



VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT

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**Board of
Fire Commissioners**
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Special Commissioner Meeting Agenda December 4, 2024

Present:

Commissioner Thomas McCartney
Commissioner David Harrington
Commissioner Ronald Harrington
Commissioner Daniel Kirchheimer

Others Present:

Susan Bowen, Fire District Secretary
Paige Willes-Brown, Director of Purchasing
Marisa Butler, Fire District Treasurer

Commissioner Mark Tomko- Arrived at 5:36pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman T. McCartney.
2. Chairman T. McCartney led the Pledge to the Flag to those present.
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes - None
4. Bid Openings – None
5. Correspondence Report - None
6. Scheduled Appointments (Guests) - None
7. Secretary Report - None
8. Director of Purchasing Report - None
9. Treasurer Report - None
10. Approval to Properly Audit and Pay the Bills - None
11. Association(s) Report - None
12. Department Business Report – President Starr (or Designee) - None
13. Operations Report – Chief Paffie (or Designee) - None
14. Station Reports (New Members/Membership Changes/Fund Raiser/Special Events)
 - a. Station 1 - None
 - b. Station 2 - None
 - c. Station 3 - None
 - d. Station 4 - None
15. Commissioner Report



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- a. Commissioner McCartney - None
- b. Commissioner Harrington - None
- c. Commissioner Tomko – None
- d. Commissioner Kirchheimer - None
- e. Commissioner Birdsall - None

16. Old Business

17. New Business

17.1 RESOLUTION TO JOIN MUNICIPAL GROUP SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Authorized Representative of the Vestal Fire District desires to secure the Vestal Fire District's obligation to provide volunteer firefighters' benefit law, volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law and workers' compensation benefits, as applicable, through participation in a group self-insurance program of which the Vestal Fire District will be a member,

The Authorized Representative of the Vestal Fire District, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve, pursuant to, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 50 3-a of the New York State Workers Compensation Law and other applicable provisions of law and regulations thereunder, as follows:

Section 1. The Authorized Representative (hereinafter "Representative") of the Vestal Fire District does hereby resolve to secure the Vestal Fire District's obligation to provide volunteer firefighters' benefit law, volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law and workers' compensation benefits, as applicable, through participation in a group self-insurance plan of which the Vestal Fire District will be a member;

Section 2. The Representative of the Vestal Fire District does hereby resolve to become a member of Public Employer Risk Management Association, Inc., a workers' compensation group self-insurance program for local governments and other public employers and instrumentalities of the State of New York;

Section 3. In order to effect the Vestal Fire District's membership in said group self-insurance program, the authorized officer of the Vestal Fire District is hereby authorized to execute and enter into the Public Employer Risk Management Association Workers' Compensation Program Agreement, annexed hereto as Exhibit A, on behalf of the Vestal Fire District.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately for coverage effective October 2, 2024.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION Made by Commissioner Kirchheimer seconded by Commissioner Birdsall



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Chairman McCartney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay
Commissioner Harrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay
Commissioner Tomko	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay (Absent)
Commissioner Kirchheimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay
Commissioner Birdsall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> Nay

17.2 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, Seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve to accept the Public Employer Risk Management Association (PERMA) Proposal for coverage for Worker’s Compensation and Employers Liability, All Volunteers – Secondary Medical Coverage and Volunteers Firefighters Benefits Law (VFBL) at an annual cost of \$105,486 to be paid upon binding of coverage. The Plan includes Salaried Workers, Volunteers that are not covered under VFBL and Firefighters. Coverage will date back to 10/2/2024 when the Fire District was created. The Coverage will renew annual on October 1st of each year.
All in Favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried.

17.3 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, Seconded by Commissioner Birdsall to approve the use of Unallocated General Fund Balance in the amount of \$104,000 to cover the cost of Workman’s Compensation Insurance. Once Coverage is established with PERMA, PERMA will refunded the last three months of 2024 to the Town of Vestal on behalf of the Fire District. That amount will return to the Unallocated General Fund Balance once that amount is determined.
All in Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

18. Public Input Session

19. Executive Session (if needed)

20. Motion by Commissioner Kirchheimer, Seconded by Commissioner Tomko to adjourn the meeting at 5:48pm.
All in Favor: 5 Opposed: 0 Absent: 0 Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bowen
Fire District Secretary