

# HAMPTON VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. MEETING MINUTES

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A Regular Meeting of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Company Inc. of the Town of Hampton, County of Washington, and the State of New York was held at the Fire Station, at 2520 County Route 18, Hampton, New York on the 3rd day of January 2023.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Cole-----	President/Treasurer
Timothy Garrick-----	1st Lieutenant
Cameron Hilder-----	2nd Lieutenant
Joseph Mead-----	Chief - <b>Absent</b>
Michael Pietryka-----	Trustee
Justin Perry-----	Assistant Chief
Mary Perry-----	First Responder - <b>Absent</b>
Arthur Pratt III-----	Trustee
Matthew Pratt-----	Secretary
Thorn Rathbun-----	Vice President - <b>Absent</b>
Lenny Reed-----	Trustee
Joel Roberts-----	Captain
Matthew Sears-----	Firefighter - <b>Absent</b>
Nicholas Stark-----	Firefighter

Also Present: No one else was present

The Meeting was called to order by President Richard Cole at 7:42 PM a quorum of the Membership was present.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

## **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS EMAILED**

Cameron Hilder made a motion to approve the minutes as written for November 6, 2022, seconded by Nicholas Stark.

Yes (6) Timothy Garrick, Cameron Hilder, Justin Perry, Matthew Pratt, Joel Roberts and Nicholas Stark.

No (0)

Absent (4) Joseph Mead, Mary Perry, Thorn Rathbun and Matthew Sears

RESOLVED, that the members of the Fire Company adopted to approve the Monthly Meeting Minutes as written for **December 6, 2022.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **New Tanker Truck**

Justin Perry put in the radio

There is already an issue with the truck: the exhaust brake isn't working properly so the dealer is working with us under the warranty to get it fixed.

Joe is going to use someone else to do the lettering. Going to use Westsigns

### **Air Compressor for Station 2**

We were waiting for the new year to get this approved and wanted to make sure that we also had the funds for this. Richard Cole passed out a copy of the air compressor that the fire company will be purchasing (See Attached)

We will also need to purchase two (2) drop down reels so we can hook-up to the trucks

Richard is asking to spend up to One Thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to purchase the air compressor along with the two drop down reels.

Nicholas Stark made a motion for Richard Cole to spend up to One Thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to purchase the air compressor along with the two drop down reels, seconded by Timothy Garrick.

Yes (6) Timothy Garrick, Cameron Hilder, Justin Perry, Matthew Pratt, Joel Roberts and Nicholas Stark.

No (0)

Absent (4) Joseph Mead, Mary Perry, Thorn Rathbun and Matthew Sears

RESOLVED, that the members of the fire company adopted to allow Richard Cole to spend up to One Thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to purchase the air compressor along with the two drop down reels

### **Post Office Stairs**

The Fire Company got a letter from the Post Office which was dated back on September 11, 2022 about the stairs out front. We received the letter in December of 2022. The repairs have been done and an email has been sent.

### **Website**

Going to be updated the website

### **Photos for Fire House**

Would like to get some pictures to hang around the fire station.- Mixed Tiles

Joel Roberts made a motion to purchase the mixed tiles for up to Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00), seconded by Nicholas Stark.

Yes (6) Timothy Garrick, Cameron Hilder, Justin Perry, Matthew Pratt, Joel Roberts and Nicholas Stark.

No (0)

Absent (4) Joseph Mead, Mary Perry, Thorn Rathbun and Matthew Sears

RESOLVED, that the fire company adopted to approve the purchase of mixed tiles for up to Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)

**Green Mountain Power - Dry Hydrant**

Richard passed out a satellite image of the Green Mountain Power Property and asked members where the dry hydrant should be located to access it. (See Attached)

Joel Roberts and Richard Cole will work on writing up the proposal to Green Mountain Power.

**First Net**

Richard has been trying to contact AT&T to get the tablets and a hardwire router, but has been disconnected from them several times.

**New Security System**

Richard is asking help from the membership to help install cameras in station 2 and around station 1. Timothy Garrick and Richard are going to work on this.

**Hot Water to Bathroom**

Richard has set up two (2) different dates and times for Mr. Wrinkler to come and do this, either we had a snow storm or an emergency came up so this is still being worked on. He did come to fix the ignitor in the on demand boiler.

**Tax Exemptions**

NYS passed a new law for tax exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance workers. 10 percent of your property tax. The Town of Hampton will need to pass this into local law. The Town will try to get pass this as soon as they can.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report Summary for December 2022

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFER	BALANCE
General Fund - 8630	\$25,415.71	\$28,249.71	\$40,641.99	\$35,000.00	\$48,023.43
Fundraising - 9735	\$14,456.58	\$724.00	\$0.00	-\$10,000.00	\$5,180.58
Building - 1593	\$12,553.60	\$0.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,553.92
Equipment - 0842	\$12,833.28	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,833.61
Truck - 2671	\$40,159.13	\$0.75	\$0.00	-\$25,000.00	\$15,159.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$105,418.30</b>	<b>\$28,975.11</b>	<b>\$40,641.99</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$93,751.42</b>

Cameron Hilder made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Joel Roberts.

Yes (6) Timothy Garrick, Cameron Hilder, Justin Perry, Matthew Pratt, Joel Roberts and Nicholas Stark.

No (0)

Absent (4) Joseph Mead, Mary Perry, Thorn Rathbun and Matthew Sears

RESOLVED, that the members of the Fire Company adopted to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted for **December 2022**.

### **THANK YOU TO BRIDGET**

Joel Roberts made a motion to approve that the fire company get a plaque for Bridget for her years of service to the fire company, seconded by Matthew Pratt.

Yes (6) Timothy Garrick, Cameron Hilder, Justin Perry, Matthew Pratt, Joel Roberts and Nicholas Stark.

No (0)

Absent (4) Joseph Mead, Mary Perry, Thorn Rathbun and Matthew Sears

RESOLVED, that the Fire Company adopted to approve the purchase of a plaque for Bridget Pietryka for her years of service to the fire company as treasurer.

### **OFFICER'S REPORT**

#### **Chief's Report**

We had nine (9) calls for the month of **December 2022**

1st call was for Mutual Aid to Wells for a Structure Fire on North Rd/West Lake Rd.

2nd call was for Tree & Wires Down Across the Road at 1811 County Route 18

3rd call was for Tree & Wires Down Across the Road at Carver Falls Rd.

4th call was for Tree on Wires and Burning at 2360 State Route 22A

5th call was for an EMS Assist at 333 Hills Pond Rd.

6th call was for Mutual Aid to Poultney for a Structure Fire at 685 Lewis Rd.

7th call was for Large Tree on Power Lines at 2227 State Route 22A

8th call was for an EMS Assist at 11899 State Route 4

9th call was for a Car Vs Tractor Trailer on State Route 4

### Building Maintenance

The stairs have been repaired out front to the Post Office

The Boiler got repaired

### Equipment Maintenance

Truckers were fueled & washed

### **Assistance Chief's Report**

#### Medical/Personnel Reports

None for the month

#### Membership Applications

None for the month

### **Captain's Report**

#### Truck Maintenance

Trucks are good

Attack 332 is still out of service. Joe has called to get an update and hasn't gotten a call back on it yet.

### **1st Lieutenant's Report**

#### SCBA'S

Everything is all good

If anyone has any PPE issues please get a hold of Timothy Garrick after the meeting.

### **2nd Lieutenant's Report**

#### Truck Inventory

All trucks are good on this side of town, and will need to check other trucks on the other side of town.

### **Training Officer's Report**

#### Group Training Reports

Ropes, Drags and Donning

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Fundraising Committee

The Committee will be holding a paint & sip at the firehouse on Thursday January 19th. As of right now 5 or 6 people are interested. We're charging \$45 per person.

We're also working on other things as well.

### **Old Business**

None for the month

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURE TO PAY BILLS IN ORDER TO AVOID PENALTIES AND INTEREST**

Nicholas Stark made a motion to approve the following resolution, seconded by Cameron Hilder.

Yes (6) Timothy Garrick, Cameron Hilder, Justin Perry, Matthew Pratt, Joel Roberts and Nicholas Stark.

No (0)

Absent (4) Joseph Mead, Mary Perry, Thorn Rathbun and Matthew Sears

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO PAY BILLS IN ORDER TO AVOID PENALTIES AND INTEREST**

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Company has determined that due to certain bills being due prior to the Fire Company Audit of bills, AND

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Company is desirous of avoiding late fees, penalties and interest and maintain its good credit standing,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Hampton Volunteer Fire Company hereby authorizes the Treasurer to approve the payment of bills before audit if in the reasonable discretion of the Treasurer, it is necessary to do so to avoid any costs, penalties, interest or termination of service. The Treasurer may pay claims for public utilities, postage, freight and express charges, before they are audited. The term “public utilities” includes electric, gas, water, sewer and telephone services and the purchase of fuel oil. All claims must be presented for audit at the next regular meeting audit. The claimant and the Company officer incurring or approving these claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount disallowed upon audit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Fire Company is not required by law to pre- audit payments on principal and interest indebtedness, or amounts coming due on certain contracts

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that in the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary is authorized to review the bills and make the determination to authorize payment for the same reason.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

An issue was brought up about Old Business Items being in President’s Report

Joel Roberts presented a check to the fire company from Four Feathered Farms for eight hundred and fifty dollars. (\$850.00)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joel Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Timothy Garrick.

All in Favor - Aye

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 PM

I, Matthew J. Pratt, secretary of the Hampton Volunteer Fire Company Inc., hereby certify that the attached minutes are true and accurate copies of minutes maintained by me in the ordinary course of business and as part of my role as secretary of the fire company.

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Matthew J. Pratt, Secretary