

Chairman James Rogers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District to order at 8:00 PM. Those present were; Commissioner Brian Ellensohn, Commissioner Scott Rockwin, and Commissioner James Rogers. Also present were; Patrick Cunningham, District Treasurer Maura Fabian, District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rockwin.

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin, unanimously passed to accept the following reports: (Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes).

The Bank Account Book Balances dated November 12, 2024.

The Meeting Minutes from the Interim Meeting Minutes dated November 5, 2024.

The Meeting Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated October 8, 2024

The Meeting Minutes from the Public Budget Hearing dated October 15, 2024

The “Expenses by Vendor Detail” dated November 12, 2024.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

At this time all correspondence was read; any requiring further action will be handled under new business.

A letter from Kevin J. O'Hara.

A thank you letter from the Family of Eileen Ward.

A recall notice from Chevrolet.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

David Ward reported the status of new applications for membership.

Lost and Damaged Reports:

David Ward reported on work orders.

Local Government and Community Relations(AC):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported progress.

David Ward reported on the COVID disaster grant. DR 4480.

Building(BE,SR,JR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on building lighting.
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on building air conditioning.
David Ward reported he is having building plans digitized for future projects.
Commissioner Rockwin reported on repairs to the ice room on the second floor.

Chief's and District Vehicles (BE,SR, PW):

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following;
The 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe (new Chiefs vehicle).
David Ward reported on the recall notice for the 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Equipment (BE,SR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on the Lifepak 15's, after a discussion it was decided this item is tabled.
David Ward reported ground ladder testing will take place on Thursday and Friday November 21 and 22, 2024.
A discussion was held on self contained breathing apparatus replacement.

Fire Department Personnel (JM,PW):

A discussion was held on personnel.

Recruitment & Retention (BE, PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on recruitment and retention.

Uniforms (BE,JR,PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on uniform equipment.

Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Repairs (BE, SR, PW):

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:
Repairs to the 2008 Spartan (unit 678).
A discussion was held on the replacement schedule; it was decided the Board will explore the replacement of an ambulance.

Utilities (BE, PW):

Commissioner Rogers reported on utilities.

Auditing (PC, MF):

Maura Fabian reported on progress.

Legal (JP):

At this time 8:20 PM, Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel. A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously passed to go into Executive Session, and returned at 8:30.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes).

Joseph Pusateri reported on the proposed new North Merrick Fire Department By-Laws.

Insurance (JM, JR):

David Ward reported on the accident and sickness, group life, Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer Bond, Workers Compensation, and automobile renewal policies.

Computers and Web Site (BE,PW):

David Ward reported approved building computer upgrades, are underway, replacement servers, switches, and firewall will be operational later this week.

Training (Fire and Administrative) (PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on training.

Four Towns (JM,PW):

Commissioner Rogers reported on the Four Towns Training Center.

Radio (JM,SR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on radios.

Purchasing Policies & Procedures (SR,JR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on purchasing.

Medical Equipment (JM, JR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on medical equipment.

District Employees (C.O.B, SR,JR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on District Employees.

District Policies and Procedures (AC):

Maura Fabian reported the following Account Transfer/Electronic Debit:

Date	From	To	Amount
11/8/2024	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 200,000.00
11/8/2024	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 133.08
11/8/2024	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 1,093.37
10/25/2024	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 133.08
10/24/2024	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 50,000.00
10/16/2024	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 13,749.57

Inventory Control (SR,JR):

David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;

Computer Equipment (reached end of life) no longer supported; discarded;

b/c 01261, 01262, 01463, 01260, 01259, 01258

Sonicwall Firewall b/c 01267

Cisco switches b/c 01332, s/n DNI18370223, b/c 01226 s/n DNI173004QC, s/nDNI173004QL, b/c 01263, s/n DNI192200A6, b/c 01352 s/n DNI18370227,

b/c01333 s/n DNI194103BZ, b/c 01264 s/n , DNI1931037X

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes).

Installation Dinner (AC):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on the Installation Dinner.

Length of Service Awards Program (BE,JM,):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the Length of Service Awards Program.

EMS Certifications and Ambulance Narcotics (C.O.B, BE,JR):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported progress.

EMS Cost Recovery (JR, SR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on EMS cost recovery.

Old Business:

New Business:

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the purchase of 2 Lifepak 35's, sole source vendor, in the amount of \$ 139,640.28, with the trade in of 2 older Lifepak 15's.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes).

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the proposal from Kevin J. O'Hara for EMS Training in the amount of \$ 3900.00 for 2025.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the permissive referendum on the last page of these meeting minutes.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted
David M. Ward
District Clerk



North Merrick Fire District

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Notice of Permissive Referendum

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Fire Commissioners' of the North Merrick Fire District in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York, at a regular business meeting held on November 12, 2024 duly adopted the following resolution, subject to a permissive referendum.

Resolution # 1

A resolution authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York to expend monies from the Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund for necessary purchase of a new chiefs' vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe), and associated equipment. Upon such terms, specifications and conditions as the Board of Fire Commissioners may determine. Said costs shall not exceed \$ 100,000. (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).

Be it resolved by Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, New York as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 6-G subdivision 7 of the General Municipal Law, the monies authorized for the expenditure shall be paid from the Apparatus and Equipment Reserve Fund.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners
North Merrick Fire District.
November 12, 2024