Regular Meeting September 8, 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 Ellensohn.

At this time Patrick Cunningham led a discussion on the 2027 North Merrick Fire District Budget.

A motion by Commissioner Rockwin, 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 September 1, 2026

The Minutes from the Board Business Meeting dated August 11, 2026.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:

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

The Four Town Training Center Meeting Minutes dated July 15, 2026.

A recall notification from Stryker concerning Lifepak 35's.

An email from Salerno Brokerage.

An email from Nassau County Office of Emergency Management.

A letter from Thyssen Krupp Elevator Company.

A letter from Firefly Admin.

A letter from FASNY Museum.

An email from Proclaim.

A letter/estimate for tree & Shrub care from Nick LiBretto.

A letter from the Seaford Fire Department.

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 grants.

Building(BE,SR,JR):
Commissioner Ellensohn reporting on building landscaping. It was decided an estimate will be secured from Campanelli Landscaping.
David Ward reported on the building.
Katie O'Leary reported on the meeting with Frank Relf Architect, and William McGeever.

Chief's and District Vehicles (BE,SR, PW):
Commissioner Rockwin reported on the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief Vehicle.
David Ward reported the vehicle was added to the insurance policy and titled and registered.
Repairs to the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe by Jerrys' Car Care.
A discussion was held on vehicles.
Commissioner Ellensohn reported on the command box for the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Equipment (BE,SR):
Commissioner Wilders reported on equipment.
David Ward reported hose and appliance testing will take place on Thursday September 10, 2026.
Katie O'Leary reported the following:
Firefighters will be sized for gloves at the department meeting on Monday September 14 at 7 PM, member ID tags are nearly complete.

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 reported the following:
Repairs to the 2010 Spartan (unit 672) from Hendrickson Truck.
Repairs to the 2019 Pierce from Firematic Supply.

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

Auditing (PC):
Patrick Cunningham led a discussion on the 2027 North Merrick Fire District budget, it was decided this item will be taken up under new business.

Legal (JP):
At this time 2110, Joseph Pusateri requested the Board go into reported to discuss legal matters, and returned at 2120.

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.
David Ward reported on 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.

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

Inventory Control (SR,JR):
David Ward reported the following changes to inventory;
Firefighter Boots s/n WP310868423, reached end of life, discarded.
1 ¾" hose s/n 1002, 1054 hose leaking not cost effective to repair, discarded.
Rugged red training dummy, reached end of life b/c 01726 discarded.
Video Laryngscope # 1, recalled by manufacturer, discarded s/n 324889
Video Laryngscope # 2, recalled by manufacturer, discarded s/n 324890
Scott Protégé meter, reached end of life, discarded, s/n SC23180467
EMS Boots reached end of life, (hells falling off boots), discarded s/n 99999061001L,99999061002 R

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

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, 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 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):
Commissioner Rogers reported on EMS cost recovery.

Old Business:

New Business:

At this time 2105, Commissioner Rogers requested the Board go into executive session to discuss employee raises, and returned at 2130.

A discussion was held on pay raises for all employees except Part-Time Cleaner Robert Ellensohn. A motion by Commissioner Wilders, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin, unanimously approved changes to the 2027 salary plan.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

At 2130, Commissioner Ellensohn, was excused from the meeting. A discussion was held on a pay raise for Part Time Cleaner Robert Ellensohn. A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Wilders, unanimously approved to add Robert Ellensohn to the updated 2027 salary plan.
(Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Ellensohn unanimously approved the proposed 2027 North Merrick Fire District Budget and 2027 Budget Notice.
(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 contract from Nick LiBretto for tree and shrub care, in the amount of $ 890.00
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved the Quote from Integrated Wireless Technology/Motorola on New York State Contract #PT68722 for radio equipment of the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief's Car, (NYS Contract) in the amount of $ 6744.36.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Ellensohn, seconded by Commissioner Wilders unanimously approved the Quote from Rockland Custom Products for a Command Box of the 2026 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief's Car, (sole source) in the amount of $ 4,820.
(Commissioner Ellensohn – yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

A motion by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Rockwin unanimously approved the purchase of a class c hose tender from the Deer Park Fire Department in the amount not to exceed $ 25,000.
(Commissioner Ellensohn –yes, Commissioner Rockwin – yes, Commissioner Rogers – yes, Commissioner Wilders - yes).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 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

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS' OF THE NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2026 AT 7 PM. THE MEETING 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.

PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW SECTION 181, THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MUST HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, MAKE THE PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT IN FAVOR OF, OR AGAINST, AS IT IS SUBMITTED, OR FOR OR AGAINST, ANY ITEM, OR ITEMS CONTAINED THEREIN.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON(S) AT NO COST, AT THE FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE, 2095 CAMP AVENUE, NORTH MERRICK, NEW YORK 11566. OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8AM TO 4:30 PM. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT WWW.NORTHMERRICKFD.ORG AND AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, ONE WASHINGTON STREET, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
KATIE O'LEARY DISTRICT SECRETARY
DAVID WARD DISTRICT CLERK
NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY 2027

Total Appropriations			$ 4,021,207
Less:			
	Estimated Revenues	$ 186,032	
	Estimated Appropriated Unreserved Fund Balance	$ -	$ 186,032
Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes			$ 3,835,175

TAX APPORTIONMENT

(to be used when a fire district is in more than one town)

Town	Assessed Valuation (AV)	Equalization Rate (ER)	Full Valuation (AV/ER)	Total Full Valuation Percentage (1) / (2)	Apportioned Tax = (3) x Real Property Tax to be Raised
Total					

** Must agree with Budget Summary "Amount to be Raised by Real Property Taxes"

Town	Apportioned Tax
Total Apportioned	

I certify that the estimates were approved by the fire commissioners on:

9/8/2026
(Date)

FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVENUES 2027

		Actual Revenues 2025	Budget as Modified 2026	Preliminary Estimate 2027	Adopted Budget 2027
A1081	Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	$ 84,615	$ 86,306	$ 88,032	$ -
A1640	Ambulance Charges	$ 74,716	$ 36,000	$ 63,000	$ -
A2401	Interest and Earnings	$ 89,874	$ 35,000	$ 35,000	$ -
A2660	Sales of Equipment	$ 44,912	$ -	$ -	$ -
A2680	Insurance Recoveries	$ 12,807	$ -	$ -	$ -
A2701	Refunds of Prior Year's Expenditures	$ 4,071	$ -	$ -	$ -
	TOTALS	$ 310,995	$ 157,306 *	$ 186,032	$ -

* Transfer to Budget Summary

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS 2027

		Actual Expenditures 2025	Adopted Budget 2026	Preliminary Estimate 2027	Adopted Budget 2027
A3410.1	Personal Services	$ 383,703	$ 401,065	$ 484,320	$ -
A3410.2	Equipment and Capital Outlay	$ 332,248	$ 350,000	$ 350,000	$ -
A3410.4	Contractual Expenditures	$ 1,311,771	$ 1,272,152	$ 1,360,072	$ -
A4540.4	Ambulance Contractual Expenditures	$ 34,944	$ 28,440	$ 30,870	$ -
A9010.8	State Retirement System	$ 56,648	$ 68,181	$ 72,500	$ -
A9030.8	Social Security	$ 29,353	$ 30,681	$ 37,050	$ -
A9040.8	Workers' Compensation	$ 75,727	$ 83,300	$ 106,387	$ -
A9045.8	Life Insurance	$ 26,630	$ 28,500	$ 29,925	$ -
A9055.8	Disability Insurance	$ 13,408	$ 14,750	$ 14,000	$ -
A9060.8	Hospital, Medical and Dental Insurance	$ 100,477	$ 125,315	$ 161,363	$ -
A9788.6	Principal on Lease Contracts	$ 5,673	$ 5,963	$ 5,963	$ -
A9788.6	Interest on Lease Contracts	$ 858	$ 567	$ 567	$ -
A9901.9	Transfer to Other Funds	$ 1,334,909	$ 1,369,854	$ 1,368,190	$ -
	TOTAL	$ 3,706,349	$ 3,778,768	$ 4,021,207 *	$ -

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHEET A
COMPUTATION OF STATUTORY SPENDING LIMITATION

Full Valuation	$	4,716,542,857
Less: First Million of Valuation	$	4,715,542,857
Multiply Excess by .001 Expenditures Permitted on Full Valuation Above $1,000,000	$	4,715,543
Add Expenditure Permitted on Full Valuation Below First $1,000,000	$	2,000
Statutory Spending Limitation	$	4,717,543
Add Exclusions from Statutory Spending Limitation (Town Law 176(18) (from Worksheet B and Worksheet C)	$	2,530,673
Add Spending Authorized by Voters in Excess of Statutory Spending Limitation (Town Law 179)	$	-
Sum of Statutory Spending Limitation, Exclusions and, Excess Spending Authorized by Voters	$	7,248,216
Less Budget Appropriations	$	4,021,207
Statutory Spending Limitation Margin	$	3,227,009

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHEET B
EXCLUSIONS FROM STATUTORY SPENDING LIMITATION

1.	Hydrant Rentals	$ 180.000
2.	Lease of Water Supply	$ -
3.	Principal and Interest on Bonds/Municipal Contracts	$ -
4.	Compensation and Fringe of Paid Personnel	$ 633.647
5.	NYS Retirement	$ 72.500
6.	Self Insurance	$ -
7.	VFBL/ Workers Compensation	$ 106.387
8.	Service Awards	$ 134.130
9.	Blanket/Accident Insurance	$ 41.961
10.	Disability Insurance	$ -
11.	Social Security	$ 37.050
12.	Tax Anticipation Note	$ -
13.	Judgements and Claims	$ -
14.	Auto Insurance	$ 35.063
15.	Monetary Awards	$ -
16.	Fuel for Emergency Vehicles	$ 28.875
17.	Annual Independent Audit	$ 13.000
18.	Appropriations to Reserve Funds	$ 1.234.060
19.	Contributions to State Unemployment Ins Fund	$ -
20.	Amounts Received from Outside Contracts	$ -
21.	Use of Gift Proceeds	$ -
22.	Use of Insurance Proceeds for Replacement Property	$ -
23.	Income from Sale or Investment of District Obligations	$ -
24.	Insurance Premiums for Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefit	$ 14.000
	Total Exclusions	$ 2.530.673

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
WORKSHEET C
OTHER EXCLUSIONS FROM STATUTORY SPENDING LIMITATION

1.	USE OF PROCEEDS FROM BONDS	$ -
2.	EXPENDITURES FROM RESERVE FUNDS	$ -
3.	PREMIUMS FROM SALE OF OBLIGATIONS	$ -