

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING AUGUST 24, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN BOSS AT 12:30 P.M.

Present:

Walter Boss, Chair
Holly Rhodes-Teague, Vice Chair
Joseph Geiman
Eugene Cook
Rosemary Coluccio - NOT PRESENT
Richard Barry, Secretary
Robert Marzella, Treasurer
Kyle Merker, Department Chief

Member of the Public - Joseph Micheels

SECRETARY REPORT -

Discussed the e-mail response from the District's Attorney regarding the LENS program. It was determined that the District Secretary can be in charge of the program, and advise the Board and Chief, if there is an issue with a driver.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman to have the District Secretary administer the LENS program, and notify Board and Chief if there is an issue with a member. Seconded by Commissioner Boss, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

Discussed the advice of counsel concerning Joseph Micheels. We were advised that Joseph Micheels cannot run for an officer position in the Department, due to his membership in the East Islip Fire Department. Commissioner Geiman does not believe that to be the case and quoted Town Law 176-b-10 and General Municipal law 209(i)

It was determined that the Secretary would contact Bill Glass again and ask for further clarification after the above law was cited. If he should come back and say something has changed we will proceed with Joseph Micheels running for Asst Chief. If not, we will reach out to Christopher Devane, Esq. for his opinion on the matter.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Boss and seconded by Commissioner Cook to spend up to \$1,000.00 for legal opinion on this matter. All present Commissioners voted in favor.

Review of Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2024.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

Review of Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2024.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Boss, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

Review of Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2024.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman to accept the meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

ONE DRIVE password has been changed by Commissioner Cook and Treasurer Marzella. However, we are still using one password for all parties to access our account. They are still going to research if a multi-user account had been purchased last year so that each member can have separate access.

It was determined that Treasurer Marzella and Commissioner Cook will do a security review of the password file that is located in the ONE DRIVE.

Commissioner Rhodes-Teague asked for the Board to go into Executive Session to deal with personnel issues. Chairman Boss agreed. Joseph Micheels left the meeting room.

Joseph Micheels returned to the meeting room after the Executive Session.

After Executive Session a MOTION MADE for the two week suspension, (8/19 - 9/2/24) and a period of probation that runs until 12/31/24 for firefighter David Seeds. Because of his nomination the Board wants to ensure that David Seeds remains on the ballot. Motion made by Chairman Boss, Seconded by Commissioner Cook, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, seconded by Commission Rhodes-Teague to change our meeting date to September 21, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. rather than our planned meeting of 9/28/24. All Commissioners voted in favor. A notice will be posted on our website.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman to have Commissioner Cook put in charge of completing this year's budget with the assistance of Treasurer Marzella and Commissioner Coluccio. Seconded by Chairman Boss. Commissioner Boss, Commissioner Rhodes-Teague, Commissioner Geiman voted in favor, Commissioner Cook abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Discussed budget to actual; Water Island payment to department, and reviewed expenditure motion list.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss for a \$415.00 payment to NAPA, seconded by Commissioner Geiman, all present voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss for \$325.00 to pay for a new compressor motor. See prior email for description. Seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague, all present voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss for \$524.00 for IWT to repair West End siren module. Seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman for payment to Don Kohleep for \$300.00 for lock repair in the main firehouse. Seconded by Commissioner Cook, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Commissioner Geiman, all present Commissioners voted in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT

ACTIVITY

ALARMS:

#3992	8/3/24	130 Atlantic - Food on the Stove
#3993	8/11/24	Sunburst & Shady on FIB - Smoking Transformer
#3994	8/17/24	464 Fisherman - Faulty Alarm
#3995	8/21/24	141 Beach Hill - Automatic Alarm set off by cleaners

MEETINGS:

#1323	8/10/24	Department Meeting
#1324	8/23/24	Inspection - Mike Horton's Funeral
#1325	8/24/24	Department Meeting

DRILLS:

#1354	8/10/24	Pines Party Pre-plan and walk-thru
#1355	8/14/24	Hydrant and hose testing #2, Nozzle training and review
#1356	8/23/24	Vehicle Fire Drill at Yaphank with Cherry Grove
#1357	8/24/24	Long Hose Lay and Blitz review

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman and Seconded by Commissioner Cook to accept the membership of Keith Connor Beutel and Christian Halpin, pending their physicals, all present Commissioners voted in favor. They will be instructed by the chief to now get their physicals.

Chief will send information for PESH - Sexual Harassment training for Commissioners and District employees.

REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

On order	Storz Spanner Wrenches
On order	Ex Chief Insignia
Received	2 Hose Washers
Received	10 Flashlights for Auxiliary
Received	3 sets of irons
Completed	Yellow guidelines in FH under #1 & #4

2025 Budget Requests:

Chief requested that we purchase testing gloves to see which brand would work better for the Department. Two options are Vanguard and Protech.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss and seconded by Commissioner Geiman for the amount of \$250,00 to purchase two sample pairs of gloves. All present Commissioners voted in favor.

Discussion was held for a request concerning Bunker Gear of \$23,700 and SCBA bottles for \$3,500.00. However, we are in the process of applying for a grant and we cannot order this at the current time.

Discussion was had concerning uniforms, and how to use this year's unspent monies. It was determined that the Chief would order a dress uniform for Commissioner McGarity, and Firefighter Marks would order his uniform for next year.

Chief requested \$4,200 for gear cleaning and 4 reciprocating saws for an amount of \$2,209.00.

Commissioner Geiman reminded us that we have a 2024 expiring SCBA bottle and in 2025 we have 3 bottles that need to be taken out of service.

Conversation about the stove in the annex and its replacement. Approximate cost would be \$2,000 plus delivery and installation.

APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, RADIOS - COMMISSIONER GEIMAN

Discussion regarding grant writer and the need to continue their services for another year.

Discussion about security cameras around the firehouse and annex. The Pines Pantry spent two hours reviewing our system and fixed approximately five cameras, and gave a proposal \$175.00 per hour. It was felt that they would need a minimum of six hours.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, seconded by Commissioner Cook for an amount of \$1,050.00 for TPP/Pines Pantry for the repair of our security camera system. All present Commissioners voted in favor.

Hose testing will take place in Water Island. We received an updated bill with a small increment in the amount of \$4,176.00

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman, seconded by Commissioner Cook in the amount of \$4,176.00 for Waterways to do hose testing in Water Island. All present Commissioners voted in favor.

SCBA 8A and 500 went out for repair. They do not need to be sent over when the rest of SCBA go over for inspection. We will now only have to send out 23 SCBAs.

Commissioner Geiman will send photos and a description to Secretary Barry for the Etryke to be listed on Auctions International for \$5,000.00

BUDGETS, AUDIT, PUBLIC RELATIONS - COMMISSIONER COLUCCIO - NOT PRESENT

INSURANCE, LOSAP, RECORDS - COMMISSIONER COOK

Discussion regarding Robert Hester and whether or not to file a claim for the theft of funds. Commissioner Cook will meet again with Robert Hester. We are trying to find what kind of impact will happen if we file a claim and how much our premium will rise.

Chase reinstated Positive Pay for our accounts.

GROUNDS - COMMISSIONER BOSS

Door installed, still missing a window. Plywood was pulled up, awaiting additional bill. Still awaiting bills and pricing from Don Kohlheep for other items. Awaiting bills for generator and electrical repairs.

Will look into the cost to replace the underfloor heating system at the Annex.

AA would like to use the firehouse, since the community house will be used for play.

RECORDS, RECONCILIATIONS - COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE

No reconciliations to be done today. We need to wait till end of the month.

Pink sheets reconcile to the Chief's report. All good.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:59 P.M.