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## DALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

## October 21, 2025

Present: James Driscoll, Camillus Cachat, Michael Kubicki, Melanie Roucoulet, Dan Filiault, Charlotte Crane, Interim Chief Chris Cachat, Mike Cachat, Jordan Anderson, Tyler Colby

Public: Dylan Thompson - Berkshire Eagle, Brianna - iberkshires

James Driscoll called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Driscoll advised the room that the commissioners were there to discuss the possibility of renovations to the fire department. Charlotte Crane began by mentioning that the fire department has been outgrowing the space for a while now, she listed the following as areas that need to be addressed in this order.

- 1. More sleeping corridors need to be added to the building. (4 bunk rooms and a new day room for the staff)
- 2. A bigger office for the Treasurer since a big portion of her office was taken away for the bunk rooms that we currently have, and also an overload of files from previous years.
- 3. Keep moving forward with becoming fully ADA compliant, which would include either moving the meeting room to the first floor or putting in an elevator to get upstairs.
- 4. More room in the bays for the apparatus, especially in the winter when it needs to be kept inside.

Crane mentioned that the crew has been working diligently at redoing the basement for their workout area. Interim Chief Cachat believes that building up over the ladder bay and building a room off the ladder bay for a meeting room may be the best answer to our issues. Driscoll mentioned that a feasibility study will need to be performed first to see if the ladder bay can still hold a second floor. Crane asked permission of Driscoll to reach out to State Representatives regarding funding for these type of projects, Driscoll approved. A tour of the building was conducted where everyone involved could write down their ideas, concerns and ect.

• A renovations committee was created to start meeting regarding the renovations, Members of the committee are Charlotte Crane, Dennis Croughwell, Chris Cachat and Cam Cachat.

James Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm

Melanie Roucoulet Treasurer/Clerk