

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: January 30, 2023

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
District Secretary Michael R. Foran
Joseph Frank, Esq.

Chairman Peter Mangiolino called the Regular meeting to order at 20:08.

Communications Received

- Chiefs report for December 2022.
- Operations Report for January 2023.
- Treasurer Report for January 2023.
- Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County: Advertising Contract and Annual Installation Dinner Invitation.
- Richner Communication: Legal Notices
 - December meeting date change,
 - Fire Commissioner election,
 - Preparation of Election Rolls,
 - Annual Reorganizational meeting,
 - January 2023 Meeting Date Change.
- Carlin Simpson & Associates / H2M Architects + Engineers – RE: Subsurfaces Soil and Foundation Investigation 3844 Waverly Ave., Seaford, NY
- Signed contract between Copiague Fire District and Seaford Fire District – Fire Apparatus Repair.
- White, Cirrito, Nally & Lynch, LLP: F.O.I.L. Request – Edward Cox PCR report request.
- Patrick Kelly: F.O.I.L. Request – PCR report request.
- Application for Long Term Parking.
- Nassau County Board of Elections – Special Election, February 28, 2023.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – School Leave.

Secretary Report (Presented by District Secretary Michael R. Foran)

- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to accept minutes from the December 28, 2022 BOFC meeting and the January 4, 2023 Reorganizational meeting. Unanimously approved.
- White, Cirrito, Nally & Lynch, LLP: F.O.I.L. Request – Edward Cox PCR report request. Reviewed by Counsel. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to process request. Unanimously approved.

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- Patrick Kelly: F.O.I.L. Request – PCR report request. Reviewed by Counsel. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to process request. Unanimously approved.
- Application for Long Term Parking reviewed by the Board, maximum term of 10 days. Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to approve request. Unanimously approved.
- Nassau County Board of Elections – Special Election, February 28, 2023 from 5:00 A.M. to at least 9:30 P.M.
 - Jeff Fannon and Phil Nicola to handle custodian responsibilities. Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo for payment of \$100.00 per member for custodian duties. Unanimously carried.
 - Voting machines to be delivered on Friday, February 24th or Monday, February 27th from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Pick up on Wednesday, March 1st or Thursday, March 2nd, same hours.
- Policy Update
 - Controlled Substances Protocol Policy approved / pending finalization.
 - Applicant Permission to Perform Background Check Policy / Form needs clarification / review. Working with Counsel.
 - New Membership Policy, in process.
 - New policy – School Leave, in process.

Operations Report (Provided by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See report and new business.
- Commissioner George von Glahn questioned need for installation of Verizon FIOS. Discussion ensued.

Legal Report (Provided by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- 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.

Treasurer Report (Provided by Treasurer Michael Murphy)

- General Fund Warrant: \$577,085.35
- Apparatus Warrant: \$295,056.96
- Building Warrant: \$ 88,000.00
- Motions
 - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner George von Glahn, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino for the 2023 budget to increase Cyber Insurance \$101.00,

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decrease Inland Marine -\$101.00; increase Other Employee Benefits \$5,000.00, decrease Hydrant Rental -\$3,000.00 and decrease NYSLRS -\$2,000.00. Unanimously carried.

- At the request of the Treasurer motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo for the 2022 budget to reclassify (increase) Capital Equipment \$23,485.60, increase Utilities \$4,200.00, increase Repairs to Apparatus \$700.00 and decrease Repair to Building -\$28,385.60. Unanimously carried.
- At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to close permissive referendum for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), approved June 6, 2022, published June 16, 2022, with authorization to expend up to \$300,000.00; \$295,056.96 was actually expended and no further expenditures are to be made against this permissive referendum. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino 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.
- Commissioner George von Glahn advised he is waiting for application from the Seaford Chamber of Commerce.
- Agreement between the Seaford Fire District and the Copiague Fire District – Fire Apparatus Repair. Received signed contract from Copiague.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Peter Mangiolino**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - Members can request flu shot as part of physical examination.
 - EMS
 - No report.
 - District Employees
 - No report.
- **Vice Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo advised at the last meeting of the AFDNC it was mentioned that there is a considerable amount of monies available for grants.
 - Legal
 - No report.
 - Physical Fitness
 - Approximately 16 members signed up with World Gym.
 - Building Maintenance
 - No report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - No report.

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- LOSAP
 - Working with District Manager Paul Lochner to close out for 2022.
- **Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - No report.
 - Travel
 - 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.
 - Secretary Michael Foran possibly to attend.
 - NYS Chiefs, Syracuse, NY. June 14, 2023 – June 17, 2023
 - N.F.P.A., Las Vegas, NV. June 18, 2023 – June 23, 2023.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - April 2023
 - Cell Phones
 - No report.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo (Not Present)**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - 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**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - In the process of obtaining quotations for replacing / upgrading UPS' and a KVM switch.
 - Updated phone system voicemail.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - No report.

New Business

- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to sponsor a full page advertisement in the Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County 2023 journal in the amount of \$225.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to purchase a table at the Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County annual installation of officers in the amount of \$1,375.00. Unanimously carried.

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- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to install Verizon FIOS internet and TV. Internet to be used as a backup to current Lightpath internet. Cost will be \$402.00 / month for the internet / TV package. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George von Glahn to replace dumpster, which is rotted, at a cost of \$2,406.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to hire Tara Pipe Band for 2023 parades (Wantagh St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, 6th Battalion Parade) at a cost of \$1,400.00 per parade (\$4,200.00). Unanimously carried.

Chiefs' Report (December 2022)

- Equipment requests
 - 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.
 - Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to purchase Drill Team equipment as per Chief's report in the amount of \$12,155.64. Unanimously carried.
 - It was noted that items on the report requiring pricing (hose, couplings) must be submitted with the January 2023 Chief's report.
- BOFC reviewed items on Chiefs' Report.
 - Discussion ensued regarding Chief's request for Fire Fighter Tyler Gerhard to run for Ambulance 685 Lieutenant in April 2023 Department elections.
 - Discussion regarding Chiefs Order – School Leave, dated May 28, 2021.
 - Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo and unanimously carried to provide CDT testing for FM Robert Romano, FF Mark Elliot, Lt. Sal Ancona and FF Michael Isler.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, to close the meeting at 22:08 hours, January 30, 2023. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District