

# INTERIM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS & CHIEFS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, December 4, 2023

Present: Vice Chairman George von Glahn  
Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo  
Fire Commissioner Michael Bellissimo  
Fire Commissioner Robert Podesta  
Chief of Department Keith Kern  
Second Assistant Chief Brian Beehler  
District Manager Paul Lochner  
District Secretary Michael R. Foran

Vice Chairman George von Glahn called the Interim meeting to order at 21:15 hours.

Chief's Report: Chief of Department Keith Kern read through the November 2023 Chief's Report.

- Attachments
  - Department Monthly Percentage Report – November 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023.
  - NY Orthopedics – Re: Member medical leave.
  - Northwell Health – Re: Member medical leave.
  - Apparatus Checkout Report: November 2023.
  - Seaford Fire Department Honorary Membership Application.
  - MERV: Open House / Fire Prevention 10/22/2023.
  - Seaford Fire Department Juniors Roster

## Chiefs' Comments

- Discussion regarding using NC Tac 1 Fireground.

## Commissioners' Comments

- Commissioner George von Glahn
  - Directed the Chiefs to recover District property from dismissed member.
- Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo
  - Inquired on how credit (point) system was working. Discussion ensued. Chiefs reported while there are minor issues to be worked out overall the system was working and has had a positive effect on the Department.
- Commissioner Michael Bellissimo
  - No further comment.
- Commissioner Robert Podesta

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- Radios to be programmed to South Farmingdale's new frequency as per letter from South Farmingdale.
- District Manager Paul Lochner to provide list of members who have not made appointments for physical examination to the Chiefs Office as soon as possible.
  
- On a motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners approve the membership of Ryan Dzwlewicz, Christopher Marrone, Michael Marrone, Brennan McVetty and Caitlin Welsh.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to approve request for Honorary status by Firefighter Mario Salvo, effective January 1, 2024. Unanimously approved.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Michael Bellissimo to approve the minutes with Executive Session from the November 27, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioner meeting. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Vice Chairman George von Glahn and unanimously carried to proceed with implementation of a system for billing patients for emergency ambulance services provided under the ambulance certificate of need of the Fire District and/or Fire Department at the point of service for such services rendered in said Fire District. See attached resolution.

### Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District entered into Executive Session at 22:10 hours to discuss status of a volunteer firefighter.

On a motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District adjourned from Executive Session at 22:20 hours.

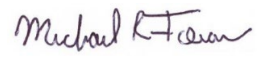
District Manager Paul Lochner

- No further comments.

There being no further business to be conducted at this time, the meeting adjourned at 22:35 hours, December 4, 2023, on a motion by Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Foran".

Michael R. Foran  
Secretary  
Seaford Fire District

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION TO BILL PATIENTS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, under Chapter 55 Part KK of the Laws of 2022 the authority having jurisdiction over a volunteer fire department which provides emergency ambulance service to its community is now empowered to provide for billing of patients receiving such services, and

WHEREAS, the Seaford Fire District and its Board of Fire Commissioners is the authority having jurisdiction over the Seaford Fire Department which provides emergency ambulance service to its community as that term is defined in such enactment, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District has determined that it is in the best interests of its real property taxpayers and the people provided with fire protection, emergency ambulance service and related emergency services, that the Seaford Fire District adopt, authorize and provide for a system of billing patients for emergency ambulance services at the point of service in said fire district, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners further finds that the complexity of the billing process and the regulatory requirements of same demand that it enter into an agreement with a firm that specializes in providing billing services to emergency ambulance service providers, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 Part KK of the Laws of 2022 further requires that before the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District can commence billing patients for emergency ambulance services that it must enter into a written agreement with the Seaford Fire Department concerning such ambulance cost recovery, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 Part KK of the Laws of 2022 further requires that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District as the authority having jurisdiction over the Fire Department is the entity which must adopt and issue a schedule of fees and charges for the services which will be billed for under this new system of ambulance cost recovery [a schedule of fees and charges to be paid by persons requesting and/ or receiving such service or services], and which must seek participation in and reimbursement from the medical assistance programs involved and adhere to any medical assistance enrollment and billing requirements applicable to such services prior to receiving reimbursement, and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED;

1. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District hereby adopts and authorizes the imposition of a system for billing patients for emergency ambulance services provided under the ambulance certificate of need of the Fire District and/or Fire Department at the point of service for such services rendered in said Fire District.

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2. The Board of Fire Commissioners will enter into an agreement with a firm that specializes in providing billing services to emergency ambulance service providers in accordance with a procurement process that involved review of requests for proposals and any proposals obtained by county or regional fire service organizations which agreement will be attached hereto after it is approved and made a part hereof.
3. The Board of Fire Commissioners will enter into an agreement under General Municipal Law § 209-b with the Seaford Fire Department in reference to how the fees and charges collected shall be disbursed prior to the imposition of any fees and charges which agreement will be attached hereto after it is entered into and made a part hereof.
4. The Board of Fire Commissioners will adopt and issue a schedule of charges for the services which will be imposed under this new system of ambulance cost recovery [a schedule of fees and charges to be paid by persons requesting and/ or receiving such service or services], and will seek participation in and reimbursement from the medical assistance programs involved and adhere to any medical assistance enrollment and billing requirements applicable to such services prior to receiving reimbursement which schedule is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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
Commissioner George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York  
December 4, 2023

Attest: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary