Regular Meeting August 11, 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 Attorney Joseph Pusateri, District Secretary Katie O'Leary, and District Clerk David Ward, Nicole Morton from Salerno Brokerage.

Nicole Morton from Salerno Brokerage was excused at 2035, and the meeting continued.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rogers.

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 Interim Meeting dated August 3, 2026.

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated July 14, 2026.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

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

A letter from NY State Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

A letter from ESIP.

A letter from the Pinsky Law Group.

An email from Kevin Mulrooney from the Grant Guys.

An email from William Devito.

A service contract from All Weather Heating and Cooling.

A proposal from ABT Design & Fire Protection.

A recall notice from Stryker regarding McGrath Video Laryngoscope.

An email from ProClaim concerning treatment in place.

An email and letter from Firefly concerning LOSAP payments made to a life member.

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.
David Ward led a discussion regarding the siren Whittier Avenue.

Building (BE,SR,JR):
Commissioner Rogers reported on the building.
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the elevator.
Commissioner Rockwin reported on repairs to the truck room.
Commissioner Wilders reported on receiving September 11th, 911 steel for the North Merrick Fire Department memorial.

Chief's and District Vehicles (BE,SR, PW):
Commissioner Rockwin reported the following;
The new 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe and associated equipment.
Commissioner Rockwin reported on the command box for the new 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe.
Commissioner Rogers reported on the replacement van (unit 6711).
Repairs and requested repairs to the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe (6755).

Equipment (BE,SR):
David Ward reported all issued equipment was returned from the resigned former member and inactive life member.
A discussion was held regarding the new propane burn off kit.
Katie O'Leary reported awaiting a glove sizing kit for the 2027 department budget.
David Ward reported on the gear order.

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):
David Ward reported uniform equipment was sized and ordered.

Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Repairs (BE, SR, PW):
Commissioner Rockwin reported the following:
Repairs to the 2019 Pierce Ladder Truck (673)
2010 Spartan (672) scheduled to go to Hendrickson Trucks for repairs on Monday August 17th.
Maintenance and NYS Inspection to the Drill Team Tow Vehicle (1995 International).

Utilities (BE, PW):
Commissioner Wilders reported on utilities.

Auditing (PC):
Patrick Cunningham reported on Auditing.

Legal (JP):
At this time 2145 Joseph Pusateri requested the Board into Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel. A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved to go into Executive Session, and returned at 2230.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

Insurance (JM, JR):
Commissioner Rogers reported on insurances.
A discussion was held on the meeting with Nicole Morton from Salerno Brokerage.

Computers and Web Site (BE,PW):
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on computers and the website.
District Employee Terrence McCauley III installed the new printer for the officer's room.

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 September 8th, 2026 at North Merrick FD.

Radio (JM,SR):
Commissioner Rockwin reported on radios.
District Employees will be working on portable radio programming, with .

Purchasing Policies & Procedures (SR,JR):
Commissioner Wilders reported on purchasing.
Joseph Pusateri will be working on new district policies.

Medical Equipment (JM, JR):
Commissioner Rogers reported on medical equipment.

A discussion was held on the Recall Notice from Stryker.

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;
McGrath Video Laryngoscopes removed from 677 and 679.
Firefighter Helmet reached end of life FG00015
Firefighter Boots reached end of life 4722441, discarded.
Scott Protégé ZM Carbon Monoxide SC23180467 reached end of life, discarded.
Officers' room printer, not working, not cost effective to repair, discarded. s/n 5AV811954
1 ¾ inch firefighting hose 1002 & 1054 leaking, not cost effective to repair.
A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the inventory listed above.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

Installation Dinner (AC):
Commissioner Wilders reported on the Installation Dinner.
The 2027 Installation Dinner with be held on April 3rd, 2027 at the Crescent Beach Club.
A discussion was held on the 2028 installation dinner.

Length of Service Awards Program (BE,JM,):
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the Length of Service Awards Program.
David Ward reported on the discussion held with Firefly.

EMS Certifications and Ambulance Narcotics (C.O.B, JR):
Commissioner Rogers reported progress.

EMS Cost Recovery (BE, JR, PW):
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on EMS cost recovery.

Old Business:
Engine Company One Replacement Engine contact signed.

New Business:
A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the quote from Sublime in the amount of $ 2,690.00
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes)

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the quote for Cylinder/Ansul Replacement from ABT Design & Fire Protection in the amount of $ 1,590.00.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes)

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the service agreement from Island Elevator in the amount of $ 295.00 per month, beginning October 1, 2026.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes)

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rogers unanimously approved the quote for Replacement Video Laryngoscope from Boundtree Medical in the amount of $ 4,436.16.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes)

A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rogers unanimously approved to place a half page ad in Fire News in the amount of $ 1,195.00.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted
David M. Ward
District Clerk

Katie O'Leary
District Secretary