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A Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New Castle Fire District No. 1 was held at 491 King Street, Chappaqua, New York on the 2nd of June, 2024 commencing at 10:00am.

Present
Dwight Smith, Chairman
Edwin Frank, Commissioner
Charles Rauch, Commissioner
Michael Soldo, Commissioner
Nancy Zezze, Commissioner

Also Present
Christine Dennett, Secretary

Absent
Mark Green, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Soldo led the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Board held a moment of silence for all the deceased members.

Treasurer Discussion

The Board had general discussion regarding the Treasurer, payment issues and potentially hiring a bookkeeper.

The Board requested the Treasurer meet with the Board to explain why the issues were occurring and scheduled a special meeting for June 6, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Project Financing

The Board had general discussion regarding the options to fund the overages of the bids received including Senter Street and a permissive referendum and use of reserves.

The Board discussed getting an appraisal of Senter Street and Commissioner Zezze stated should would reach out to Landmark Appraisals to get an updated one.

Commissioner Zezze stated there was an ex-Chief with expertise in sprinklers and stated he should be contacted to see if the sole bid was reasonable or if it should be rebid.

Upon motion by Commissioner Rauch, seconded by Commissioner Soldo, the Board voted unanimously to direct Counsel to prepare a resolution to use Capital Reserves for the project purposes in an amount to be determined based on the final bid results with a vote of 5-0.

The Board had general discussion regarding the low bidders and amounts that were left in the Capital Reserves and if the plans would be owned by the District or at least the rights to them.

General Discussion

- Commissioner Rauch offered to be a co-administrator for the District email.
- The Board requested a new email distribution group be created that only went to the five Commissioners. Commissioners@ncfd1.org would be created for that purpose.
- Once the Treasurer issued are sorted out, the Secretary will pick up the mail in coordination with them.
- Treasurer@ncfd1.org will be created and sent to the Treasurer and Commissioner Rauch.
- Commissioner Zezze stated emails sent should be acknowledged as a courtesy.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Commissioner Zezze, seconded by Commissioner Rauch, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the special meeting at 11:17am with a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Dennett
Fire District Secretary

June 9, 2024