

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2026

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 Treasurer Patrick Cunningham, District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rogers.

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, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

The Treasurers' reports emailed to all Commissioner from Treasurer Patrick Cunningham.

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting dated March 3, 2026.

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting, February 10, 2026.

***READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:***

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

A thank you card from the Wilders Family.

A letter from resident.

A letter from Red Truck Sales.

A letter from Clean Air Company Inc.

A freedom of Information request from Adam Laissaoui.

An estimate for repair from All Weather Heating & Cooling.

An email from Alvin Mathew FEMA-Fire Program Specialist.

An email from McNeil and Company.

An estimate from All Weather Heating and Cooling.

An email from Nicole Morton from Salerno Brokerage Corp.

A letter from Verizon.

**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 Wilders reported progress.

A discussion was held on the letter from a resident.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported on the estimate from All Weather Heating and Cooling. It was decided this will be taken up under new business.

A discussion was held on the estimate for maintenance to the building vehicle exhaust system from Clean Air Company.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the building.

David Ward reported on the ansul extinguishment system hoods in the first floor and second floor hood.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following;

A work order on the 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe.

**Equipment (BE,SR):**

A discussion was held on the 4 gas and 5 gas meters on unit 673 & 678.

**Fire Department Personnel (JM,JR,PW):**

A discussion was held on personnel.

**Recruitment & Retention (BE, PW):**

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the First Arriving Recruitment and Retention Contract.

**Uniforms (BE,PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on uniform equipment.

David Ward reported on repairs to Commissioner

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

A discussion was held on the letter from Red Truck Sales concerning the 2013 PL Custom Ambulance.

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:

Repairs to the 1999 Spartan (unit 674) from Hendrickson Truck.

Repairs to the 2010 Spartan (unit 672) from Hendrickson Truck.

**Utilities (BE, PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on the letter from Verizon concerning the building phone line. It was decided a replacement phone line/service will be investigated.

**Auditing (PC):**

Patrick Cunningham reported on progress.

**Legal (JP):**

At this time 2025 Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, and returned at 2045. A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved to go into executive session.

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

**Insurance (JM, JR):**

Commissioner Rogers reported on insurances.  
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on insurances.  
David Ward reported on recent claims.

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

Commissioner Ellensohn 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, next meeting at North Merrick April 14, 2026 at 7 PM.

**Radio (JM,SR):**

Commissioner Rockwin reported on radios.

**Purchasing Policies & Procedures (SR,JR):**

Commissioner Roger reported on purchasing.

**Medical Equipment (JM, JR):**

Commissioner Rogers reported on medical equipment.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported on District Employees.

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

Patrick Cunningham gave his report and reported on account transfers.

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

David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;  
Firefighter boots, reached end of life discarded s/n 00136454 10.5EEE.  
GMI gas meter s/nPS2000 s/n 01472  
1 ¾ hose, RED hose failed at fire, discarded s/n 1085  
Quantrex 650 Ultrasonic Cleaning Machine, reached end of life, discarded b/c 00432  
Senko CO Meter, reached end of life, discarded s/n SN0112878  
A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rogers,  
unanimously approved to dispose of the inventory listed above as indicated.  
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers - yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes).

**Installation Dinner (AC):**

Commissioner Wilders 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, JR):**

Commissioner Ellensohn reported progress.

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

Commissioner Rogers reported progress.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn  
unanimously approved to approve the contract from Nick LiBretto Inc for tree and  
shrub care in the amount of \$ 875.00

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

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin  
unanimously approved to approve the estimate for the cleaning of the air  
conditioning coils above the hall, in the amount of in the amount of \$ 2,475.00

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

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn  
unanimously approved the estimate for maintenance of the building vehicle exhaust  
system from Clean Air Company in the amount of \$ 1,855.00

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Wilders  
unanimously approved the following purchase requisitions;

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

yes).

ABT Design & Fire Protection	\$ 1,599.00
EMSAR	\$ 2,694.00

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rogers unanimously approved the estimate for scanning and reprinting ex-chiefs picture for the hall from U.S. Laboratories in the amount of \$ 1,396.97.00

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

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn, unanimously approved to accept the bid for the purchase of the 2013 Ford E-450 ambulance V.I.N # 1FDXE4FS9DDA74852 from the Nassau County Vocation and Education Board, of in the amount of \$ 18,000.00

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved this resolution for the 2025 Length of Service Awards Program 2025 points listing; dated March 10, 2026. (Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
David M. Ward  
District Clerk

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CC Linda Segota

North Merrick Fire District  
Resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners, March 10, 2026  
In the matter of approving the 2025 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 North Merrick Fire Department, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty points during 2025 to qualify for service credit; and

WHEREAS, the certification made by the North Merrick 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 North Merrick Fire District to be in effect during calendar year 2025, and to the best of the knowledge of the North Merrick 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 of the North Merrick Fire District to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the North Merrick Fire Department to be posted for thirty days; the list was posted on February 6, 2026 to March 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District has previously completed its review of the list on Tuesday February 6, 2026; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District approved the list of volunteer firefighters of the North Merrick Fire Department and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2025; 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 10, 2026. (Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)

Dated: March 10, 2026

David Ward

District Clerk