

Regular Meeting

May 12, 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 Secretary Katie O'Leary, District Attorney Joseph Pusateri, and District Clerk David Ward.

Present for the first portion of the meeting was Michael Lenzo and Jeff Thurm from Captrust and Anthony Hill from FIREFLY Admin.

At this time 8:05 PM Michael Lenzo and Jeff Thurm gave their presentation regarding the North Merrick Fire District Length of Service Investment Account.

At this time, 8:45 PM Anthony Hill gave his presentation regarding the 2025 Annual Report for the LOSAP.

At this time 9:05 PM Anthony Hill, Michael Lenzo and Jeff Thurm were excused and the meeting continued.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Wilders.

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

The Minutes from the Board Meeting dated April 14, 2026.

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting dated May 5, 2026.

***READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:***

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

A letter was received from the New York State Department of Health.

A letter from NYSLRS.

A letter from the Town of Hempstead concerning the public assembly license

Two letters from FIRELY Admin.

A letter from McNeil & Co.

A letter from district employee, Terrence McCauley III.

A recall notice from McKesson.

A letter from US Bank Corp.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:**

David Ward reported the status of 5 new applications for membership.

**Lost and Damaged Reports:**

David Ward reported on work orders.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported progress. David Ward reported the ISO inspection will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am with Chief Daniel Fasano.

Katie O'Leary reported on letters that she sent in relation to the North Merrick Fire Department 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on building repairs.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following;

Katie O'Leary sent purchase order for the 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe.

The 2002 Chevrolet Express Van (Unit 675) was serviced by Jerry's Car Care.

Repairs to the 2022 and 2023 Chevrolet Tahoes from RED's LED.

**Equipment (BE,SR):**

Commissioner Rockwin reported on the replacement mats.

David Ward reported on the status of the purchase order for the Drager 4 gas and 5 gas meters.

Pump Testing for the 1999 Spartan (unit 674), 2004 Spartan (unit 671) & 2010 Spartan (unit 672) is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Hose and Appliance Testing is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

David Ward reported the gear cleaning will take place Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 29<sup>th</sup>. All firefighter gear, junior gear, and EMS gear will be cleaned.

David Ward reported on repairs to the Deck Gun from the 2010 Spartan (Unit 672).

David Ward reported on the TSI Fit Test Equipment.

Gear fitting is scheduled for Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 after the Uniform and Gear Inspection to be held on Memorial Day weekend.

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

A discussion was held on personnel.

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

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on Recruitment & Retention.

**Uniforms (BE,PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on uniform equipment.

The uniform inspection will take place on Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There will be a uniform fitting on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:

Repairs to the 2010 Spartan (Unit 672) by Hendrickson Trucks

Repairs to the 2008 Spartan (Unit 678) by Hendrickson Trucks

2024 Ford E-450 (Unit 679) was placed in service by Chief D. Fasano on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

**Utilities (BE, PW):**

Commissioner Wilders reported on utilities.

**Auditing (PC):**

Patrick Cunningham reported on progress.

**Legal (JP):**

Joseph Pusateri reported on the bid specifications for the new engine.

At this time 2035 Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters; A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to go into Executive Session, and returned at 2045.

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

Joseph Pusateri reported on District Policies.

Joseph Pusateri reported on the District Employee manual.

**Insurance (JM, JR):**

Commissioner Rogers reported on insurances.

David Ward reported on the letter from McNeil & Company.

Commissioner Rockwin reported on Insurance.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported on computers and the website.

Patrick Cunningham and David Ward reported on Cyber-Security/ I.T audit.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported on Fire Department Instructors Conference training seminar/conference.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported on the Four Towns Training Center Meeting recently held at the Four Towns Training Center.

**Radio (JM,SR):**

Commissioner Rogers reported on radios.

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

Commissioner Rogers 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 reported on account transfers.

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

David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;  
2014 Ford F-450 (Old Unit 679) was taken out of service of Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.  
Stryker Stretcher from the 2014 Ford E-450 (BC: 0098) reached end of life, replaced with new.

Stryker Stretcher from the 2010 Ford E-450 (BC:00927) reached end of life, replaced with new.

Ferno Stair chair reached end of life, replaced with new.

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to dispose of surplus inventory as listed above.

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

**Installation Dinner (AC):**

Commissioner Ellensohn 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):**

David Ward reported on the letter from the New York State Department of Health.

**Old Business:**

David Ward reported on a Freedom of Information Request.

David Ward reported on applications for Hall use.

**New Business:**

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).

Zoll	\$	534.57
Teleflex	\$	665.00
Teleflex	\$	665.00
Hills Signs	\$	970.00
Hills Signs	\$	184.00
Emergency Communication Solutions	\$	2370.00

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Katie O'Leary  
District Secretary

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David M. Ward  
District Clerk