

# FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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## Fire District Commissioners' Meeting

West Sayville-Oakdale Fire House  
80 Main Street  
West Sayville, NY 11796  
December 14, 2019

### Present

Board Chairman, Commissioner Richard Barry  
Commissioner Walter Boss  
Commissioner Rosemary Coluccio  
Commissioner Francis Corradino  
Commissioner Douglas Teague  
Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Forrett

Fire Island Pines Fire Department Chief Joseph Geiman was not present.

### Order

Meeting called to order by Comm. Barry at 10 AM.

### Minutes

MOTION: Comm. Teague noted a small typographical error in the prior meeting's minutes. With that correction, Comm. Corradino moved to accept the October 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Comm. Teague seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

### Correspondence Review

Bills: Bank of America business card, PSEG Long Island, Verizon; other, typical vendors  
2020 retainer agreement for William Glass, attorney

We received the physical title for the newly purchased 2006 Ford Truck (further details in Comm. Teague's equipment report, below).

We received a check from the Town of Brookhaven for the Water Island Fire Protection District.

### Secretary / Treasurer's report

- Budget to Actual Report
- Treasurer's invoice and expenditure list
- Referendum reports
- Monthly banking reconciliations done to November 30 (TD Bank), Peoples' United Bank to December 19 (Peoples' United Bank), reviewed and approved by Comm. Boss

MOTION: Comm. Teague moved to accept the Treasurer's reports. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Forrett noted that the notice for the Passive Referendum for the 2020 purchase of the new truck appeared in the Long Island Advance on November 21, 2019.

### Chief's report

Review of alarms, drills and meetings; Chief's comments and requests.

#### Alarms:

- #3725 – 11/02/2019 – 606 Shore Walk – structure fire (smoking outlet)
- #3726 – 11/06/2019 – 36 Fire Island Blvd. – automatic alarm (burning motor)
- #3727 – 11/21/2019 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm (Cherry's)

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#3728 – 12/12/2019 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm (Ice Palace)

#3729 – 12/13/2019 – 465 Fisherman’s Path – alarm (food on the stove)

*Meetings:*

None

*Drills:*

None

*Work detail:*

None

*Requests / comments:*

1. LOSAP Report attached
2. 2019 Calendar attached
3. All trucks in service – pump tests / hose tests completed
4. All SCBA flow testing completed
5. Pending equipment purchases – 1000’ of 3” hose – due to arrive very soon
6. Pending equipment repairs – four Motorola PR860 handheld portables
7. Mutual Aid to FIPFD in effect as of 11/01/2019
8. Awaiting new tri-band radios for chiefs. Agreement paperwork from Town of Brookhaven should arrive soon for Board of Fire Commissioners to approve and return
9. Thank you for the recent purchase of 5-28-9A from Bayport Fire Department
10. Thank you for a great year and for all your support

*Membership status:*

- Probationary Firefighters Brenner and Hird both completed and passed their FF1 Final Exam on 11/09/2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Apparatus/Equipment/Radios – Commissioner Teague*

Most everything is running well and general maintenance continues.

Following the motion in the October 2019 meeting, we successfully bid for the truck being auctioned by the Bayport Fire Department. That truck, which will be designated 5-28-9A, is now in our possession, along with its license plates, lights, and title and insurance documentation (Forrett to scan the title and insurance papers; originals will go to file).

MOTION: Following up on the Commissioners’ e-mail approval on November 22, 2019, Comm. Teague moved to spend \$550 with J-Signs for the lettering and decaling of 9A, and \$690 with Topstich Upholstering for the repair of its front seat. (Note that the amount to Topstich also includes repairs to the Chief’s cart seat). Comm. Corradino seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Trucks 5-28-1 and 5-28-4 both have had their annual pump test and hose test completed for 2019, and they have been returned to the firehouse and are now in service. Additionally, all in-house hose testing has also been completed. Scott-Paks and fire extinguishers have been serviced. The replacement hose (approved in the October meeting) has been ordered and should be delivered any time now, and it will be put into service as soon as it is received. With that, all equipment has been tested and repaired or replaced for the 2019 season.

SCWA’s exchange of the steamer connections in Water Island is still pending, but we have the necessary adapters to use until that is done.

The snowblowers have been prepared for this winter and are ready for service. Comm. Barry will confirm with the vendor that he is prepared for the season.

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Comm. Teague is researching the requirements and costs to get the east- and west-end sirens working again. He will do this work over the winter months. In the meantime, he noted that Suffolk County is toning alarms with both the new UHF and the old VHF, so we have not yet needed a radio upgrade. When that happens, it will be an unbudgeted expense, and we should be aware and prepare for it.

## *Budgets – Commissioner Coluccio*

Comm. Coluccio also noted that the approved budget was sent to and received by the Town of Brookhaven. Our annual tax cap form has been filed, and the Office of the State Comptroller acknowledged the filing and had no comments. In addition, we have been selected by the Comptroller's office for a routine budget and tax-cap audit; since we never get close to our 2% overspend limit, and we never go above our tax cap limit, the process will likely be positive.

Comm. Coluccio further noted that we received a memo from our attorney, William Glass, indicating how we can improve our practices around taking minutes, and all appreciated his comments and agreed we will follow his advice.

MOTION: Comm. Barry moved to transfer \$42,350 from the operating checking account to the TD reserve account. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

MOTION: Comm. Coluccio moved to reallocate \$25,000 from our LOSAP budget and the \$10,000 from our snow removal budget to the building construction and repair budget line to pay for the repair work being done on the old firehouse and 32 Lone Hill Walk, as outlined in prior meetings. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

## *Records – Commissioners Coluccio, Corradino*

- Nothing to note

## *Insurance – Commissioner Barry*

Comm. Barry noted that District Mechanic Chris Furchert requested a 2% salary increase, following two years with no increase. Comm. Coluccio moved that, effective January 1, 2020, the District Mechanic, the assistant mechanics, and the hose mechanics receive a 2% increase in their rates of pay. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Comm. Barry updated the life insurance census to include Anthony Hird and Andrew Brenner, and to remove Chief Joseph Geiman, to be effective April 1, 2020.

There was a discussion about LOSAP management and our past review of it. We will revisit who our vendor should be in 2020.

## *Public Relations/LOSAP/Alarms/ ISO – Commissioner Boss*

- Nothing to note

## *Grounds– Commissioner Corradino*

MOTION: Following up on a motion made and agreed to by e-mail on November 7, 2019, Comm. Corradino moved that the District spend an amount up to \$35,000 for the repairs of the old firehouse and 32 Lone Hill Walk, as outlined in prior meetings; in addition, Comm. Corradino moved that the Board of Commissioners accept the estimate provided by Long Island Construction Plus, as received in October and subsequently amended, and then reviewed by the Board. Comm. Boss seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Comm. Corradino noted that an executed contract for the repair work on 32 Lone Hill Walk and the old firehouse had been returned to us by Long Island Construction Plus. They have received the deposit check, and work should begin next week. In addition, the District Mechanic has placed tarps over the furniture in 32 Lone Hill Walk and over the equipment in the old firehouse in preparation for their respective roof replacements.

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Comm. Corradino noted that the final invoice from Flower Girls for the bamboo removal at 32 Lone Hill Walk has been received and that work is now complete. In addition, we have verbal assurance that if any bamboo reappears on the premises in spite of Flower Girls' work that Flower Girls will remediate immediately.

MOTION: Following an e-mail approval that took place on November 7, 2019, Comm. Coluccio moved to pay Flower Girls \$800 for the removal of the large pine tree at 32 Lone Hill Walk (as discussed in the October 2019 meeting) and an additional \$300 to remove two small dead pine trees that were noted on the north side of the premises. Comm. Barry seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Comm. Corradino noted that these pine trees had been cut down and removed.

As was noted at previous meetings, the front walk at 32 Lone Hill Walk is rotting. The assistant district mechanics will rip it out, and they will use the concrete pavers saved from the back walk to construct a new front walk behind the Leland Spruce trees that will be planted in the spring. They will also build a new platform in the propane shed to replace the rotting floor. In addition, over the course of the winter, they will purchase the tools and equipment approved in the September 7, 2019 meeting. The district mechanics have begun power washing the house and decks in preparation for painting in the spring.

Comm. Corradino noted that the next big project will be to replace the railing around the deck, which is in need of repair.

MOTION: Following an e-mail approval that took place on December 5, 2019, Comm. Corradino moved to pay Tony's Barge Service \$695 for the provision, delivery and subsequent removal of a dumpster to be used to remove the debris from the district mechanics' work in, under and around 32 Lone Hill Walk. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Comm. Corradino noted the dumpster was delivered on Friday, December 6, filled on Saturday, December 7, and removed on Monday, December 9.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- All noted above

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- As noted above

## **Order**

The meeting was adjourned by Comm. Barry at 11:50 AM.