

Regular Meeting

March 11, 2025

Chairman James McCauley 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 James McCauley, 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. Also present was Michael Lenzo, Jeff Thurm from Captrust, and Anthony Hill from Firefly Admin.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Ellensohn.

At this time Michael Lenzo and Jeff Thurm led a discussion on the Length of Service Awards Program Investments. At this time Anthony Hill led a discussion on the North Merrick Fire District Length of Service Awards Program. David Ward reported the 2024 Census is complete, was posted for 30 days, and will be sent to Firefly Admin.

At this time 20:30, Jeff Thurm, Michael Lenzo & Anthon Hill were excused amd the meeting continued.

A motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin, 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 March 11, 2025.

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting Minutes dated March 4.

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated February 11, 2025.

The “Expenses by Vendor Detail” dated March 11, 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.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

David Ward reported no new applications for membership.

**Lost and Damaged Reports:**

David Ward reported on work orders.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported progress.

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

A discussion was held on the repairs to the hall. It was decided this will be brought up under new business.

David Ward reported on duct cleaning. It was decided the duct cleaning will be done at a later date.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following;

Repairs to the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe (Unit 6755)

Repairs to the 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe (Unit 6799)

The 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe was put in service and assigned to Chief Terrence J. McCauley Jr.

**Equipment (BE,SR):**

David Ward reported on 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.

David Ward reported on uniform equipment for a few members.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:

Repairs/maintenance to the 2013 & 2014 Ford F-450 ambulances, (unit 677 & 679), by Jerrys' Car Care.

Repairs/maintenance to the 1999 Spartan (unit 674) by Hendrickson Truck. It was decided additional repairs will be brought up under new business.

Repairs to the 2008 Spartan (unit 678), by Hendrickson Truck.

Repair estimate for work needed for the 1999 Spartan (unit 674).

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the information he received regarding the replacement ambulance.

**Utilities (BE, PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on utilities.

**Auditing (PC, MF):**

Maura Fabian reported on progress.

Patrick Cunningham reported on the 2024 audit.

**Legal (JP):**

Joseph Pusateri reported on the sale of the 2 surplus Likpak 15's.

At this time 2115, Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, and personnel, and returned at 2130. A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner McCauley unanimously approved to go into Executive Session.

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

**Insurance (JM, JR):**

Commissioner 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 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, PW):**

Commissioner Rockwin reported on District Employees.

David Ward reported on district employees.

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

Maura Fabian reported the following Account Transfer/Electronic Debit:

Date	From	To	Amount
3/7/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 500,000.00
3/4/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 50,000.00
2/28/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 135.29
2/28/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 694.16
2/28/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 950,000.00
2/24/2025	FNBLI	FNBLI (General Account Transfer)	\$ 65,000.00
2/19/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$ 15,952.29

2/14/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$	133.08
1/31/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$	135.29
1/17/2025	FNBLI	ADP	\$	133.08

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

David Ward reported no changes to inventory.

Commissioner Rockwin reported on the Lifepak 35's and 15's, it was decided this will be taken up under new business.

New Lifepak 35's will be placed in service, Lifepak 15's and chargers are now surplus equipment and will be sold to Merrick FD. Serial numbers 43258921, 43250186, b/c 01370, 01371.

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Wilders, unanimously passed to make changes to the inventory as described.

(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.

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

Commissioner McCauley reported on the Length of Service Awards Program.

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

Commissioner Ellensohn reported Kevin J. O'Hara reported the New York State Department of Health Ambulance License renewal was successful. The new expiration date is March 31, 2027.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported progress.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

A motion by Commissioner McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to approve the 2025 maintenance contract with Clean Air Company for maintenance on the vehicle building exhaust system in the amount of \$ 1849.50.

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved the hall demolition estimate from R & C Rubbish Removal Inc. in the amount of \$11,725.00

(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 repair estimates for the 1999 Spartan in the amounts of \$ 16,981.00 for replacement of the rear discharge, and \$ 8000.00 for cleaning/powerwashing /priming and painting of the chassis.

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

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Wilders, unanimousl approved to surplus the 2 Lifepak 15'2, sell to the Merrick Fire Department for \$ 12,000, s/n 43258921 and 43250186, chargers; b/c 01370, 01371.

(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

Respectfully Submitted  
David M. Ward  
District Clerk

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North Merrick Fire District  
Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners, March 11, 2025

In the matter of approving the 2024 certified points

WHEREAS, the Fire District is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the North Merrick Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML); and

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the North Merrick Fire Department submitted a list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Department, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty points during 2024 to qualify for service credit; and

WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Department includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Fire District to be in effect during calendar year 2024, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Department, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members; and

WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Department to be posted for thirty days; the list was posted on February 10, 2025 to March 11, 2025; and

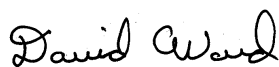
WHEREAS, the Board has previously completed its review of the list on Tuesday February 4, 2025; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the list of volunteer firefighters of the North Merrick Fire Department and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution will be posted at the North Merrick Fire Department Headquarters Building located at; 2095 Camp Avenue, North Merrick, New York 11566.

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved this resolution dated March 11, 2025. (Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner McCauley – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)

Dated: March 11, 2025



District Clerk

3/11/2025



# North Merrick Fire District

## BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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March 11, 2025

North Merrick Fire District-Board of Fire Commissioners Resolution

FROM: COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT

Whereas, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District,

### ISSUE AT HAND:

A clarification of the term "FIREMEDIC" and "FIREFIGHTER" membership of the North Merrick Fire Department.

### RESOLUTION:

For the purposes of the insurance coverage as it pertains to the cancer coverage, the term "Firemedic" will be synonymous with the term "Firefighter"

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman James P. McCauley	) YES
Vice-Chairman Scottmichael Rockwin	) YES
Commissioner Paul Wilders	) YES
Commissioner Joseph Vicario	) YES
Commissioner Brian Ellensohn	) YES

This Resolution was adopted by resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners at a meeting of the Board held on Tuesday March 11, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Ward".

David Ward  
District Clerk