

# FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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## Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2019

Fire Island Pines Fire House

### Present:

Richard Barry, Commissioner

Walter Boss, Commissioner

Rosemary Coluccio, Commissioner

Francis Corradino, Commissioner

Douglas Teague, Commissioner

Patrick Forrett, Secretary and Treasurer

Joseph Geiman, FIP Fire Department Chief

### Order

Commissioner Barry called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

### Minutes

Comm. Corradino noted a couple of minor changes to the August 3, 2019 meeting. With those changes, Comm. Corradino moved to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2019 meeting.

Comm. Boss seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### Chairman's report

Shortly before the meeting, Truck 9-A got lost in the surf as it was going off the beach. The police report is attached to these minutes as a record.

On another subject, Comm. Barry noted that our legal counsel, Bill Glass, confirmed in an e-mail that no commissioner can do business with the District. It is an inherent conflict of interest. That e-mail is attached to these minutes as a record.

The Chairman requested an insurance policy quote from Lupton & Luce, and from Geoghan Insurance. Only one responded, Lupton & Luce, and their quote was higher than the quote from Percy Hoek; therefore, we will renew our policies with Percy Hoek.

### Chief's report

#### *Review of alarms:*

#3705 – 8/04/2019 – 117/217 Atlantic Walk – automatic alarm – Co-ops

#3706 – 8/05/2019 – 119/219 Atlantic Walk – Chief's Call – automatic alarm – Co-ops

#3707 – 8/16/2019 – 80 Black Duck Walk – Gas Leak

#3708 – 8/24/2019 – 37 Fire Island Blvd. – automatic alarm

#3709 – 8/28/2019 – 328 Ozone Walk – electrical fire

#3710 – 8/30/2019 – 516 Porgie Walk – Chief's Call – outside fire

#3711 – 9/01/2019 – 422 Ocean Walk – structure fire – electric outlet

#3712 – 9/04/2019 – Mutual Aid to Davis Park F.D. – working structure fire

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## *Review of meetings:*

#1131 – 8/17/2019 – Department Meeting

#1132 – 9/07/2019 – Department Meeting / Elections

## *Review of drills:*

#1119 – 8/17/2019 – #11 – Long Hose Lay w/Blitzfire Nozzle and Hand Line

#1120 – 8/21/2019 – Alt. #5 – LDH Operations and Hose Handling

#1121 – 9/07/2019 – #12 – Hand Tools / Ropes / Forcible Entry / Nozzles

## *Work detail:*

None

## *Membership status:*

Two probationary department members are preparing for their Firefighter 1 exams.

## *Requests / Comments:*

1. LOSAP Report attached.
2. Result of officers' election for 2020. The slate remained the same as 2019, specifically: Chief – Joe Geiman; 1st Asst. Chief – Kyle Merker; 2nd Asst. Chief – Jordan Cohen; Secretary – Mark Ski; Treasurer – Ray Lucia; Captain – David Seeds; Lieutenant – Frank Strasser; Appointed Officers at the call of the Chief; and Ralph Benfatto was re-elected Auxiliary Chairman.
3. Bingo is done for the season, and \$1,096 was donated from proceeds of the 50/50 raffles to the Pines Care Center.
4. Truck 5-28-1 is out of service because of a pump problem.
5. Hydrant adapters were purchased for the Water Island hydrants. Hydrant Steamer to be changed to 4" by SCWA.
6. Pending equipment repairs - 3 Motorola PR860 handheld portables.
7. Request purchase of two sets of Kiefer Color-Coded Spine Board Straps - \$65.90 – Amazon. [Comm. Coluccio moved to approve spending for \$70 to purchase these straps; Comm. Boss seconded the motion. All were in favor.]
8. Standing by for Cherry Grove F.D. Dinner on Saturday, September 14, 2019.
9. 2020 Fire Department Budget request submitted.

## **Committee reports**

### ***Apparatus / equipment / radios report – Comm. Teague***

Most everything is running well, and general maintenance is underway and ongoing.

As the Chief noted, Truck 5-28-1 is out of service because the drive system for the pump is not engaging properly. The estimate for a new drive system was over \$15,000. An estimate from Firematic to rebuild the existing system was around \$5,400, and we are confident that this will rectify the problem. This expense was approved by the Board of Commissioners by e-mail, Comm. Teague gave the approval to proceed, and parts have been ordered. Once the repairs are complete, District Mechanic Chris Furchert is going to coordinate testing the pump with

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its annual hose test so the truck doesn't have to go off the Island twice in the course of a couple months.

The damaged hydrant at Ocean and Sail Walks has been replaced. The steamer nozzle is the same size as the ones in Water Island, but it doesn't matter as there is no way to get a large truck to it, and none of our boardwalk vehicles has that size suction. Comm. Teague notes that the District should check its next annual hydrant rental bill from SCWA to be sure it isn't charging for a Class A hydrant when the hydrant is class B.

SCWA will be changing the hydrant connections in Water Island to the standard size once it receives the parts, but, in the meantime, the FIP Fire Department has the necessary adapters. Coincidentally, Davis Park has the same size hydrant connectors, so the adapters will continue to be useful even after the Water Island hydrants are refitted.

The flag was stolen from the flagpole twice this month. Whoever is doing this is also leaving the halyard blowing in the breeze unfastened.

### ***Grounds report – Comm. Corradino***

Comms. Corradino, Boss & Barry collaborated to put together the requirements and estimated pricing for the building repairs discussed at the last meeting. These requirements will be part of a Request for Proposal sent out to contractors. Comm. Corradino will forward the request for proposal shortly with a planned opening of proposals at our October 26th meeting.

Comm. Corradino noted that we will wait for proposals from contractors to see what pricing is offered, and, depending on available funds, we will decide how to proceed. He recommends that the priorities be the roof of the old Firehouse and fixing the door/doorway of the new Firehouse to protect the equipment and the buildings themselves.

Comm. Corradino was asked by the District Assistant Mechanics, who will be doing a lot of the ongoing repair work (e.g., front walk and decking at 32 Lone Hill Walk), to purchase a table saw and a circular saw. Comm. Boss recommended a reciprocating saw as well. Comm. Coluccio moved to approve \$600 for a circular saw, a table saw, and a reciprocating saw as requested. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Comm. Corradino noted that the landscaping is proceeding as expected and moving right along.

Comm. Coluccio noted that we are over-budget on the personnel line, estimated by \$3,500 or so. We made a motion earlier this year to reallocate monies from building maintenance to cover personnel. She noted that we may need to make another reallocation motion to cover the personnel expenses for this deck and walkway work. Comm. Corradino will have an estimate of the costs (number of hours × hourly wage) at the next meeting.

### ***Treasurer's report – Comm. Coluccio***

Secretary/Treasurer Forrett presented reconciliation reports for the main operating account, the money-market account, the savings account, and the reserve accounts. Accounts were by reconciled by Comm. Boss to August 19 or to August 31, depending on the statement date of the respective banks.

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Forrett noted that the ca. \$86,000 six-month certificate of deposit (CD) at Peoples United Bank matured on August 22, 2019. With e-mail approval from the Board of Commissioners, he rolled that amount into another six-month CD.

Comm. Coluccio moved to authorize Forrett to make two wire payments from our operating checking account – \$125,000 principal payment plus another \$3,325 in interest – in respect of the July 12, 2016 referendum. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Comm. Corradino moved to accept the Treasurer's reports. Comm. Boss seconded the motion. All were in favor.

While discussing the 2020 budget, Comms. Barry and Coluccio discussed the possibility of there being a dollar cap on the amount that can be repurposed from one budget line to another within an existing budget. They will have a conference call with District Accountant, Bob Craig, and with Legal Counsel, Bill Glass, to sort out the question. Also pegged for further discussion: the amount to transfer to the reserve next year; LOSAP payment; charitable donations (we never spend it, and there are strict rules regarding it); snow removal; medical exams for new firefighters and auxiliary member[s]; personnel vs. building maintenance expenses.

### **Order**

Commissioner Barry adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.