

Regular Meeting

January 14, 2025

Chairman James McCauley called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District to order at 8:45 PM. Those present were; Commissioner Brian Ellensohn, Commissioner James McCauley, Commissioner Scott Rockwin, Commissioner James Rogers and Commissioner Paul Wilders. Also present were; District Treasurer Maura Fabian, District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Wilders.

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

The Bank Account Book Balances dated January 14, 2025.

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated December 3, 2024.

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting Minutes dated January 7, 2025.

The Minutes from the Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2025

The “Expenses by Vendor Detail” dated January 14, 2025.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

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

A letter from the New York State Department of Health.

A letter from The Pinsky Law Group.

A letter from John Dunn.

A letter from Rob Cabano.

A letter from Waterway.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

David Ward reported the status of new applications for membership.
Commissioner Rogers reported on physicals for new applicants.

Lost and Damaged Reports:

David Ward reported on work orders.

Local Government and Community Relations(AC):

Commissioner Wilders reported progress.

Building(BE,SR,JR):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the building.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the hvac system.

David Ward reported ultra violent lights were installed in ductwork in the 4 hall units.

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

Commissioner Rockwin on reported the following;

The 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe, the 2013 Cherolet Tahoe, the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on an estimate he received from Rockland for a command box. It was decided this item will be discussed under new business.

Equipment (BE,SR):

Commissioner Wilders reported on the self contained breathing apparatus. It was decided this item will be discussed under new business.

David Ward reported on repairs to the deck gun on the 2010 Spartan (Unit 672).

David Ward reported on the order for new battery for the gas detector on the 2019 Pierce Ladder Truck (unit 673).

Fire Department Personnel (JM,JR,PW):

A discussion was held on personnel.

Recruitment & Retention (BE, PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on recruitment and retention.

Uniforms (BE,PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on uniform equipment.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:

Repairs the 2004 Spartan (unit 671)

David Ward reported the 2019 Pierce Ladder truck will go to Firematic for maintenance and repair on Monday January 27, 2025.

Utilities (BE, PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on utilities.

Auditing (PC, MF):

Patrick Cunningham reported on auditing.

Maura Fabian reported letters for the 2024 audit will go out.

Legal (JP):

At this time, 2025 Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into Executive Session to

discuss legal matters. A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved to go into Executive Session, and returned at 2040.

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

Insurance (JM, JR):

Commissioner reported on insurances.

David Ward reported on Workers' Compensation.

David Ward reported on cancer coverage claims.

David Ward reported on insurance claim for damage to the 2010 Spartan (Unit 672) deck gun.

Computers and Web Site (BE,PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on computers and the website.

David Ward reported on computers.

Training (Fire and Administrative) (PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on training.

A discussion was held on the upcoming trainings/conferences. It was decided this item is tabled until the February 4, 2025 Board Meeting, when Chief D Fasano can submit travel requests.

Four Towns (JM,PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on the Four Towns Training Center. Next meeting Tuesday February 11, 2025.

Radio (JM,SR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on radios.

Purchasing Policies & Procedures (SR,JR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on purchasing.

Medical Equipment (JM, JR):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported training on the Lifepak 35's is scheduled for Sunday January 19, 2025.

District Employees (C.O.B, PW):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on District Employees.

A discussion was held on the Treasurers' position.

District Policies and Procedures (AC):

Maura Fabian reported the following Account Transfer/Electronic Debit:

Date	From	To	Amount
1/3/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 133.08
1/8/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 12,502.61

1/13/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI	\$ 150,000.00
1/13/2025	FNBLI MB	FNBLI	\$ 66.00

Inventory Control (SR,JR):

David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;

Firefighter Gear reached end of life:

FF Coat s/n 80361, FF Pants s/n 5169531,2, FF Coat s/n 2114761,2, FF Pants s/n 5169601,2, FF Coat s/n 6947851,2; FF PANTS 6401301,2

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved the disposal or inventory items as listed above;

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

Installation Dinner (AC):

Commissioner McCauley reported on the Installation Dinner.

Maura Fabian reported invitations are ordered.

Maura reported she booked the bus for the Installation Dinner.

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

Commissioner McCauley reported on the Length of Service Awards Program.

David Ward reported the meeting with Captrust and Firefly is scheduled for Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 7 and 7:30 PM.

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

Commissioner Ellensohn reported progress.

EMS Cost Recovery (BE,JR, SR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on EMS Cost Recovery.

Old Business:

New Business:

A motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the estimate from Rockland, for a command box for the 2024 Chevrolet Chiefs' car in the amount of \$ 3,450.01

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

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the quote on New York State Contract NYS (PC 69034) from South Shire Fire and Safety in the amount of \$ 494,555.45 for self contained breathing apparatus equipment.

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner McCauley

unanimously approved the new member applications of Adam Gollin and Benjamin Hope pending the completion and passing of the background investigations, physical examination and drug test.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved to sell the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe. The 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe will become the 6755 Safety Officers' vehicle.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to move the monies from the First National Bank of Long Island employee benefit fund of \$ 200,000.00 and ems cost recovery \$ 100,000.00 into the NY Class accounts.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously bus transportation for the installation dinner in the amount of \$1775.00

(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM



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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 Tuesday January 14, 2025, 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 account to replace self contained breathing equipment, packs, bottles, and associated equipment, upon such terms, specification and conditions as the Board of Fire Commissioners may determine. Said costs shall not exceed \$ 450,000. (Four Hundred Fifty 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 this expenditure shall be paid from the Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners
North Merrick Fire District.

David M. Ward District Clerk

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Resolution # 2

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 account to replace self contained breathing apparatus bottle filling station and associated equipment, upon such terms, specification 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:

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