

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

## SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: April 25, 2022

Present: Chairman Robert Powell  
Vice Chairman Peter Mangiolino  
Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo  
District Manager Paul Lochner  
District Treasurer Michael Murphy  
District Secretary Michael R. Foran  
Joseph Frank, Esq.

Chairman Robert Powell called the Regular meeting to order at 20:00.

### Communications Received

- Chiefs report for March 2022. (Attached to April 4<sup>th</sup> Interim BOFC / Chiefs minutes.)
- Operations Report for April 2022
- Treasurer Report for April 2022
- Bill of Sale / Hold Harmless – Indemnification Agreement, Farmingville Fire District, Re: Sale of 1985 Chevrolet Hose Truck
- Seaford Fire Department: Change in Status: Resignation of John Lanyo.
- Seaford Hook, Ladder & Engine Co. #1, Inc.: Michael Isler accepted by membership into the Company.
- Seaford Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association – Signed Lease Agreement

### Secretary Report

- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2022 BOFC meeting and the April 4, 2022 BOFC / Chiefs meetings. Unanimously carried.
- Secretary Michael Foran advised that with the assistance of District Manager Paul Lochner Regular and Interim meeting minutes and agendas continue to be posted on the Department website.
- Cellular Telephone, Credit Card, Drug Testing, Line of Duty Injury and Paramedic Training Course Reimbursement policies updated in the policy book as approved at the March 28<sup>th</sup> BOFC meeting.

### Operations Report (Provided by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See New Business.

### Legal Report (Provided by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- Governor Kathy Hochul signed the EMS Cost Recovery Act (Senate Bill S7186A) in the NYS budget. The EMS Cost Recovery Act allows volunteer fire departments to recover costs for emergency medical services (EMS) rendered. Discussion then ensued.
- Counsel moved their office to, 400 Broadhollow Road, Suite 2, Farmingdale, New York 11735.

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- Prior to the meeting Commissioner Michael Bellissimo requested clarification on Department members on medical leave. Can they attend meetings / social functions? Counsel advised that they can attend meetings / social functions in a guest capacity only. The member is not to be assigned any duties and no credits / LOSAP is to be given a member on medical leave. Discussion then ensued. District Secretary Michael Foran to draft letter to be provided to the Chiefs' office which details the terms while on medical leave. The Chiefs are to provide this letter to the member upon notification that a member will be placed on medical leave.

### Treasurer Report

- General Fund Warrant: \$118,951.02
- Apparatus Warrant: \$32,084.50
- Building Warrant: \$0.00
- Motions
  - Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

### Old Business

- Secretary Michael Foran advises he has not researched into becoming a Notary and will do so as soon as possible.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to purchase a Patriot Award Co-Sponsor ad and eight (8) tickets to the Seaford 9/11 Memorial / Patriot Award dinner to be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at a cost of \$1,800.00. Unanimously carried.
- Secretary Michael Foran presented signed lease agreement with the Seaford Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association. Copy provided to District Treasurer Michael Murphy. Copy to be provided to the Seaford Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association.

### Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Robert Powell**
  - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
    - New Engine 682 will be delivered to Gabrielle Truck Sales very soon. Outlined actions for placing the Engine in service.
    - Discussed ordering 2023 Chevy Tahoe, in white, as per Operation report.
    - Replacement of hose for Engines and Heavy Rescue: Requests District Manager Paul Lochner acquire sample of hoses from vendor.
- **Vice Chairman Peter Mangiolino**
  - Uniforms / PPE
    - Sporadic receipt of uniforms and gear due to supply chain issues.
  - Medicals / Medical Director
    - Continued issues with members being billed for annual physical bloodwork, etc.
  - EMS

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- Questionnaire requesting residence needs (i.e. disabilities, special conditions, etc.) placed on hold pending feasibility study.
  - District Employees
    - Pending, per Operations report. Tabled to May BOFC meeting.
- **Commissioner George von Glahn, Jr.** (Not present.)
  - Grants
    - No reports.
  - Legal
    - No report.
  - Physical Fitness
    - No report.
  - Building Maintenance
    - No Report
  - Public Relations / Member Retention
    - No report.
  - LOSAP
    - No report.
- **Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo**
  - Insurance
    - Liability insurance for property at 3844 Waverly Ave. required. Working with insurance carrier for best suited coverage. Depending on pricing either \$160,000.00 or \$300,000.00 in coverage.
  - Travel
    - N.F.P.A June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>, Boston, MA
      - No interest at this time.
    - NYS Chiefs – June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup>, Syracuse, NY
      - No interest at this time.
    - Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo will not be attending AFDSNY Annual Meeting & Leadership Summit on May 4, 2022 – May 7, 2022 in Verona, NY. Commissioner Peter Mangiolino remains in attendance.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Keith Kern will not be attending F.D.I.C. in Indianapolis, IN on April 25, 2022 – April 30, 2022. All others remain in attendance.
  - Inspection / Installation
    - Inspection - Held on April 7, 2022
    - Installation – Held on April 23, 2022, Milleridge Inn Cottage. 2023 to be held at Milleridge Inn Cottage.
  - Cell Phones
    - No report.
  - 3 Towns Training Center
    - No report.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo** (Not present)
  - Communications, Radio, IT
    - No report.
  - Building Security
    - No report.
  - Fire Alarms

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- No report.
- Financial Statements / Audit
  - See Treasurer's Report.
- Bylaws / Policies
  - See New Business.

**New Business**

- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to verify and approve all results of the 2022 Department Elections held on Thursday, April 7, 2022. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to approve four (4) year service contract, including preventative maintenance, for two (2) Lifepak 15s in the amount of \$13,096.80 (billed annually at \$3,274.20 over four (4) years). Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman Powell to purchase one (1) Stryker Lucas Chest Compression System (unit, spare battery, external power supply, desktop charger for spare battery and five (5) years of preventative maintenance and service as well as initial training) in the amount of \$22,855.15. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to approve licensing to have North Massapequa Fire District Dispatch record Seaford's fire ground frequency in the amount of \$1,620.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to purchase nine (9) sets of firefighter turnout gear, to replace gear which has reached its ten (10) year life of service, under NYS contract with a cost of approximately \$3,000.00 per set (total approximate cost of \$27,000.00). Unanimously carried.
- Secretary Michael Foran presented the following policies;
  - Annual Firefighter's Inspection Dinner Policy,
  - Driver License Requirements For Members Policy,
  - Foil Request Policy,
  - Long Term Parking Policy, and
  - Use of Dunlap Hall Policy.

**Policies reviewed by Board of Fire Commissioners.**

- Due to the logistics involved Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo inquired with Counsel regarding need to take attendance at the Inspection Dinner. Counsel advised it was not necessary and any reference to this subject could be removed from the policy.
- Commissioner Peter Mangiolino inquired with Counsel regarding members having an out of state driver license. Discussion then ensued. Counsel advised members with an out of state driver license cannot operate District vehicles. Counsel further advised that a member with an out of state residency can no longer be an active member of the Department.

Motion by Commissioner Pete Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to adopt the policy as modified / presented. Unanimously carried.

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Chiefs' Report (March 2022)

- Request for replacement hose for Engine 681, Engine 682 and Heavy Rescue 687 tabled pending further review.
- BOFC reviewed open items on Chiefs' Report.
  - Firefighters Medical Leave – Letters from member's doctor required on a monthly basis.
  - Need for MPO course.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to close the meeting at 21:53 hours. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran  
Secretary  
Seaford Fire District