

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: February 27, 2023

Present: Chairman Peter Mangiolino
Vice Chairman George von Glahn
Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Michael 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 20:00.

Communications Received

- Chiefs report for January 2023.
- Operations Report for February 2023.
- Treasurer Report for February 2023.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Resignation of Member.
- F.O.I.L. Request: Ondrovic & Platek #1
- F.O.I.L. Request: Ondrovic & Platek #2
- Richner Publications: Legal Notice – BOFC / Fire Chief meeting dates & January 2023 meeting date change.
- Seaford 9/11 Memorial Committee: 2023 Patriot Award Dinner and Journal.
- Nassau County Board of Elections: Polling Place Rental Reimbursement.

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

- Motion by Commissioner George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to accept minutes from the January 30, 2023 BOFC / Chiefs meeting and the January 30, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners meeting. Unanimously carried.
- F.O.I.L. Request: Ondrovic & Platek #1 – Reviewed by Counsel, all in order. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to process the request. Unanimously carried.
- F.O.I.L. Request: Ondrovic & Platek #2 – Reviewed by Counsel, all in order. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to process the request. Unanimously carried.
- 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.
 - 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

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- Controlled Substances Protocol Policy approved / pending finalization.
- Applicant Permission to Perform Background Check Policy – In process.
- New Membership Policy, needs clarification / review.
 - Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo requests clarification on section #6. Discussion ensued. Secretary Michael Foran to modify section.
- New policy – School Leave, seeking approval. See new business.

Operations Report (Provided by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See report and new business.

Legal Report (Provided by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- Discussed pending District resolution regarding Drill Team. See Resolution No. 1 attached.
- Reviewed F.O.I.L. requests and advised requests can be processed.

Treasurer Report (Provided by Treasurer Michael Murphy)

- General Fund Warrant: \$340,497.47
- Apparatus Warrant: \$3,172.62
- Building Warrant: \$0.00
- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Commissioner George von Glahn advised he is waiting for application from the Seaford Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Peter Mangiolino**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - Dr. Fogel is out of the office for two (2) weeks due to personal matter. Members with physicals scheduled during this time have been rescheduled by Dr. Fogel's office.
 - EMS
 - No report.
 - District Employees
 - No report.
- **Vice Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - No report.
 - Legal
 - No report.
 - Physical Fitness

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- Minor changes to membership roster.
 - Building Maintenance
 - No report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - No report.
 - LOSAP
 - Finalizing for 2022.
- **Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - No report.
 - Travel
 - F.D.I.C., Indianapolis, IN. April 24, 2023 – April 29, 2023.
 - Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo for Paul Lochner, Brian Beehler, Joseph Pignataro and Peter Lochner to attend. Unanimously carried. See Resolution No. 2 attached.
 - Assoc. of Fire Districts, Turning Stone, NY. May 18, 2023 – May 20, 2023.
 - Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta for Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to attend. Unanimously carried. See resolution No. 3 attached.
 - NYS Chiefs, Syracuse, NY. June 14, 2023 – June 17, 2023
 - Pending list of attendees.
 - N.F.P.A., Las Vegas, NV. June 18, 2023 – June 23, 2023.
 - Chairman Peter Mangiolino possible.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - April 22, 2023
 - Cell Phones
 - Contract renews April 2023.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - Uniforms for member(s) prior to inspection.
 - Building Security
 - No report.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No report.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - No report.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - No report.
 - Drill Team
 - Discussed Drill Team budget and status of motorized tournament team. Secured Five (5) Towns Training Center in Merrick as training course.
 - See new business and resolution regarding Drill Team.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**

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- Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - Replacing / upgrading UPS' and a KVM switch. See Operations Report and new business.
- Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - No report.

New Business

- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George von Glahn to move forward with Department Inspection and Election on Thursday, April 6, 2023. Refreshment budget to be set at \$3,000.00. Unanimously carried. District Secretary to send letter to Chief's Office advising the times and date for the April 2023 Inspection, Election and Oath of Office.
- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to approve Chief's request for Tyler Gerhard to run for EMS Lieutenant. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo for Seaford 9/11 Memorial Committee / Patriot Award Dinner and Journal. Co-Sponsor add at a cost of \$1,000.00. Eight (8) additional seats at dinner at a cost of \$100.00 per person. For a total of \$1,800.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta that the fire department racing and drill team be continued and supported financially by the fire district. Unanimously carried. See Resolution No. 1 attached.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to install two (2) 3000VA APC's and a new KVM in the server racks at a cost of \$4,403.91. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to dispose of 2000' LD 5", 700' 2 ½" and 1350' 1 ¾ hose deemed to be obsolete. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to dispose of thirty-three (33) SCBA paks deemed to be obsolete. Unanimously carried.
- Secretary Michael Foran presented the following (new) policy;
 - School Leave PolicyPolicy reviewed by Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion by Chairman Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to adopt the policy as presented. Unanimously carried.

Chiefs' Report (January 2023)

- Equipment requests
 - Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to purchase Drill Team equipment as per Chief's report in the amount of \$2,712.00. Unanimously carried.
- 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. See new business.

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With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, to close the meeting at 21:17 hours, February 27, 2023. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO.1: TO FUND AND SUPPORT DRILL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire District, pursuant to Town Law §176(10), may organize, operate, maintain and equip fire companies. Furthermore, a fire district has the implied authority to fund the activities of its volunteer firefighters when the activities contribute to the efficiency of the fire department in the performance of its duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is requested to expend such sums reasonable necessary for the maintenance of the racing/drill team; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners determines that the racing/drill team activities provide the type of conditioning necessary for the firefighters to efficiently fulfill their Firematic functions, and the fire district has reasonable assurance that it is realizing sufficient benefits to justify the expenditure and the cost is reasonable in relation to the benefits received by the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners determines that the purchase of fire apparatus for the racing/drill team is reasonably necessary or appropriate for the training of fire department personnel and the refinement of fire-fighting skills and procedures, and the activities of the racing/drill team is designed to improve Firematic skills and as such is an authorized expenditure of district funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners determines in the exercise of its good faith judgment that the activity does in fact constitute a public drill within the meaning of the statute, and that the tournaments scheduled for 2023 are competitive tournaments that qualify as “public drills”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners determines that participation by the fire department membership in a racing/ drill team permits the fire department to continue and preserve an important tradition of the volunteer fire service which contributes to the fire department’s ability to recruit and retain members.

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby determines that the fire department racing and drill team be continued and supported financially by the fire district and that the Board will review and approve requisitions submitted by the Chief of Department for the services and equipment necessary to support operations of that unit on a case by case basis and will approve only those expenditures reasonably necessary for the maintenance of the Racing/Drill team.

The adoption of the foregoing policy in the form of a resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) AYE
Commissioner George von Glahn	) AYE
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) AYE
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo) AYE
Commissioner Robert Podesta) AYE

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The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO.2: RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS (Section 72-g of the General Municipal Law)**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 72-g of the General Municipal Law, has considered the training seminar schedule for volunteer firefighters available within New York State and reviewed the curriculum of the following training seminar: F.D.I.C., Indianapolis, IN, and determined that such training seminar or school of instruction is necessary and in the public interest and is not available within a reasonable distance and time period in the state. It has considered information provided relative to the personal schedule and availability of volunteer personnel to attend such training seminars. It has considered the recommendation of the Chief of Department that the following volunteer firefighters be assigned to attend such training seminar or school of instruction at district expense in accordance with the travel expense policy of the district: Paul Lochner, Brian Beehler, Joseph Pignataro and Peter Lochner, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that such volunteer firefighters be authorized to attend such training program at district expense in accordance with the travel expense policy of the district, and that district staff is directed to make arrangements for travel and lodging utilizing a cost-effective and reasonable method of travel, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief of Department shall require such volunteer firefighter to furnish proof of attendance at such programs within one week of their return, and that the Chief of Department shall thereafter provide a notification and proof of attendance at any such out-of-state training school to the State Office of Fire Prevention and Control ("OFPC") in accordance with the reporting format provided by OFPC, and shall provide a copy of such report to the Board of Fire Commissioners. Such copy of the report shall be attached to the minutes of the next meeting of the Board after its submission.

The adoption of the foregoing policy in the form of a resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) AYE
Commissioner George von Glahn	) AYE
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) AYE
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) AYE
Commissioner Robert Podesta) AYE

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO.3: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE BY DISTRICT OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND CHIEFS AT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS (SPECIFIC PERSONNEL AT A SPECIFIC CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION) (Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law)

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law, has considered the needs of the fire district and has approved attendance by the following Fire Commissioners, District Officers, District Employees or Chiefs at the following conventions and conferences:

Approved personnel list:

Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo

Approved conference or convention:

Association of Fire Districts, Turning Stone, NY. May 18, 2023 – May 20, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners finds such attendance of the listed personnel to relate to official business and be in the public interest and directs that such travel be undertaken by such personnel at district expense in accordance with the travel expense policy of the district, and that district staff is directed to make arrangements for travel and lodging utilizing a cost-effective and reasonable method of travel, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that such personnel furnish proof to the Board of Fire Commissioners of attendance at such conference or convention in accordance with such proofs as provided by the organization sponsoring and conducting the conference or convention.

The adoption of the foregoing policy in the form of a resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) AYE
Commissioner George von Glahn	) AYE
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) AYE
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) AYE
Commissioner Robert Podesta) AYE

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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