

Vice-Chairman Paul Wilders called the Public Budget Meeting of the North Merrick Fire District to order at 7:00 PM. Present Commissioners were; Commissioner Brian Ellensohn, Commissioner Scott Rockwin, Commissioner James Rogers and Commissioner Paul Wilders. Also present was District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rogers.

A discussion was held on the 2026 North Merrick Fire District Budget, a motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to adopt the 2026 North Merrick Fire District Budget; \$ 3,778,768. : Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.

At this time 1935, Paul Cowell from Hubbinette & Cowell Associates entered the meeting. Mr Cowell led a discussion on a recenet letter that both the North Merrick Fire District and Mr. Paul Cowell received from National Union Fire Insurance Company PA; “Notice of nonrenewal of insurance”. It was decided Mr. Paul Cowell will begin the process of finding other insurance companies to replace the policy(ies) that will not be renewed by National Union.

At this time David Ward requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel. A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved to go into Executive Session.: Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved to accept the proposal from for Skyline Custom Cabinetry for cabinetry and counter tops in the amount of \$ \$34,600.00, for the hall renovation: Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.

David Ward reported he is being called as a witness and will attend a New York State Workers Compensation hearing to be held on November 5, 2025 at 2:30 PM.

With no other business meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM  
Respectfully Submitted  
David M. Ward  
District Clerk