

TRUMBULL CENTER FIRE DISTRICT

860 WHITE PLAINS RD



TRUMBULL, CT 06611

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AND APPROVAL)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 4, 2025

OPENING:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

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

Others Present:

- Alex Danka, TVFC President
- Kevin Mulligan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

BUDGET AND TAX REPORTS

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

OPEN ISSUES AND NEW BUSINESS

Ed Riggs:

- Was contacted by Rick Wilkins. He offered to discuss some of Long Hill's budgeting tips.
- Long Hill cuts checks for member's fire tax bills. Will look into this and other suggestions. Need to know cost, number of people covered and have a separate line item in budget, going forward.

Alex Relkin:

- 104 posted for sale with BayArea (no cost to list, 5% commission if sold).
- Truck checks and Tahoe checks have not been done. They are about 1 month behind. Will address with the chief. Engines were good.
- Will be getting quote for lights for engine.
- Norcom being scheduled.
- Request for 2 couches for Station 2, up to \$4k from the current budget. Will get prices.
- Vacuums at station 1, red one has bag issue. Recommends buying 1 new vacuum, up to \$1500 from repair/replace. D Tiago advised that he has bags & HEPA filters. APPROVED
- TFSS meeting tomorrow.
- Insignia needs to be changed on letter head.
- Overseas container; move to Station 1? Chief is not sure.

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Tom Dufficy:

- Basement work will start in August. The \$3700 payment will be made in the 2025/26 budget year.
- Wall in furnace room is mostly done.
- Air reels – reducer missing, per D Tiago

Pat McCarty:

- Firetec – there are 17 open invoices, totaling \$17095.
- There is a \$4K credit with MES.
- PO System needs to expand to 5 commissioners.
- Contacted the district attorney – CT paid leave is deducted from full-time employees checks. Since it is not in their contracts, they are not obligated to pay into it, per state of CT. The district will need to contact Paychex to get the totals paid.
- Received text regarding live-in contract. Company attorney will forward the contract to the district attorney for review.
- Contractors will need a point of contact, when D Tiago is not available. Commissioners Ruskay and Dufficy said would be available.
- Asked if the radio loan had been paid off. Chairman Riggs will follow up on this.
- Mentioned bonding, with the district attorney.
- 104 is on schedule.
- Would like the SCBA loan to be paid in full.

Paul Ruskay:

- Questioned some over-budget line items in the budget report. Commissioners will verify that transactions were allocated to the correct accounts. The check signors need to confirm correct account(s) for bills.

Dave Tiago:

- Timing of PO approval, check issuance and signing needs to be more efficient.
- Looking to replace 6 mini 12" chainsaws and purchase extra chains; not to exceed \$1600. APPROVED
- Request to purchase pruners; not to exceed \$1600. APPROVED
- Will make purchases tomorrow and give Marissa the bills so she can pay the credit card company now.
- Request for OWL camera system for training. It has a 360 degree view. Working on cost but is estimated to be around \$5K; not exceed. It also works with Teams.
- Fire alarm system tested. One strobe in kitchen to be repaired.
- Detectors in HVAC room/live in side and lower level Station 2 to be addressed.
- Hose testing, ladder testing, appliance, nozzle, aerial certification; close to getting it worked out for the 3 districts to complete at the same time at a "group price."
- Truck committee meeting in a couple of months.
- Office renovation expected to start soon. Would like to get some of the expenses into the current budget year.

Rich Gregory:

- Tri district meeting in a couple of weeks.
- Ask for the status regarding request for 4 gas meters and Firmware update; Commissioners advised that the requests went through PO system.
- Will work up an approximate price for out-of-town bags.

Alex Danka:

- Reported that the Company is trying to make it easier/more convenient for members to attend meetings, training, etc.

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ADJOURNMENT:

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on July 1, 2025, at Station 2.

Minutes submitted by: S Mulligan, Secretary