

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2025

Vice-Chairman Paul Wilders 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, Commissioner James Rogers and Commissioner Paul Wilders. Also present were; District Auditor Patrick Cunningham, District Treasurer Maura Fabian, District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Ellensohn.

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

The Bank Account Book Balances dated February 11, 2025.

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting Minutes dated February 4, 2025.

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated January 13, 2025.

The “Expenses by Vendor Detail” dated February 11, 2025.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

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

Meeting Minutes from the Four Towns Training center dated January 14, 2025.

A contract from Nick LiBretto, for tree and shrub care.

A subpoena for records from the Nassau County District Attorneys’ Office.

Two letters from VFIS.

A letter from the New York State Workers Compensation Board.

A newsletter from the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

David Ward reported the status of 2 new member applications.

**Lost and Damaged Reports:**

David Ward reported on work orders.

**Local Government and Community Relations(AC):**

Commissioner Wilders reported progress.

**Building (BE, SR, JR):**

David Ward reported on emergency repairs to the building.

David Ward reported on the Town of Hempstead Public Assembly License.

David Ward reported the kitchen exhaust hoods will be serviced tomorrow, February 12, 2025.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following;

Radio programming on the 2018, 2021, 2021 and 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe.

The 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Repairs to the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado.

**Equipment (BE, SR):**

David Ward reported on equipment.

Commissioner Wilders reported on Scott scba equipment.

**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 to the 2008 Spartan (unit 672) by Hendrickson Truck.

Repairs to the 1999 Spartan (Unit 674) by Hendrickson Truck.

Repairs/maintenance to the 2019 Pierce ladder (Unit 673) by Firematic Supply.

**Utilities (BE, PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on utilities.

**Auditing (PC, MF):**

Maura Fabian reported on progress.

**Legal (JP):**

Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to go into Executive Session at 2050 PM and returned at 2100.

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

**Insurance (JM, JR):**

Commissioner Rogers reported on insurances.

**Computers and Web Site (BE,PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on computers and the website.

**Training (Fire and Administrative) (PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on training.

**Four Towns (JM,PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on the Four Towns Training Center.

**Radio (JM,SR):**

Commissioner Rockwin reported on radio programming.

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, PW):**

Commissioner Rockwin reported on District Employees.

David Ward reported on part time employees.

**District Policies and Procedures (AC):**

Maura Fabian reported the following Account Transfer/Electronic Debit:

Date	From	To	Amount
2/7/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 50,000.00
2/7/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 813.06
2/7/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 275,000.00
2/5/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 13,663.04
1/22/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 15,451.90

**Inventory Control (SR,JR ):**

David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;

Firefighter boots (Warrington Pro) s/n 00010895, reached end of life, discarded;

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

**Installation Dinner (AC):**

David Ward reported on the Installation Dinner.

Maura Fabian reported invitations are ordered.

**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, JR):**

Commissioner Ellensohn reported progress.

**EMS Cost Recovery (BE, JR, PW):**

Commissioner Rogers reported progress.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Wilders reported on the 2025 Department budget items.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the North Merrick Fire Department 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Commissioner Ellesohn and Rockwin reported replacing an ambulance.

**New Business:**

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

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved the contract from Nick LiBretto Inc in the amount of \$875.00;

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

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rogers unanimously approved to send any Fire Commissioner who wishes to attend the Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County Installation Dinner at a cost of \$ 400. Each, and to place a full page ad in the journal at a cost of \$250.00.

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

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rogers unanimously approved the quote from All Weather HVAC for repairs to a heating unit that supplies heat/air conditioning to the second floor offices, in the amount of\$ 1050.00.

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

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Rogers unanimously approved to surplus the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe it will be sold by Signal 5 Vehicle Sales.

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

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, unanimously approved the 2025 Department Budget requests as listed below;  
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

Chiefs Office # 1 “New Training Door Prop” \$ 12,165.00  
Chiefs Office # 2 “New Rescue Dummy” \$ 1,900.00  
Engine Company # 1 “One (1) Elkhart standpipe bag kit (671)” \$ 1,799..95  
Engine Company # 1 “One (1) Milwaukee 18” steel pipe wrench (671)” \$ 49.97  
Engine Company # 1 “Two (2) Fire Components standpipe wheels (671 & 674) \$ 44.38  
Engine Company # 2 “One (1) “Custom Polly Rubber Mud Flaps” \$ 2,864.00  
Engine Company # 2 “Seven (7) “Streamlight Vulcan flashlights” \$ 1,560.93  
Hook and Ladder Company # 1 “9” Milwaukee power saw with two (2) batteries, one (1) charger, and one (1) 9” metal cutting disk” \$ 914.98  
Hook and Ladder # 1 “One (1) Whalen PA microphone and one (1) magnetic mic holder” \$ 230.00

Rescue Company # 1 “ Whalen Backup alarm” \$ 55.99

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, unanimously tabled the 2025 Department Budget requests as listed below;  
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

Hook and Ladder Company # 1 “Parapet ladder and mounting bracket” \$ 788.00  
Hook and Ladder Company # 1 “Genesis Extrication tool and mounts” \$ 17,692.20  
Hook and Ladder Company # 1 “Three (3) Firefighter extrication tool shoulder straps” \$360.00  
Rescue Company # 1 “Two (2) 14” Electric Power saws” \$ 6,190.00

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

Respectfully Submitted  
David M. Ward  
District Clerk