

Chairman Paul Wilders called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the North Merrick Fire District to order at 8:45 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.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rockwin.

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn, 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 Board Business Meeting dated May 12, 2026

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting dated June 2, 2026.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

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

A subpoena from the District Court of the County of Nassau.

An email was received from the Office of Councilman Christopher Schneider.

A letter from the District Attorney of Nassau County.

A letter from The White House.

Two letters from Hubbinette & Cowell.

A quote from TSI Incorporated.

A letter from US Senator Charles E. Schumer.

The Four Towns Meeting Minutes dated May 12, 2026.

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):

Katie O'Leary reported on letters that she received in relation to the North Merrick Fire Department 100th anniversary.

David Ward reported on the New York State Office of the State Comptroller Audit.

Building (BE,SR,JR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on building repairs.

David Ward reported on building repairs.

David Ward reported on needed repairs to the bathroom on the first floor.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on projects being worked on before the 100th anniversary.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the building elevator.

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

Commissioner Ellensohn reported the following;

Repairs to the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe (unit 6755).

The purchase of the new Chevrolet Tahoe.

Commissioner Rogers reported on the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Equipment (BE,SR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on the replacement mats.

David Ward reported the new Drager meters were delivered and will be given to the Chiefs Office.

Hose and Appliance Testing is scheduled for September 10th, 2026.

Gear fitting is scheduled for Monday August 3rd, 2026.

Ladder testing is scheduled for Wednesday June 17, 2026.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the new propane burn off kit.

Commissioner Wilders reported on the Scott scba flow testing.

Fire Department Personnel (JM,JR,PW):

A discussion was held on personnel.

At this time 2215; a motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to go into executive session, and returned at 2300

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

Chairman Wilders reported Chief Daniel Fasano will contact a member.

Recruitment & Retention (BE, PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on Recruitment & Retention.

Uniforms (BE,PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on uniform equipment list that was approved at the Interim Meeting held on June 2, 2026.

The uniform fitting will take place on Monday July 6th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:

Repairs to the 2004 Spartan (Unit 671) by Hendrickson Trucks.

Repairs to the 2019 Pierce ladder (unit 673) from Firematic Supply.

Utilities (BE, PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on utilities.

Auditing (PC):

Patrick Cunningham reported on the third party custodial agreement from

Legal (JP):

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

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

Insurance (JM, JR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on insurances.

David Ward reported on the loss control survey done by McNeil and Company.

Computers and Web Site (BE,PW):

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on software purchases of adobe acrobat.

Training (Fire and Administrative) (PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on Training.

David Ward reported on the approved travel request for a member.

Four Towns (JM,PW):

Commissioner Wilders reported on the Four Towns Training Center Meeting.

Radio (JM,SR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on radios.

David Ward reported a purchase order was created for radio programming to be done by Emergency Communications Solutions.

Purchasing Policies & Procedures (SR,JR):

Commissioner Rockwin reported on purchasing.

Medical Equipment (JM, JR):

Commissioner Rogers reported on medical equipment.

Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the physicals.

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

Commissioner Wilders reported on District Employees.

David Ward reported the time off schedule for employees is approved by the Chairman of the Board and then entered into the District Calendar which can be viewed by Chiefs and Commissioners.

District Policies and Procedures (AC):

Patrick Cunningham reported the paperwork needed to Ocean First Bank

Inventory Control (SR,JR):

David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;

Hose 2.5" broken, not cost effective to repair, discarded, s/n 2042

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Rogers 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 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 Rogers reported progress.

EMS Cost Recovery (BE, JR, PW):

Commissioner Rogers reported on EMS Cost Recovery.

Old Business:

David Ward reported on applications for Hall use.

New Business:

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the travel request for Kevin O'Hara at the Vital Signs Conference in Buffalo New York from November 10 to November 14, 2026;

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved the purchase of a 100th Anniversary Ad for the North Merrick Fire Department in the amount of \$1,500.

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to name OceanFirst Bank as the official depository (formerly Flushing Bank) of the North Merrick Fire District.

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

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Rogers approved the purchase of the replacement engine unit 671 from Hendrickson Truck/Spartan on Sourcewell bid, contract # 113021-Rvg-4 pending receipt and approval of the updated specifications and signing of the contract.

(Commissioner Ellensohn – no, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Katie O'Leary
District Secretary

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David M. Ward
District Clerk