

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT

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Fire District Commissioners' meeting – minutes

34 Fire Island Boulevard
Fire Island Pines, NY 11782
May 21, 2022

Present

Commissioner Francis Corradino, Chairman of the Board
Commissioner Walter Boss
Commissioner Rosemary Coluccio
Commissioner Eugene Cook
Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Forrett
Fire Island Pines Fire Department Chief Joseph Geiman

Commissioner Douglas Teague, Vice-Chairman, was not present

Order

The meeting was called to order by Comm. Corradino at 12:37 PM.

Minutes

- Review of prior meeting's minutes

Draft minutes from the January 2022 organizational meeting and from the March 2022 meeting were presented to the Board. Comm. Cook suggested that Forrett should draft a small set of minutes for the April meeting indicating the meeting did not take place because there was not a quorum of Commissioners present. The Board agreed.

MOTION: Comm. Cook moved to accept the draft minutes of the January 2022 organizational meeting. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: Comm. Coluccio moved to accept the draft minutes of the March 2022 meeting. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Correspondence Review

Typical monthly bills and utilities: Bank of America credit card, PSEG Long Island, Verizon, payroll, All-American Awards and Uniforms, Morgan Auto Supply, Brinkmann's, South Shore Fire & Safety. These bills were presented as vouchers to the Board for approval and payment.

Other: –none–

Secretary / Treasurer's reports

- Monthly banking reconciliations – problem with payroll in April was only noticed in mid-May; as such, Forrett was not able to complete the PUB operating account reconciliation for this meeting; he expects to have the payroll problem sorted out and the reconciliations done for the June meeting.
 - PUB savings and money-market accounts to May 19
 - TD accounts to May 31
- Treasurer's report for June 2022
- Motions list – expenditure and non-expenditure motions for 2022
- Capturing motions done by e-mail
 - Chief's April requests:
 - Weatherproof outdoor outlet for the Firehouse; quote from Brendan Egan for \$150
 - Equipment for new high-pressure pumper, 5-28-7, gated wye from Firestone, approx. \$200; hybrid adapters from Amazon, approx. \$35; rechargeable flashlights, approx. \$185.

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- Flower Girls proposal for Firehouse and Annex maintenance for the 2022 season
- Voucher abstract from April 2022

MOTION: After a very brief discussion, Comm. Coluccio moved to allocate up to \$200 from the Building Maintenance and Repairs appropriation for the weatherproof outdoor electrical outlet requested by the Chief, above. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: After a very brief discussion, Comm. Coluccio moved to allocate up to \$600 from the Equipment Purchase appropriation for the items requested by the Chief, above. Comm. Boss seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: After discussion, Comm. Boss moved to accept the Flower Girls' proposal and to allocate up to \$1,790 from the Landscape Maintenance appropriation for that purpose. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: After a very brief discussion, Comm. Coluccio moved to pay all the bills presented by e-mail in April to the Board as an abstract. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Note that these bills were presented to the board as vouchers during this meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Alarms:

- #3845 – 03/19/2022 – Mutual Aid to Davis Park F.D. – automatic alarm
- #3846 – 03/27/2022 – Barrett Beach (NPS) – outside fire (unfounded)
- #3847 – 04/10/2022 – Mutual Aid to Davis Park F.D. – structure fire
- #3848 – 04/13/2022 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm
- #3849 – 04/17/2022 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm
- #3850 – 04/19/2022 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm
- #3851 – 04/23/2022 – 241 Harbor Walk (Coop) – automatic alarm
- #3852 – 04/29/2022 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm
- #3853 – 05/02/2022 – Mutual Aid to Cherry Grove F.D. – automatic alarm
- #3854 – 05/04/2022 – Fire Island Blvd. in front of Coops – electrical hazard
- #3855 – 05/09/2022 – 115 Atlantic Walk (Coop) – automatic alarm
- #3856 – 05/17/2022 – Bay Walk east of Teal Walk – service call

Meetings:

- #1221 – 04/16/2022 – Department meeting
- #1222 – 05/07/2022 – Department meeting
- #1223 – 05/14/2022 – Department spring meeting
- #1224 – 05/21/2022 – spring FIPPOA meeting

Drills:

- #1242 – 04/16/2022 – Drill #1 – radio communications / chain and incident command
- #1243 – 04/27/2022 – Alt. Drill #1 – pump operations / driving / relay pumping
- #1244 – 05/07/2022 – Drill #2 – hand tools / ropes / forcible entry / nozzles
- #1245 – 05/11/2022 – Alt. Drill #2 – pump operations / hand lines / 5-28-7 pumping

Work detail:

- #1161 – 05/10/2022 – power washing of all decks/walkways @ Annex
- #1162 – 05/15/2022 – water rescue bag placement

Membership status:

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New Member – James R. Flanagan – still pending – no action on his part.

Application for Membership to Auxiliary of Simeon Kline – approved by Department on May 7, 2022.

Filed Suffolk County Sheriff's forms for five Auxiliary Members who have joined since I became Chief.

Have not yet received pager/charger or Class A/B Uniform from Kim McGlone. Many attempts by Secretary Ski to retrieve the items have failed. She no longer works on Fire Island.

Requests / comments:

1. April 2022 LOSAP report
2. FIPFD Training Center discussion – continued
3. Discussion on proposal from Chief Fire Marshal Mehrman (Town of Brookhaven) to add Blue Point Beach houses (10) into Water Island Fire Protection District (east of Water Island)
4. What is status on rebuilt or new Firehouse siren from last siren project? Current siren no longer works. Checked by Brendan Egan (has power to siren) – continued
5. 5-28-5's (pick-up) eadio was never programmed. Needs to be programmed by Integrated Wireless Technologies.
6. Weatherproof electrical outlet not yet installed by Brendan Egan outside firehouse over corner bench.
7. Pending equipment purchase for new high-pressure pumper 5-28-7: 1½" gated wye from The FireStore.
8. Received 2 1/2" x 1½" hydrant adapter for 5-28-7
9. Received replacement items for missing equipment: two Streamlight 90500 Survivor 175-lumen LED Rechargeable Flashlights, orange
10. Physicals for most Members completed 5/14/22
11. All water rescue bags placed on beach in FIP and Water Island
12. Yaphank Training tomorrow, 5/22/22 – requested 8 am special ferry
13. Mandatory PESH/sexual harassment training, Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 10 am
14. Requesting purchase of Battery for Lifepak 500 from Amazon @ \$139.00. Unit is now obsolete. May want to consider buying a new one in 2023.
15. Sending Firefighter Rob Sperte to South Shore Fire Equipment to be fitted for a new full set of Firefighter Turnout Gear. His Gear is oldest in firehouse – dated 1998.
16. Resignation of Andrew Brenner – sorry to see him go, and he is joining Bay Port Fire Department
17. Asst. Chief Merker was given a request from Mark Gasnik and David Seeds for new shoes. This is likely the first of many because a lot of uniforms are quite old.

Chief Geiman noted that FIPPOA, which manages Fire Island Boulevard on behalf of the Town of Brookhaven, wanted to consider the training site at the east end of the Pines one of its corral spaces and to rent it to the Department for \$1 per year. In addition, FIPPOA wanted proof of liability insurance. The Board discussed that the current liability policy covers the structures on that spot as well as accidents that might happen during training there, so meeting the insurance requirement was quite feasible.

The Board discussed the proposal by Chief Mehrman, Fire Marshal of the Town of Brookhaven, to add the ten or eleven structures in Blue Point Beach to the Water Island Fire Protection District. The area is currently not a part of any fire district, and the Davis Park Fire Department (which is physically much closer) will not cover it. The Board discussed the possibilities – increasing the Water Island Fire Protection District; incorporating Water Island and Blue Point Beach into the Fire Island Pines Fire District – and determined that further discussion with the Town of Brookhaven was required, and that this process will take time. The Chief noted the area has a water hydrant, which is helpful.

The Chief asked about the status of the back-up siren being rebuilt by IWT, because the Firehouse siren no longer works. It turns out the back-up siren needs a new copper winding, in addition to a replacement capacitor, and the repair is taking longer than expected. The Board vehemently agreed that the District needs a functioning siren, and that this is an emergency purchase situation.

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The Chief then informed the Board that District Mechanic Furchert was able to procure the parts to repair 5-28-10, and that vehicle would be back in service. He further informed the board that Asst. Chief Merker's ATV is at the absolute end of its life. The front wheels are tilted, and the axle is about to crack. He noted that if one looks at the National Park Service or State Bid sites, one can find an ATV straight away. The Board suggested investigating pricing and reporting to the Board to decide.

MOTION: Comm. Boss moved to approve Simeon Kline as a member of the Fire Auxiliary, pending the Suffolk County Sheriff's report. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: Comm. Coluccio moved to allocate up to \$200 from the Uniforms appropriation for the purchase of two sets of uniform shoes. Comm. Boss seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: Comm. Coluccio moved to allocate up to \$6,000 from (first) the 2021 encumbered funds for siren repair and (second) from the Equipment Purchase appropriation for the purchase, shipping and installation of a new siren for the Firehouse. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: Comm. Cook moved to allocate up to \$350 from the Training appropriation for a special ferry for the Yaphank training. Comm. Boss seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

MOTION: Comm. Boss moved to allocate up to \$150 from the Equipment Purchase appropriation for the purchase of a new battery for the Lifepak 500 AED. Comm. Cook seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Apparatus, equipment, radios – Commissioners Teague and Boss

Status and discussion of the siren was captured in the Chief's discussion, above.

Waterway Long Island – the hose-testing company – provided a \$3,650 quote for hose testing in Water Island. The Board agreed this was an excellent price.

MOTION: Comm. Boss moved to allocate up to \$4,000 from the Equipment Maintenance appropriation to engage Waterway Long Island for hose testing in Water Island. Comm. Coluccio seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the motion passed.

Budgets, audit – Commissioner Coluccio / Treasurer Forrett

Comm. Coluccio noted that the early part of the year doesn't see much spending, but that the level of expenditures was about to increase markedly. She asked whether Comm. Cook whether he had been measured for his uniform; he had, and he was informed it would be eight months' wait time.

Forrett informed the Board that he and Comm. Coluccio had received the draft audit results and financial statements from the auditor the day prior, and that he and Comm. Coluccio would review them and provide the Board with comments and a recommendation. He also indicated he intended to invite Robert Craig of the audit firm to present the audit results to the Board during the June meeting with the intention of finalizing everything well before the June 30 deadline.

He also confirmed that the AUD had been filed on April 28 – ahead of deadline.

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Records – Commissioners Coluccio, Corradino

No update this month.

Insurance, LOSAP, membership – Commissioner Cook

Comm. Cook informed the Board that the first two transfers from the VFIS annuity to the HeroPlus program have taken place. He also made inquiries about building and property valuations for insurance purposes. Forrett and Comm. Coluccio informed him an updated valuation report is part of the upcoming financial statements.

Public Relations – Comm. Coluccio

Comm. Coluccio informed the Board she had sent a note to FIPPOA on behalf of the Board outlining who the Commissioners were, providing an overview of the current budget, and encouraging taxpayers to join the Board meetings.

Alarms – Commissioner Boss

No update this month

Grounds – Commissioner Boss

Comm. Boss discussed the cost of shed structures for the electric vehicles. It turns out structures with garage-style doors (necessary for the vehicles) are much more expensive than what was being originally considered. He also talked about options for grading the ground. He also noted it would take at least two months for order fulfillment for the unit.

Comm. Boss noted he performed an emergency service call for the District one night when one of the Firehouse garage doors wouldn't close.

MOTION: Comm. Coluccio moved to allocate up to \$150 from the Building Repairs appropriation to pay Walter Boss Inc. for the emergency repair of the Firehouse garage door. Comm. Corradino seconded the motion; Comm. Boss recused himself, but all other commissioners were in favor, and the motion passed.

ISO – Commissioner Corradino

No update this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

None this period.

NEW BUSINESS:

None this period.

Order

The meeting was adjourned by Comm. Corradino at 2:20 PM.