

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: December 28, 2022**

Present: Chairman Peter Mangiolino  
Vice Chairman George von Glahn  
Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo  
Fire Commissioner Robert Podesta  
District Manager Paul Lochner  
District Treasurer Michael Murphy

Chairman Peter Mangiolino called the Regular meeting to order at 20:00.

### Communications Received

- Chiefs report for November 2022.
- Operations Report for December 2022.
- Treasurer Report for December 2022.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Brian Winter.
- Nassau County Board of Elections – Memorandum of Agreement.
- Treasurer Michel Murphy: Town of Hempstead, Town Clerk. Re.: Treasurer Bond.
- Scahill Law Group, Inc.: F.O.I.L. Request
- McNeil & Company, Inc.: Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss

### Secretary Report (Presented by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to accept minutes from the November 28, 2022 BOFC meeting and the December 5, 2022 BOFC / Chiefs meeting. Unanimously approved.
- District election held on December 13th. Commissioner Elect Robert Podesta.
  - Vouchers for Jeff Fannon, Phil Nicola and Ed Hahnefeld submitted to Treasurer Murphy.
  - Letter sent to Commissioner Elect Robert Podesta advising of date of District reorganizational meeting.
- Scahill Law Group: F.O.I.L. Request. No information available. Incident within the boundary of the Wantagh Fire District. Scahill Law Group notified.
- 2023 Reorganizational meeting to be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to move the January 2023 BOFC meeting to Monday, January 30, 2023 at 8:00 P.M. Unanimously carried. Secretary Foran to prepare legal notice.

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

- See report and new business.

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

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- The first local Commissioner Training Class [AFDSNY] for 2023 which I will be presenting will be on Saturday February 4th at 8:00 am. at North Patchogue Fire District. I will also present the class at North Massapequa Fire District on Saturday April 8th. Registration can be accomplished on the AFDSNY website. Note that any online training should be done after January 1st if that choice is made so it occurs within 270 days after January 1, 2023.
- On the legislative front the Governor signed Chapter 670 of the Laws of 2022. The significance of this legislation is that it provides access to the partial real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters for all volunteer firefighters in the state. Prior to this law passing the exemption was only available to volunteer firefighters in 30 of the counties in New York State. It was and is already available in Nassau and Suffolk County.

For the time being this legislation does not affect Nassau County [Seaford] volunteer firefighters, but within 3 years Nassau County and others with programs already in place will need to revise their programs under the new law and all of the local government approvals will need to be re- done.

It is important for the Board to be aware of the legislation so that if any personnel bring it up you will be prepared to inform them that currently the new law does not affect them [they already have access to the exemption] and within 3 years some changes will be made to address the new law.

### Treasurer Report (Provided by Treasurer Michael Murphy)

- General Fund Warrant: \$301,637.86
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00
- Motions
  - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta for the 2022 Budget to increase District Manager \$870.00, decrease Other Comp. -\$870.00; increase Repairs To Apparatus \$6,900.00, increase Firematic Equipment \$50,000.00, increase Utilities \$1,480.00, decrease Repairs to Building -\$24,900.00, decrease Other Employee Benefits -\$8,000.00, decrease Office Supplies -\$13,000.00 decrease Repairs to Radio -\$8,480.00, decrease Audit -\$4,000.00; increase Cyber Insurance \$90.00, decrease Umbrellas Insurance -\$90.00. Unanimously carried.
  - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo , second by Commissioner George von Glahn for the 2023 Budget to increase District Manager \$14,150.00, increase Treasurer \$404.00, increase Attorney \$308.00, increase PT Cleaner (Bongiovi) \$400.00; decrease Turnover/Projects -\$4,000.00, decrease Secretary - \$800.00, decrease PT Maintainer (Cottone) -\$3,300.00, decrease PT Maintainer (Colosono) -\$1,750.00, decrease PT Maintainer (Diehl) -\$1,225.00 and decrease Other employee benefits -\$4,187.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

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### Old Business

- Secretary Michael Foran advises he has not researched into becoming a Notary and will do so as soon as possible.
- Commissioner George von Glahn advised he is waiting for application from the Seaford Chamber of Commerce.

### Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Peter Mangiolino**
  - Uniforms / PPE
    - No report.
  - Medicals / Medical Director
    - To call Dr. Fogel's office to get list of members who have not scheduled physicals.
  - EMS
    - No report.
  - District Employees
    - Salaries for employees submitted. District Secretary to draft letters to employees for their service and 2023 salary.
- **Vice Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
  - Grants
    - Need to apply for more grants in 2023.
  - Legal
    - No report.
  - Physical Fitness
    - No report.
  - Building Maintenance
    - No report.
  - Public Relations / Member Retention
    - No report.
  - LOSAP
    - Closes at the end of the month.
- **Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo**
  - Insurance
    - No report.
  - Travel
    - FDSOA Health & Safety Forum, St. Pete Beach, FL. January 15, 2023 – January 18, 2023.
      - No interest at this time.
    - Fire – Rescue East, Daytona Beach, FL. January 17, 2023 – January 20, 2023.
      - No interest at this time.
    - F.D.I.C., Indianapolis, IN. April 24, 2023 – April 29, 2023.
    - Assoc. of Fire Districts, Turning Stone, NY. May 18, 2023 – May 20, 2023.
      - Chairman Peter Mangiolino voiced interest to attend.
  - Inspection / Installation

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- April 2023
- 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
    - No report.
  - Financial Statements / Audit
    - No report.
  - Bylaws / Policies
    - No report.
  - Drill Team
    - No report.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
  - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
    - No report.

New Business

- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to purchase fifteen (15) forty-five (45) minute cylinders as spare at a cost of \$27,726.00 on NYS contract with an additional fifteen (15) cylinders for calendar year 2024 (2024 cost TBD). Unanimously carried.

Chiefs' Report (November 2022)

- Open equipment requests
  - Motion Commissioner George von Glahn, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to purchase a (second) Lucas device, including battery charger, external power supply, spare battery and four (4) years of preventative maintenance at a cost of \$24,571.54. Unanimously carried.
  - Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to purchase two (2) battery powered forcible entry saws for Truck 683 and Heavy Rescue 687 at a cost of approximately \$2,025.00. Unanimously carried.
  - Updated quote to purchase (2) new mobile radios (instead of the original request for 4). Request placed on hold.
    - (2) radios and associated equipment \$4289.60
    - Remove/install/relocate new and existing radios and associated equipment \$4918.26
    - Total cost is \$9207.86
- BOFC reviewed open items on Chiefs' Report.

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- Provide BOFC with list of members training for the TRT on December Chief's report.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner George von Glahn, to close the meeting at 20:39 hours, December 28, 2022. Unanimously carried.

Minutes recorded by District Manager Paul Lochner in the absence of Secretary Foran.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Michael R. Foran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'F'.

Michael R. Foran  
Secretary  
Seaford Fire District