

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire District Commissioners' Meeting – minutes

34 Fire Island Boulevard
Fire island Pines, NY. 11782
May 18, 2024

Present

Commissioner Walter Boss
Commissioner Rosemary Coluccio
Commissioner Eugene Cook
Commissioner Joseph Geiman
Commissioner Holly Rhodes-Teague
Fire Island Pines Fire Department Chief Kyle Merker

Order

The meeting was called to order by Comm. Boss at 12:50 PM.

Minutes

- Prior minutes were unavailable. To be reviewed at June meeting.

Correspondence Review

Due to resignation of Secretary / Treasurer this morning, correspondence and typical monthly bills and utilities: Bank of America credit card, PSEG Long Island, Verizon, payroll, Firematic, NAPA, Brinkmann's were put on hold pending new staffing. Are to be processed as soon as possible.

Other: –none–

Secretary / Treasurer's reports – To be addressed at June meeting

- Monthly banking reconciliations
 - Chase accounts to February 29
 - TD accounts to February 29
- Invoice review, expenditure list for 2024 to date.
- Motions list – expenditure and non-expenditure motions for 2024
- Budget to actual report for 2024 to date
- Treasurer's report for March 2024
- Capturing motions done by e-mail
 - *None this period*

MOTION:.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Alarms:

#3977 – 04/27/24 – 133 Harbor C-1 Coops – Residential Smoke detector
#3978 – 04/30/24 – 33 Bay View Walk, CG – Automatic Mutual Aid
#3979 – 05/05/24 – 610 Shore Walk – PD Medical assist
#3980 – 05/05/24 – 133 Harbor C-1 Coops – Residential Smoke detector - FOTS

Meetings:

#1312– 05/04/24 – Department meeting

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#1313– 05/11/24 – Spring meeting

#1314 – 05/18/24 – FiPPOA Spring meeting

Drills:

#1342 – 05/04/24 – Drill (Brush fire, 5-28-7, Hook up from 5-28-2)

#1343 – 05/05/24 – SCFA Advance Forceable Entry – at Yaphank facility

#1344 – 05/05/24 – SCFA LPG Gas Emergencies – At Yaphank facility

#1345 – 05/15/24 – Drill 5-28-2 / 7 /10 Driving, pumping, hose handling, elevator rescue

Work detail:

None

Membership status:

Liquori, Robert New Auxiliary member

Requests / comments:

1. Request for parking platform for Asst Chief vehicle at Coop's
2. Request uniform insignia for Ex-Chief DeMuesy
3. Request new Mask for Rob Sperte per Physical Exam
4. Request approval for final two (2) Special Ferries for Yaphank SCFA drills
5. Discussion – Transportation policy for FF1 and Yaphank training
6. Discussion for future consideration – Web Site migration

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY POSITIONS

In late April 2024, The Fire Island Pines Fire District was informed by our Auditors of a theft of \$21,866.18 from the Fire District bank accounts by its Secretary/Treasurer Patrick A. Forrett, when confronted on April 27, 2024, he resigned from the position and promised to repay all funds with interest in the next 1 – 2 weeks.

On May 15th, we were informed that all funds plus interest were repaid. About the same time, we received the physical evidence back from our Auditors. We immediately forwarded the information to our Attorney, William F. Glass for review and advice. We also asked that he follow through and report this to the Suffolk County District Attorney Office, and the resignation to the NYS Secretary of State.

On May 22nd, today, Attorney Glass informed us that he had all the original documentation in his possession. After his review he will forward the information to the DA's office in the coming week.

MOTIONS: After brief discussions,

1. Comm. Coluccio moved to have Patrick Forrett removed as Administrator of our banking accounts at TD Bank, JPM Chase Bank and Bank of America. This action required Board resolutions to the banks. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed. Resolutions are attached for the file.
2. Comm. Coluccio moved to have Commissioner Cook named as Account Administrator on all bank accounts at TD Bank, JPM Chase Bank and Bank of America. Comm. Rhodes-Teague seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed

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3. Comm. Geiman moved to renew our Certificate of Deposit at TD Bank for a 60 day term at the 5.09% rate quoted. Comm. Rhodes-Teague seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed
4. Comm. Rhodes-Teague made a motion to authorize purchase new AED pads for up to \$400.00. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
5. Comm. Rhodes-Teague made a motion to authorize purchase new insignia for Ex-Chief DeMeusy uniform per the Chief's request, up to \$500.00; Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
6. Comm. Coluccio moved to purchase a new mask for FF Rob Sperte, up to \$500.00 as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Geiman seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
7. Comm. Boss moved to appropriate up to \$700.00 for two additional special ferrys for transport to Yaphank SCFA training as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Geiman seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
8. Comm. Boss moved to appropriate up to \$1,400.00 to replace the washing machine in the Annex. After inspection last month, it was found to be not repairable. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed
9. Comm. Rhodes-Teague made a motion to approve up to \$400.00 to move electrical outlets for chargers
Comm. Boss seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
10. Comm Coluccio made a motion that the front door lock on the Fire House be replaced with a commercial grade lock up to \$800.00; Comm. Cook seconded the motion; it was approved by 4 members, Comm. Boss recused himself from the vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Apparatus, equipment, radios – Commissioners Geiman

Met with LI Waterways ; rescheduled the testing of Water Island hoses until September. Pricing structure may be changed.

Chargers on 2-10 need to be taken off trucks and installed on walls. We need new electrical outlets (see Motion 9)

Budgets – Commissioner Coluccio / Treasurer Forrett

No update this period

Records – Commissioners Coluccio,

No update this period

Insurance, LOSAP, membership – Commissioner Cook

Copy of AA Certificate of Insurance was sent to Percy-Hoek.

Public Relations – Commissioner Coluccio

Nothing to report

Alarms – Commissioner Rhodes-Teague

Nothing to report

Grounds – Commissioners Boss

No report on the status of repairs to the Annex, Firehouse and Old Firehouse

The generator replacement needs to be upgraded to a 26KW system to support both buildings with heat and hot water

Front door lock replacement is available, will be purchased and installed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board continues to discuss the subject of the proposed OSHA changes to NSPA guidelines, which will bring enormous burdens to poorly funded and volunteer fire departments in twenty-eight OSHA states, of which New

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York is one. For example, per the new guidelines, there is not a single firefighter in the Pines Department would qualify as chief, first assistant or second assistant. No decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the possible addition of Blue Point Beach to our Fire Protection District. It was decided that we will not do further research nor discuss again. Comm. Coluccio and Chief Merker spoke with Chief Merman of Brookhaven Fire Protection District; Chief Merker travelled down the beach to Blue Point Beach and reported that our vehicles could not get there and could not get over the dune and into the residential area. Logistically, we cannot do this. Comm. Geiman made a motion that we reject this concept; Comm. Rhodes-Teague seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Order

The meeting was adjourned by Comm. Boss at 2:31 PM.