

**Fire Island Pines Fire District
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2015**

The meeting was held at the Fire Island Pines Fire House, attended by Commissioners Richard Barry, Frank Corradino, Rosemary Coluccio, Mark Basta and Doug Teague; District Treasurer Peter Weigel; District Secretary Sabrina Shulman; and Chief Bo Fridsberg.

Commissioner Barry called the meeting to order at 9:48am.

Correspondence Review

- Fire Island Year Round Residents Association – Donation acknowledgement
- Denenberg Tuffley – FOIL request
- The Bank of Greene County – Fire District financing (contact Don MacCormack, 518.943.2600 ext. 2109, donaldm@tbogc.com)

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Corradino made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2015, meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Teague seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Weigel presented the Fire Island Pines Fire District Treasurer's Report and Invoice Review for October 2015. The budget to actual report was discussed and the authorized expenditure list was reviewed.

Commissioner Basta made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Invoice Review. Commissioner Corradino seconded, all approved.

Commissioner Basta reviewed the general and reserve account statements for September and October 2015.

Review of Alarms/Chief's Report

Alarms:

October 4	Auto Alarm Pavilion	3452
October 10	Mutual Aid Pull Box CGFD	3453
October 20	Malfunctioning smoke alarm Pavilion	3454

Drills:

October 3	Nozzle testing	0590
October 17	Last drill 2015 season	0591
October 17	PESH	0592

Department Meetings/Courses:

October 3	Department meeting	0837
October 17	Last department meeting 2015 season	0838
October 17	Meeting and dinner OBPFD	0839
October 21	FASNY Seminar Selden FD	0840
October 22	Monthly FILSEC meeting OBFD	0841

Officer Meetings:

October 3	Last officer meeting 2015 season	0808
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Work Detail:

October 7 Remove water rescue bags for winter storage

1064

Chief Fridsberg requested that the cost of a pike pole be added to the FY16 budget. At a recent FILSEC meeting, it was announced that all districts will need to phase in a high-band communications system in the next two years. The District will need to budget the expense of replacing pagers, but the radios are already high band.

The Chief attended a FASNY VFIS seminar. He will share the information and CD from the seminar with the incoming chiefs.

Commissioner Coluccio reported that a decision will be made on purchasing a hose roller once the remaining 2015 expenses are assessed.

Apparatus/Equipment/Radios

Truck hose testing has been completed and all equipment passed. Commissioner Teague reported that most of the hoses are nearing the end of their lives. The District will likely need to budget for new hoses next year. In-house hose testing is happening now.

Public Relations/LOSAP/Alarms/ISO

Commissioner Basta asked that the Department try to send the District LOSAP reports before each meeting. Chief Fridsberg will send a current report in the coming weeks.

Grounds

Commissioner Corradino is still working on getting a cost estimate for artificial siding for the firehouse. He will put together the information required to encumber the funds, since work will not happen before the end of the year. He has spoken with vendors to get proposals for biweekly grounds maintenance for next year. Inspection of all fire extinguishers has been completed.

New Business

EMS Service – FIPPOA Chair Jay Pagano and Dr. Ed Schulhafer sent a note to Commissioner Barry regarding EMS services in the Pines. The Board discussed various options for how such services could be implemented. Concern was raised about sufficient volunteer coverage for patient transport, as well as cost and viability of year-round services. Board members felt comfortable that there is currently adequate coverage for patient transport and CPR. It was decided the District would wait and learn from Cherry Grove's experience with Community Ambulance once their services have run for at least a year.

Property Purchase – Commissioners Barry and Teague looked at a house abutting the firehouse that is currently for sale. It could be used for office space, a Department lounge and potential housing in the future. William Glass advised that purchasing property would be relatively easy, though would require a bond be written. Selling the property at some point could be more difficult. Chief Fridsberg suggested getting an engineer's report on the house before making any decisions. Commissioner Coluccio asked that clarification be sought on whether District property could be rented if need be. Commissioner Corradino made a motion to pursue purchase of the property. Commissioner Basta seconded, all approved. Commissioner Corradino made a motion to approve expenditure of up to \$1500 for an engineer's report. Commissioner Teague seconded, all approved.

Budget/Records/Insurance

Commissioner Coluccio set up cloud storage for the District. All Treasurer files have been uploaded. Over the winter, all other files will be uploaded.

Anthony Hill from Penflex (via phone) presented their actuarial review of the District's LOSAP plan and made recommendations for action. The Board discussed the recommendations, will review with Bill Glass and schedule a follow-up call with Penflex.

Commissioner Coluccio reviewed the final budget proposal, including changes from the draft proposal approved at the October 3, 2015 Board meeting. Commissioner Coluccio made a motion to include allocations in the FY16 budget for paying the District Treasurer \$200/month and the District Secretary \$75/month. Commissioner Corradino seconded, all approved. Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the final FY16 budget. Commissioner Corradino seconded, all approved.

Old Business

Asset Audit – Commissioner Teague made a motion to retain Appraisal Affiliates, Inc. to maintain an updated inventory of the District's fixed assets. Commissioner Corradino seconded, all approved.

Snow Removal Contract – The District has received a proposal from Larry Nicosia, which the Board will review.

The first Board meeting of the new year will be held on Saturday, January 9.

Commissioner Barry adjourned the meeting at 1:09pm.