

# TRUMBULL CENTER FIRE DISTRICT

860 WHITE PLAINS ROAD

TRUMBULL, CONN. 06611



## Meeting Minutes March 4, 2025

### Opening:

The regular meeting of the Trumbull Center Fire District was called to order at 7:00pm, by Chairman Riggs.

### Members Present:

- Ed Riggs, Chairman
- Alex Relkin, Commissioner
- Tom Dufficy, Commissioner
- Sandra Mulligan, Tax Collector
- Marisa Petriello, Treasurer
- Rich Gregory, Chief
- Dave Tiago, Maintenance

### Others Present:

- Pat McCarty
- Paul Ruskay
- Abby Relkin

#### A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

#### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and unanimously approved as distributed.

#### C. Budget and Tax Report

The budget and tax reports were reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

#### D. Open Issues and New Business

##### *Pat McCarty:*

- Advised the Commissioners that he was pulling the request of renaming district building after past chief Kurtz (see attached email).
- He asked how the district would like to proceed with the project and wanted to let family know.
- Suggested the possibility of a bronze plaque, in lieu of renaming the building.

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- Agreement between the company and district needs to include live-in program. Renters insurance is required. Per Chairman Riggs, the agreement is back from the attorney and will be forwarded to the company Board of Directors.

## *Alex Relkin:*

- Asked PMcCarty to find out about getting a brass/bronze plaque. They will look into this together.
- Would also like to look into plaques on trucks to recognize those on truck committees, etc. (i.e. similar to what Nichols Fire Department has done).
- 104: repaired but not 100%.
- Reached out to the company that bought one of the districts vehicles to see if they would be interest in another one. They were not interested at the price the district was seeking.
- 101 light tower back at EJ Boughton. Received a price of \$6100 + \$1000 freight.
- Upgradable, water proof gauges, \$1032.
- 107 out of service; needs batteries. Upgrading power to batteries to highest level. Truck needs to be running when operating lift-gate.
- 107: back up camera issue.
- Asphalt starting to crack at both stations. Suggests getting them sealed.
- District is looking to replace couches at Station 2 and the Company is looking to replace couches at Station 1. Should possibly join forces for purchases.
- Gear needs replacing due to damage.

## *Dave Tiago:*

- Need to schedule vehicles to go to Norcom.
- Station 2 office lights getting fixed/changed.
- Carpet at Station 2 was cleaned, happy with the service/results.
- Will get commissioners permission to log into insurance portal.

## *Tom Dufficy:*

- Went to Long Hill last night for R&R meeting. They like idea of vehicle tax r/b. All programs based on firefighters meeting requirements set forth. Suggests the company president/vice president contact LH to see what their procedure is.
- Vanity is in, top and vanity still waiting on
- Leak in back of station 1, will be fixed on Thurs.
- Open projects, some will need to be next budget year. Thermostats, wall in furnace room, cord reels can be done. May have left over insurance money to work on chief's office project.
- Question arose regarding reports. Chief advise that he will take this over.

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## *Rich Gregory:*

- Asked what the insurance coverage would be if a member is included in a lawsuit and/or civil law suit. Ed will inquire with attorney.

## *Ed Riggs:*

- Talked to the district attorney. Gave options for reimbursement programs. Will speak with Nichols to see what they do.
- Tax Collector approved for up to \$1500 for a new laptop.
- There will be a budget workshop on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

## **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm by Chairman Riggs. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00pm on April 8, 2025, at Station 2.

Minutes submitted by:

S Mulligan, Secretary

Approved by:

Trumbull Center Fire District Commissioners

**From:** Pat McCarty <pmac3121@gmail.com>

**Date:** March 4, 2025 at 10:19:16 AM EST

**To:** Edwin Riggs <eriggs@tcfcd.com>, Alex Relkin <arelkin@tcfcd.com>, Tom Dufficy <tdufficy@tcfcd.com>

**Subject: Station 1**

Gentlemen

I am pulling the request that was made by past Commissioner Ruskay and myself in regard to naming Station 1 after past Commissioner, Chief, and President Paul J. Kurtz. I never expected the amount of negative feedback that was presented to Commissioner Ruskay, not to me, by past officers and members along with the board of directors of the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Company. I am also disappointed in some comments made that I twisted or strong armed Commissioner Ruskay into this matter. This never happened and as a matter of fact this was brought up to me by a past president of the company when I was chairman of the commission and Commissioner Kurtz was still alive.

I am requesting the this email be placed in the minutes of your next meeting. I would also request that I receive a emailed responses with on how the district plans to move forward with this project so I can let the family know.

I would like to also let it be known that at no time was I ever thinking of doing this project so it would lead to having Station 2 named after me as some have brought up. I am not the type of person that would ever consider this.

Thank you

Pat