

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN BOSS AT 12:39 P.M.

Present:

Walter Boss, Chair
Holly Rhodes-Teague, Vice Chair
Joseph Geiman
Eugene Cook
Rosemary Coluccio
Richard Barry, Secretary
Robert Marzella, Treasurer
Kyle Merker, Department Chief

Member of the Public - Joseph Micheels

SECRETARY REPORT -

Spoke of SAM renewal. We now have an additional feature to make an assignment for an administrator. After conversation it was determined that both the Treasurer and Secretary would now be listed in the bounce for Commissioners@fipfd.org account.

MOTION MADE to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2024 meeting with corrections by Commissioner Holly Rhodes-Teague, seconded by Commissioner Cook and all voted in favor.

TREASURER REPORT -

A lengthy discussion was had regarding the proposed 2025 budget for the District. Treasurer Mazella went through every line item in our budget.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague and voted in favor by all Commissioners, to accept the proposed 2025 District Budget. A notice of hearing will be posted on our website and sign board. Notice of Hearing will be sent to the Town Clerk. Hearing will be held on October 15th, 2024 at the firehouse.

Discussion was had regarding the Treasurer's Report, budget to actual, updated motion list, projected forecast for end of year expenditures, incremental payroll costs.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss for additional monies of \$1,156.00 needed for AC in Commissioner office. This was an emergency repair. Seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague. Commissioners Geiman and Cook voted in favor, Commissioner Coluccio abstained.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Coluccio and Seconded by Commissioner Cook for \$1,000.00 for four reciprocating saws and four Husky bags to be used for storage. All Commissioners voted in favor. NOTE: there was a prior motion for a larger amount that was not needed. This is the corrected dollar amount with additional storage bags.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, Seconded by Commissioner Cook for an additional \$696.00 for Water Island hose testing. All Commissioners voted in favor. NOTE: Original motion was for \$4,176.00 (estimate from Waterways). Final bill was for \$4,872.

Discussion was had regarding the generator for firehouse and annex, a gas fired furnace for the annex. We need to try to obtain additional estimates. The District is having a hard time getting vendors to bid on work at the beach.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Commissioner Geiman for \$1,600 payable to Arthur Nelsen Electricians. Replace six new LED drop ceiling lights. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Geiman, Seconded by Chairman Boss, in the amount of \$1,700.00 for TTP to work and repair outside cameras/security system. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Further discussed 2025 proposed budget, line by line.

Conversation was had regarding the Water Island contract. The estimate for the 2025 year of hose testing was \$5,124.00.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Chairman Boss in the amount of \$550.00 to purchase office supplies and a monitor for the commissioner's office. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE to approve the 2025 proposed budget, as long as we are within the 2% budget cap. Commissioner Cook made the motion, Seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague. All commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE to approve the Treasurer's Report by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague. All Commissioners voted in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT

ACTIVITY

ALARMS:

#3996	8/25/24	113 Ocean Walk - Report of strong electrical odor
#3997	8/31/24	337 Shell Walk - Smell of gas - firepit line had a kink
#3998	8/31/24	148 Ocean Walk - Smell of gas - tanks switching
#3999	9/1/24	37 FIB - Smoke detector - Patron smoking
#4000	9/11/24	Service Call - Assist SCPD with patient transport to dock
#4051	9/14/24	41 Pickety Ruff - Automatic Alarm - Faulty Alarm
#4052	9/16/24	308 Shady Walk - Chief's Investigation - Smoke - Smoke machine

MEETINGS:

#1477	9/7/24	Annual Fall Meeting
#1478	9/21/24	Fall FIPPOA Meeting

DRILLS:

#1358	9/7/24	CPR Drill, AED, Stop the Bleed
#1359	9/8/24	Yaphank - SCBA Emergencies and Mask Conference
#1360	9/11/24	5-28-2 and 5-28-7 pumped at Seaview, 5-28-10 out of service Battery issue.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Keith Connor Beutel -	New Member Application - Awaiting physical
Christian Halpin	New Member Application - Awaiting physical
Alexander Marks	Probation ends on 10/17/24

REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

1 Report of Election Results
Chief, Kyle Merker; 1st Asst Chief, Jordan Cohen; 2nd Asst Chief, Robert Kral; Secretary, Mark Basta; Treasurer, Ray Lucia; Captain Ian Hermanek; Lieutenant, Stephen Moss; Auxiliary Chair, Frank Iovino; Asst Auxiliary Chair, Leland Rechis

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss to accept the Department Election results, Seconded by Commissioner Cook. Commissioners Boss, Rhodes-Teague, Coluccio, Cook voted to accept the results, Commissioner Geiman voted not to accept election results.

Discussion was had regarding Town Law concerning when our Department elections are held. It was determined that we are following the rules and law promulgated for Cherry Grove FD and several other beach communities. However we are currently not specifically listed under this Town Law exception. We have tried in the past to have our department included, but it was never finally voted on by the NYS Assembly. The Chair, District Secretary and the Chief will reach out to our local leaders and see what can be done.

Also, Joe Micheels spoke about the requirement that the Department Secretary submit a written letter to the Board, listing the new Department leadership, and not just have the chief report about it at a Board meeting. Chief Merker will have the Department Secretary forward a letter to the Board listing the winners of the current election.

2. Received two pairs of gloves, one Protech and one Vanguard. It was determined by the Chief and members that they prefer the Protech gloves. Those will be ordered in the future.
3. Received Storz Spanner Wrenches
4. On Order - Ex Chief Insignia, name plate for Jay Demusey, uniform for Bob McGarity
5. On Order - Sawzall Reciprocating Saws.
6. Request - Dress shirt for Ray Lucia

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss for \$200 for Dress Shirt, Seconded by Commissioner Coluccio, All Commissioners voted in favor.

7. Request - Special ferry for National Certification Class and Exam for FF Marks. It was determined by all that this would be a worthwhile investment for one of our members to attain.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague in the amount of \$300 for a ferry special to transport FF Marks, Seconded by Commissioner Geiman, All Commissioners voted in favor.

8. PESH make up class will be held via Zoom on Monday, September 23, 2024. Three members still need to attend.
9. Discussion was had regarding a new charging station area.
10. Update on the upcoming Recruiting Event on October 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, RADIOS - COMMISSIONER GEIMAN

Water Island hose testing completed. The vendor brought over 12 team members to do the hose testing. It went from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. We need to research how much hose is in Water Island. Commissioner Geiman thought that there was 7,000 feet. However the vendor claimed that there was 8,400 feet of hose. The did give us a 2025 estimate of \$5,124.00

Discussion on the new truck and a decision on the compartment needs to happen before the truck is shipped to Wisconsin. The current price for the truck is \$566,017.61. The new compartment that would be added would bring the pricing up to approximately \$573,000.00.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Boss, Seconded by Commissioner Cook for \$7,500.00 for the design of the cab compartment for new truck. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RECORDS, RECONCILIATIONS - COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE

The pink sheets/log books were reviewed from 8/25/24, through and including 9/21/24.

BUDGETS, AUDIT, PUBLIC RELATIONS - COMMISSIONER COLUCCIO

Commissioner Coluccio was in touch with Rob Hester, our Insurance Agent. He has assigned Julie Diehl on his staff to deal with theft claims. Commissioner Coluccio will reach out to her in the near future.

MEETING ENDED AT 3:15 P.M.