of social media records retention options.

FOIL OFFICER

- January Activity: 4 FOIL requests

RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER

- Records 2025: Planning for records destruction from Station 3 for obsolete records
- 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 February meeting.
- Updated and posted minutes on the website.
- Updated the 2025 resolutions spreadsheet.
- Performed regular office tasks including scheduling, billing, customer service, and staff support.

Business Office Recommendations

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 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- 2/13/25 - \$176,463.45
Credit Card – 2/18/25 - \$2,559.89
Total: \$179,023.34

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

Subject 7.2 - Promotional and Awards Ceremony

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves that a Promotional and Award ceremony be held prior to the meeting on April 10th, 2025.

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

Subject 7.3 - AFDSNY Mini Summit

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Tween and Secretary Marissa “Isang” Smith to attend the Association of Fire Districts of the State of NY mini summit on March 28th at the Sonesta Hotel in White Plains. The cost is \$200 per person.

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

Subject 7.4 - Passenger Van Purchase

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes the purchase of a Chevy Express 12-passenger van from DeNooyer Chevrolet in Albany, NY for \$52,675.00 piggybacking off the Monroe County bid #BP0310-24 pricing. Funds for this vehicle were included in the EFD 2025 budget.

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

Subject **7.5 - Email Licenses Purchase**

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes the purchase of 16 new email licenses from Onyx with @eastchesternyfd.gov domain name. The cost would be \$162 per year per email or an additional \$2592.00 per year.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Subject **8.1 - Internship Programs 2025**

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners authorizes Chief Tween to participate in the internship and WISE programs for Eastchester High School, Bronxville High School and Tuckahoe High School for High School seniors in 2025, and to implement that program in 2025 with the caveat for up to 6 students and that behavior is expected follow Fire District policies.

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

Subject **8.2 - Donation Check**

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners accepts donations from Philip and Maryann Koutsis for \$50.00. The donation was made without specifications or conditions and will be deposited into the general fund.

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

Future Meeting Dates

9.1 - March 13, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Eastchester Town Hall - Court Room

Subject 8.3 - C&G

DISCUSSION Commissioner Carlo informed the Board that an attorney from C&G, Angelo, is moving to a new firm. The Board needed to decide whether to continue with C&G for all matters or to follow Angelo to his new firm.

Commissioner Carlo expressed his preference for retaining Angelo for labor negotiations while continuing with C&G for disability and non-labor matters. The Board agreed with this arrangement.

Recommended Action BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastchester Board of Fire Commissioners approves to retain Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, 22 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211, as Labor Counsel of the Eastchester Fire District until December 31, 2025. Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP will continue to act as Fire District Counsel for all non-labor matters. The Board authorizes Chief Tween and the Treasurer to complete and sign any necessary paperwork to facilitate the transition of records between counsel.

Motion by Commr. Carlo, seconded by Commr. Yankowski

Aye: Commr. Yankowski, Commr. Lore, Commr. Carlo, Chairman. Ranellone

Final: Motion Carried

Comments from Local 916

Union President Joseph Costanzo addressed the Board to clarify confusion among union members regarding the timeline for filling an additional firefighter position. He noted that the budget for this year included a 14% increase in anticipation of adding another firefighter to the engine. Based on conversations with Board members, there was an expectation that once the most recent class graduated from the academy, the position would be fully funded for the remainder of the year. Costanzo inquired about the Board's plan for filling the spot and sought clarification on the expected timeline.

Chairman Ranellone stated that the position would be filled as soon as possible but noted that he was unaware of the current impact of sickness and vacations on staffing.

Chief Tween clarified that the newly hired firefighters are currently assigned to an engine with a lieutenant. He explained that the original plan was for them to complete academy training by July, at which point the additional firefighter position would be filled, as budgeted.

Costanzo shared he found there were differing messages from the Board and Chief Tween, and wanted clarification on the timeline.

Ranellone reiterated that five firefighters had been hired and, once they completed the academy, the additional position should be filled at that time. Chief Tween confirmed that once assigned, the firefighter would be placed on Engine 31 and expressed hope that all five new hires would successfully complete the process, reiterating that that was what was budgeted for.

Costanzo reiterated his goal of clearing up any confusion regarding the hiring timeline.

Comments from the Public

No Comments.

Comments from the Commissioners

Commissioner Lore expressed frustration over ongoing issues with fire hydrants being blocked. He noted that residents had placed items around a hydrant, making it completely obstructed from view. The hydrant remained blocked all day and into the next morning. Lore stated that this has been a recurring problem, particularly with leaves and snow, and has been previously mentioned to the village.

He shared that, after noticing the obstruction, he called the captain, who dispatched Engine 27 to address the issue. However, this was not the first time the hydrant had been covered, and he questioned whether the responsible parties could be held accountable if the problem persisted.

Chief Tween acknowledged the concern and offered to have the captain address the issue. Commissioner Lore expressed frustration with the limited enforcement options and suggested involving the Building Department to help prevent future obstructions.

A discussion followed regarding potential solutions. Commissioner Carlo asked whether a town ordinance prohibits blocking a fire hydrant. It was noted that the Building Department would need to be consulted.

Lore emphasized that if the problem continues, they will escalate the issue to Chief Tween and address it more formally. He also expressed concern about leaf season, as this issue has been ongoing.

Chairman Ranellone commented that, unfortunately, the issue may be ongoing unless there is accountability by those creating the issue.

Chairman Ranellone's Updates:

- January 20th – Attended the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast with the Assistant Chief and Chief.
- January 24th – Attended the Probationary Firefighter Graduation in Bronxville.
- January 27th – Attended Mass and Breakfast provided by the church.
- February 6th – Interviewed five candidates from the current Civil Service list.
- February 10th – Interviewed four more candidates from the list.

Commissioner Lore thanked the Scarsdale Ambulance Corps for their service after he had an accident by falling, expressing appreciation for their assistance.

Adjournment - The Board adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

**EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE EASTCHESTER BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

Minutes prepared by:
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