

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, October 23, 2023

Present: Vice Chairman George von Glahn
Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Michael Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Robert Podesta
District Treasurer Michael Murphy
District Secretary / Deputy Treasurer Michael R. Foran
Joseph Frank, Esq.

Vice Chairman George von Glahn called the Regular meeting to order at 20:10 hours.

Communications Received

- Operations Report for October 2023.
- Treasurer Report for October 2023.
- Seaford Fire Department Office of the Chief – Re: Honorary Status.
- F.O.I.L. Request – Re: LexisNexis for Fire Report, 2003 Washington Ave., Seaford, NY.
- Richner Publications – Re: Legal Notice for Annual Budget Hearing.
- Richner Publications – Re: Legal Notice for November & December Interim Meeting Date Change.

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

- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to accept minutes from the September 27, 2023 BOFC / Chiefs meeting, BOFC meeting with Executive Session, and the October 17, 2023 Budget Hearing. Unanimously carried.
- Advised letter sent to member regarding dismissal has been delivered, return receipt received.
- F.O.I.L. Request – LexisNexis for Fire Report, 2003 Washington Ave., Seaford, NY. Reviewed by Counsel, all in order. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to process request. Unanimously carried.
- District Budget Hearing held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.
- General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Attendants for the day are Phil Nicola and Jeff Fannon.
- District Election – Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Discussion regarding election clerks. See New Business for resolutions.
- December 2023 BOFC meeting is scheduled for December 25, 2023. Tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2023.
- Reorganizational meeting tentatively rescheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
- Discussed policy review for 2024.
- Bylaw Review
 - Article VI
 - Article X

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Articles reviewed by Board of Fire Commissioners. Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to adopt the Articles as modified / presented.
Unanimously carried.

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

- See report.
 - Commissioner Robert Podesta discussed the proposed Agreement for Ambulance Billing Services. Tabled as further research required regarding legalities between “District” and “Department” regarding monetary accounts and billing practices.

Legal Report (Presented by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- No pending matters.

Treasurer Report (Presented by Deputy Treasurer Michael R. Foran)

- General Fund Warrant: \$57,269.28
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00
- Motions
 - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to approve the 2024 District appropriations budget of \$2,511,350.00 presented at the public hearing on October 17, 2023 and override the tax levy limit. This appropriation is expected to produce a tax levy of \$2,397,301.00 which is above the District’s tax levy limit for 2024. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #1, attached.
 - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Vice Chairman George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo to adopt the 2024 proposed District budget of \$2,511,350.00 for 2024 and estimate fund balances. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #2, attached.
- Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Ambulance 684 box remount - HGAC quotation received. See Operations Report. Commissioner Robert Podesta and District Manager Paul Lochner scheduling date to visit VCI’s facility.
- Commissioner Michael Bellissimo working with members on Ex-Captain plaque.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Peter Mangiolino** (Not present)
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - No report.

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- EMS
 - No report.
- District Employees
 - See Operation report.
- **Vice Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - Spoke to NYS Senator Steve Rhodes regarding availability of grants. District Secretary Michael Foran and District Manager working on letter to send to Senator Rhodes.
 - Legal
 - See Legal report.
 - Physical Fitness
 - Reports progress.
 - Building Maintenance
 - Reports progress, see Operation report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - Reports progress.
 - LOSAP
 - Reports progress. Coming to a close for 2023.
- **Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - Reports progress.
 - Travel
 - VCOS Symposium in the Sun, Clearwater Beach, FL. November 9, 2023 – November 12, 2023.
 - Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and District Manager Paul Lochner to attend. (Per resolution August 28th BOFC meeting.)
 - Inspection / Installation
 - May 4, 2024, reports progress.
 - Cell Phones
 - Reports progress.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - Reports progress.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - Reports progress.
 - Building Security
 - Reports progress.
 - Fire Alarms
 - Reports progress.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - Reports progress.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - Reports progress. See Secretary's report.
 - Drill Team

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- Will have requests by November BOFC meeting.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - Reports progress. See Operation Report.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - See Operation Report and old business.
 - Other
 - Received request to have “rig patches” added to turnout gear and uniform jacket. Discussion ensued. Request must go through Chiefs Office.

New Business

- On a motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners approve the membership of Christian Campisi.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo appointing Board of Elections for the Seaford Fire District election (Resolution #3 attached). Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo for preparation of registration rolls for the Seaford Fire District elections (Resolution attached #4). Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo requiring candidates for District Office to file their names in the form of a petition (Resolution #5 attached). Unanimously carried.
- Discussed quotation presented for holiday lighting to be installed on firehouse. Tabled pending second quotation.
- Vice Chairman George von Glahn discussed adding electric chainsaw(s) to 683 and 687.
- Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo reviewed with the Board of Fire Commissioners the proposed credit (point) system.

Chiefs' Report

- Reviewed open items / items for discussion.
- Equipment requests.
 - None.

Executive Session

- On a motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Vice Chairman George von Glahn and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District entered into Executive Session at 21:13 hours to discuss membership status of a volunteer firefighter.
- On a motion by Vice Chairman George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District adjourned from Executive Session at 21:23 hours with no action taken.

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With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to close the meeting at 21:42 hours, October 23, 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 initial 'M' and 'F'.

Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1: OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2024 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2024 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 17, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 17, 2023 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2024 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2024 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district; a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2024 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$2,511,350.00, and

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

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) Not present
Vice Chairman George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
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ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN
Secretary

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2024 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 17, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 17, 2023 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2024 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2024 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00 % increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows;

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

WHEREAS, previously at the meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2024 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Seaford Fire District for 2024 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$2,511,350.00

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

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) Not present.
Vice Chairman George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN
Secretary

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 3 APPOINTING BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District election; and

WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the County Board of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following resident electors of the Seaford Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Seaford Board of Elections for the 2023 Annual Fire District Election:

Phil Nicola	Chairman
Susan Nicola	Election Inspector
Jeff Fannon	Election Inspector
Ed Hahnefeld	Ballot Clerk

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks be compensated in the amount of \$70.00 for their services in preparing the registration records and \$70.00 for attendance at the annual election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable to refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

The resolution was thereupon duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) Not Present
Vice Chairman George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN
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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 4 PREPARATION OF REGISTRATION ROLLS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District, having heretofore appointed a Board of Elections to comply with the registration and voting procedures set forth in Section 175-a of the Town Law, does hereby designate the 12th day of December, 2023, as the date of meeting for the Board of Elections to prepare registration rolls for the annual election of the Seaford Fire District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such meeting take place at the Fire District Office located at 2170 Southard Avenue, Seaford, New York, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on that date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a legal notice informing the resident electors of the Seaford Fire District of this meeting be published by the Fire District Secretary in the official newspaper of the Seaford Fire District.

The resolution was thereupon duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) Not Present
Vice Chairman George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
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ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN
Secretary

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 5 REQUIRING CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT OFFICE TO FILE THEIR NAMES
IN THE FORM OF A PETITION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority in the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District under Section 176 subd. 7 of the Town Law, the following procedure is hereby adopted for the submission by a candidate of his or her name for District Office:

1. Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Fire District at the Fire District Office located at No. 2170 Southard Avenue, Seaford, New York at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such Fire District election.

2. Such candidates shall submit their names in petition form nominating them for the office sought and subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District.

3. The petition shall state the candidate's name and residence address, and shall describe the office sought in sufficient detail to clearly indicate same.

4. The petition shall contain a space for each qualified voter of the fire district wishing to nominate the candidate for the office sought to subscribe his or her name, print his or her full name, and print his or her residence address.

5. The Fire District Secretary shall make petition forms available to the candidates for District Office or their representative together with a copy of this resolution; the form for such petition is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire District Secretary shall prepare the ballot for the election (printed form for election machine) specifying the names of the candidates duly filed for each office in accordance with the above procedure, and in addition providing for a blank space for each office which may be filled in at the time of the election.

The aforementioned resolution was thereupon duly submitted for approval, and upon roll call the vote was a follows:

Chairman Peter Mangiolino	) Not present
Vice Chairman George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
October 23, 2023

ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN
Secretary