

# FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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## Fire District Commissioners' Meeting – minutes

34 Fire Island Boulevard  
Fire island Pines, NY. 11782  
April 27, 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 12:42 PM.

### Minutes

- Review of prior meeting's minutes

**MOTION:** Comm. Geiman moved to accept the draft minutes from the March 23, 2024, meeting. An error was noted in the minutes, Chief Merker attended the meeting in person, not via Zoom. The minutes were otherwise accepted, the Secretary will make the correction to the file copy. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

### 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 –

- 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:** After discussion, Comm. Cook moved to accept the Treasurers reposts as submitted, with the understanding that they needed further review, Comm Rhodes-Teague seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

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## CHIEF'S REPORT

### Alarms:

- #3972 – 04/03/24 – Trustee's Walk – Davis Park – Could not get down the beach.
- #3973 – 04/01/24 – 94 Lewis Walk CG – Mutual Aid
- #3974 – 04/10/24 – 1 Ocean Walk CG – Automatic alarm
- #3975 – 04/19/24 – Coops C1, Unit 128 – Smoke detector
- #3976 – 04/25/24 – 621 Shore Walk – Gas leak

### Meetings:

- #1310 – 04/13/24 – Department meeting
- #1311 – 04/26/24 – Department meeting

### Drills:

- #1338 – 04/13/24 – Drill (Radio signals, Chain of Command, Span and Control)
- #1339 – 04/24/24 – Wednesday drill (Driver training, TNT tool)
- #1340 – 04/21/24 – SCFA Private dwelling search – At Yaphank facility
- #1341 – 04/27/24 – Drill (Ropes, forceable entry, hand tools)

### Work detail:

None

### Membership status:

Tinsley, Jake	Moved to Auxiliary
Kaing, Matt	Moved to Auxiliary
Marks, Alexander	Currently Enrolled in FF1
Nicosia, Larry	Physical received
Bonci, Brian	Removed from rolls
Flanagan	Removed from rolls

### Requests / comments:

1. Uniforms: Update – 4-6 month delay
2. Throw bags/boxes (request and discussion)
3. Glasses for Matt
4. Irons – 3 sets
5. Radio headset

### MOTIONS: After brief discussions,

1. Comm. Coluccio moved to appropriate up to \$900 to replace throw bags and boxes as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
2. Comm. Coluccio moved to appropriate up to \$750 to replace FF Cashman safety glasses that were lost in Boulevard fire at the end of August 2023. as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Geiman seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
3. Comm. Rhodes-Teague moved to appropriate up to \$1,100 to purchase 3 sets of irons as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
4. Comm. Coluccio moved to appropriate up to \$150 to purchase a headset for Chief Merker to allow communications while driving his vehicle as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

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5. Comm. Rhodes-Teague moved to appropriate up to \$535 to replace brakes on vehicle #11 as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed
6. Comm. Boss moved to appropriate up to \$300 to detail vehicle # 11 before its return to the beach as requested in the Chief's request, above. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed
7. Comm. Geiman moved to classify the existing generator as surplus and available for sale at a minimum of \$1,000. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed
8. Comm Geiman moved to order a new printer for the Commissioner's Office, suggested a HP Envy 6055 and toner at a price of up to \$200. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.
9. Comm. Cook moved to authorize Walter Boss to inspect and repair the Annex washing machine and report finding for next meeting. Comm. Geiman seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Apparatus, equipment, radios – Commissioners Geiman*

*Vehicle #11 needs new brakes; it was noted that we were aware of this when we purchased the vehicle. The vehicle also needs detailing prior to its return.*

Comm. Geiman informed the Board the NYS infrastructure grant application had been submitted, requesting \$229,000. To comply with ADA requirements.

### *Budgets – Commissioner Coluccio / Treasurer Forrett*

No update this period

### *Records – Commissioners Coluccio,*

No update this period

### *Insurance, LOSAP, membership – Commissioner Cook*

Annual LOSAP filing is completed. Otherwise, no other update.

### *Public Relations – Commissioner Coluccio*

Prepared and submitted a report to FIPPOA for its annual Spring meeting.

### *Alarms – Commissioner Rhodes-Teague*

Review of the alarms was deferred as copies were not available prior to meeting.

### *ISO – Commissioner Geiman*

Comm. Geiman noted that the Chief needs to request an ISO inspection.

### *Grounds – Commissioners Boss*

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

The generator replacement

Front door lock replacement is still being searched.

With that, the Board decided to undertake the following repairs:

## 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 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.

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The Board expressed continued concern regarding the expansion of the Mobility Cart storage sheds to the East of the Police Garage. Access to the existing fire hydrant and road clearance for fire trucks.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board discussed the possible addition of Blue Point Beach to our Fire Protection District. It was decided that we will do further research and discuss again.

## **Order**

The meeting was adjourned by Comm. Boss at 3:15 PM.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the resignation of Secretary/Treasurer Forrett.