



# GATES FIRE DISTRICT



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**Gates Fire District  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Commission/Budget Meeting  
Tuesday, August 29, 2023  
6:30 PM**

## APPROVED MINUTES

### Attendance

Daniel Cox Chairman  
Louis Comenale, Jr., Vice Chairman  
James Werth, Commissioner  
David DiCaro, Commissioner  
Alan R. Bubel, District Fire Chief  
Timothy D. Goole, District Assistant Fire Chief  
Brittany Gould, Treasurer  
Julie Spencer, Deputy District Treasurer  
Donna Capone, District Secretary

### Guests

\*\*See attached sign-in sheet

### Absent

David Hancock, Commissioner-Excused  
Mark C. Butler Esq., Legal Counsel

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**Chairman Cox called the Regular Commission Meeting of the Gates Fire District to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Werth.**

**Chairman Cox identified all the emergency exits within the building.**

**Would any of the guests like to address the Board at this time?  
(please state your name and address)**

**The guests declined to address the Board.**

**Treasurer's Report – presented by Brittany Gould:**

No Report

**District Secretary's Report – Donna Capone:**

No Report

**Chief's Report – Alan R. Bubel:**

No Report

**Assistant Chief's Report – Timothy D. Goole:**

No Report

**Chairman Cox's Report:**

No Report

**Vice Chairman Comenale's Report:**

No Report

**Commissioner Hancock's Report:**

Excused

**Commissioner Werth's Report:**

No Report

**Commissioner DiCaro's Report:**

No Report

**Mark C. Butler, Esq.**

Excused

**Executive Session:**

The Board did not enter into Executive Session.

**Open Session:**

No Motions were made.

**2024 Budget Discussions:**

Future Apparatus/Reserve Funding

Revisited open budget lines.

This year replacement 4C25 car, 4508 and rescue 4518 pursuant to Resolution 2021.12.20.2. Agree with the replacement of 4508, do not agree with the replacement of 4518 (has a little more than 17,500 miles on it and it is in rather good shape). 4C25 vehicle does not need to be replaced this year. There was a change with the succession

planning and we are going to be selling the 4C95 car, and instead of replacing the 4C25 car, would instead like to replace the 4557 car. 4557 car has been passed down several times and it is not best suited for the mechanic. Assistant Chief suggests to replace both pickup trucks 4508 and the 4557.

Reviewed some expenses for the apparatus to be expected.

Reviewed Apparatus replacement plan.

Airpacks will be hitting their end of life in 2030. Projected cost to replace is \$1,100,000.00.

Reviewed Capital Reserve account funding.

Reviewed Communications Reserve Account Funding.

Quote provided to repair 4530 from Churchville Fire Equipment at a cost of \$80,000.00. Commission discussed.

Commissioner Comenale noted concern for the safety of the members and has every confidence in the Chiefs and Mechanic in their recommendations.

Motion to approve Churchville Fire Equipment to repair 4530 at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00 and authorize Assistant Chief to go ahead and move forward with pursuing the replacement made by Commissioner Werth and seconded by Commissioner Cox. Commission polled: All approved.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the August 29th, 2023, Budget/Commission Meeting at 8:19 p.m. made by Commissioner DiCaro and seconded by Commissioner Werth. Commission polled: All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Capone  
District Secretary