Regular Meeting October 13, 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.

A salute to the flag led by Commissioner Rogers.

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 Commissioners from Patrick Cunningham.

The Minutes from the Interim Meeting Minutes dated October 6, 2026.

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated September 8, 2026.

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

A hall application from Anthony Vicario (10/29/2026).

A hall application from James Rogers (12/27/2026).

An invitation from Capital Area Fire Districts Associations.

An email from Frank Relf.

An email from Fire Districts Mutual Insurance.

An email from All American Van Lines Inc.

An email from Vector Solutions.

An email from Kevin O'Hara.

Two emails from Anthony Hill of Firefly.

An email from FEMA.

An email from Angel Zou of Stony Brook Medicine.

Two estimates from Hendrickson Fire Rescue Equipment.

An email from cms.gov.

A thank you card from Cecilia Corley.

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 on grants.
David Ward reported on email received from the Grant Guys.
Commissioner Wilders reported on the North Merrick Fire Department Fire Family Night to be held on Friday October 16, 2026.

Building(BE,SR,JR):
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the scheduled meeting with Frank Relf on October 20th at 7:30 p.m.
Joseph Pusateri reported on the building elevator contract.

Chief's and District Vehicles (BE,SR, PW):
Commissioner Rogers reported on the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief Vehicle.
Radio emergency lighting and safety striping on the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Chiefs Car.
Repairs to the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe by Jerrys' Car Care.
Repairs to the 2008 Chevrolet Express Van by Jerry's Car Care.
Repairs to the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado by Jerry's Car Care.
A discussion was held on vehicles.

Equipment (BE,SR):
Commissioner Wilders reported on equipment.
Katie O'Leary reported on the Ragtop Fire Gloves.
David Ward reported on the 1 ¾" hose that was received from South Shore Fire and Safety and Haight.

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):
Commissioner Wilders reported on uniform equipment.

Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Repairs (BE, SR, PW):
Commissioner Rockwin discussed repairs to Unit 678.

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

Auditing (PC):
Patrick Cunningham reported on the 2025 audit.

Legal (JP):
At this time 2045, Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into reported to discuss legal matters, and returned at 2100.

Insurance (JM, JR):
Commissioner Rogers reported on insurances.
Katie O'Leary reported that Nicole Morton from Salerno Brokerage will be here on Tuesday November 10, 2026 to discuss insurance.

Computers and Web Site (BE,PW):
Commissioner Wilders reported on computers and the website.
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on computers.

Training (Fire and Administrative) (PW):
Commissioner Wilders reported on training.

Four Towns (JM,PW):
Commissioner Wilders reported on the Four Towns Training Center.

Radio (JM,SR):
Commissioner Rockwin reported on radios.

Purchasing Policies & Procedures (SR,JR):
Commissioner Rockwin reported on purchasing.

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

District Employees (C.O.B, PW):
Commissioner Rockwin reported on District Employees.
David Ward and Katie O'Leary reported on the Association of Fire Districts' of New York State convention they attended on October 7 to October 10, 2026.

District Policies and Procedures (AC):
Patrick Cunningham reported no Account Transfer/Electronic Debit:

Inventory Control (SR,JR):
5 inch hose removed from service S/N# 5062, 5011, 5014, 5043, 5087, discarded.
1 ¾ inch hose removed from service S/N # 1098, discarded.
Firefighter Boots reached end of life S/N # 60245, discarded.
Scott Protégé ZM CO Meter reached end of life S/C # 23440490, discarded.

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the inventory changes/deletions listed above.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved to dispose of inventory as listed above;
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers - yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes).

Installation Dinner (AC):
Commissioner Rockwin 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 on the letter from CMS.

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

Old Business:
A discussion was held on Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana On April 12-17, 2027.

A discussion was held regarding the quote received from Sublime Shower Doors.

New Business:
A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the purchase of an Assistant Chief sponsorship for the 2026 Nassau County Fire Museum Badge of Courage Dinner for $3,000.00.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved the use of the hall on October 29th and December 27th.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously

approved the election committee for the Fire District Election to be held on Tuesday December 8, 2026, between the hours of 2 PM and 9 PM; David Ward Chairman, Peter Adragna and Kathleen Thompson Election Tellers.. ***(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)***

At this time David Ward announced the North Merrick Fire District Board of Elections Meeting, to be held on Tuesday December 8th, 2026 at 1 PM. motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved this election committee meeting and legal notice; 2026 Notice of Election as announced and for the Fire District Election to be held on Tuesday December 8, 2026, from the hours of 2 PM to 9 PM. ***(Commissioner Ellensohn, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)***

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the quote from Hendrickson Truck for replacement brow lights for unit 672 from Hendrickson in the amount of $ 8,322.57. ***(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders – yes.)***

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted
David M. Ward
District Clerk

Katie O'Leary
District Secretary

North Merrick Fire District
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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LEGAL NOTICE

2026 NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL ELECTION

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT SHALL BE HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2026 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 P.M. AND 9:00 P.M. THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING LOCATED AT 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK, 11566. THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION MEETING ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 2026 AT 1 PM. PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHO RESIDE IN THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT AND ARE REGISTERED WITH THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON OR BEFORE THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026 SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION:

FIRE COMMISSIONER (FIVE YEAR TERM) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT NOMINATIONS FOR FIRE COMMISSIONER, SHALL BE SUBMITTED ONLY ON THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT PETITION.

THE PETITION FORM MAY BE OBTAINED IN PERSON BY ANY CANDIDATE, ON OR AFTER THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026 AT THE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE, 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK 11566. SAID PETITION FORM SHALL BE SUBSCRIBED TO BY AT LEAST (25) TWENTY-FIVE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT. THE PETITION FORM SHALL SET FORTH THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE, HIS OR HER ADDRESS, AND THE OFFICE FOR WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED. ALL NOMINATING PETITIONS SHALL BE FILED AT THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH DAVID WARD, DISTRICT CLERK, OR KATIE O'LEARY DISTRICT SECRETARY, 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK, 11566 ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 18TH 2026 BY 4 PM.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DAVID WARD DISTRICT CLERK
NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 13, 2026

KATIE O"LEARY DISTRICT SECRETARY
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2027 NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' SCHEDULE

THE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2027 AT 10 AM.

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2027 SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST AND SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DECEMBER 2027. THE REGULAR MEETING IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2027 WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 7, 2027 AT 7 PM. THE ANNUAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2027 AT 7 PM. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2027 AT 7 PM. THE FIRE COMMISSIONER ELECTION SHALL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2027, FROM 2PM TO 9PM. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED, MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM, AND WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING LOCATED AT 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK 11566.

THE ACTUAL DATES FOR THE ABOVE MEETINGS/HEARINGS/ELECTIONS FOR 2027 ARE AS FOLLOWS:
1/3, 1/5, 1/12, 2/9, 3/2, 3/9, 4/6, 4/13, 5/4, 5/11, 6/1, 6/8, 7/6, 7/13, 8/3, 8/10, 9/7, 9/14, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 12/7, 12/14

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
KATIE O'LEARY
DISTRICT SECRETARY
DAVID WARD
DISTRICT CLERK
OCTOBER 13, 2026