

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, January 22, 2024

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

Chairman George von Glahn called the Regular meeting to order at 20:00 hours.

Communications Received

- Operations Report for January 2024.
- Treasurer Report for January 2024.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Re: Medical Leave (1).
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Re: Medical Leave (2).
- Assoc. of Fire Districts of Nassau County – Re: 2024 Directory and Journal pages.
- Assoc. of Fire Districts of Nassau County – Re: Annual Installation Dinner.
- McNeil & Co. – Re: Member Accident & Health (DOL 01/11/24)
- Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant Program (V-FIRE) Request For Applications. (RFA)

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

- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to accept minutes from the December 4, 2023 Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting with Executive Session. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to accept minutes from the December 27, 2023 BOFC meeting. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to accept minutes from the January 3, 2024 BOFC Reorganizational meeting. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman George von Glahn to accept minutes from the January 8, 2024 Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting. Unanimously carried.
- Current revision of District / Department bylaws distributed to membership via Target Solutions.
- Policy review for 2024 will commence in February.
- Bylaw review for 2024. Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to lead. Recommend starting with Article V (Qualifications), Article VII (Duties of Line Officers). Propose setting one Wednesday evening aside per month to hold a Bylaw review workshop. Commissioner Mangiolino to discuss workshop with Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and advise date(s).

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Operations Report (Presented by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See report and new business.

Legal Report (Presented by Counsel)

- Training stipends for volunteer firefighters thru the Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC) is in comment stage of the New York State legislation. More information to be available in February 2024. Goal is to improve recruitment and retention. Local stipends can be provided by local government / fire districts if budgeted.
- NIOSH looking to change NFPA standard which will adversely affect volunteer fire service. This topic needs to be watched.
- \$25 million in grant available thru Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant Program (V-FIRE). Documentation provided to BOFC.

Treasurer Report (Presented by Treasurer Michael Murphy)

- General Fund Warrant: \$200,002.32
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00
- Motions
 - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Chairman George von Glahn to increase Capital Equip. \$72,000.00 and decrease Repairs to Bldg. -\$70,000.00; increase Repairs to Apparatus \$4,000.00, decrease Repairs to Radio -\$4,000.00, and decrease Maintenance to Fire Alarm -\$2,000.00. Unanimously approved.
 - Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Ambulance 684 box remount – Commissioner Robert Podesta and District Manager Paul Lochner visited VCI's facility on January 17th. Impressive operation. Lead time for remount is approximately two (2) years. See new business and Resolution #1.
- Chairman George von Glahn inquired with Counsel regarding EMS Cost Recovery Memorandum of Agreement between District and Department. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - See Legal report.
 - Legal
 - No see report.
 - Physical Fitness
 - See new business.

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- Building Maintenance
 - Reports progress, see Operation report.
- Public Relations / Member Retention
 - Reports progress.
- LOSAP
 - Closed and posted for 2023.
- **Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - Worked with Hometown Insurance to adjust deductibles; hence, lowering premiums.
 - Travel
 - Hurricane Conference, Orlando, FL from Monday, March 25, 2024 thru Thursday, March 28, 2024.
 - Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to attend. See new business and Resolution #2.
 - F.D.I.C., Indianapolis, IN from Monday, April 15, 2024 thru Saturday, April 20, 2024.
 - Chairman George von Glahn, Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, Captain Peter Lochner, Lt. Tyler Gerhard, District Manager Paul Lochner to attend. See new business and Resolution #3.
 - NYS Chiefs, Syracuse, NY from Wednesday, June 12, 2024 thru Saturday, June 15, 2024.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - May 4, 2024, reports progress.
 - Cell Phones
 - Reports progress.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - Reports progress.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo (Not Present)**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - No report.
 - Building Security
 - No report.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No report.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - Secretary Michael Foran reminded BOFC and Treasurer of meeting with Shelter Rock, on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - See Secretary report.
 - Drill Team
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - Reports progress.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment

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- Reports progress. See Operations report and new business.
- **Commissioner Peter Mangiolino**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - Yearly Department physicals in progress.
 - EMS
 - No report.
 - District Employees
 - No report.
 - Other
 - Discussed modification to Medical & Military Leave Policy to provide provision to have any member on medical leave report to the District physician at the three (3) month mark of the medical leave in order for the District physician to determine if continued leave is warranted. Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to work with District Secretary Michael Foran on update for approval by the BOFC.

New Business

- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase sixteen (16) SCBA cylinders on NYS Contract PC69034 at the cost of \$26,265.60. Unanimously approved.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to purchase Remount and Refurbishment of Ambulance (684) and Associated Work and Equipment be completed and that the cost and expenses for such purchase, advertising, incidental expenses, and attorney's fees shall be expended from the Firematic Equipment Capital Reserve Fund upon authorization of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at the maximum estimated cost of two hundred twenty five thousand (\$225,000.00) dollars. Unanimously approved. See Resolution #1 attached.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase hot water heater, which is internally rusting and in need of replacement, and associated services in the amount of \$14,895.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman Peter Mangiolino to hire Tara Pipes Band for three (3) 2023 parades (Wantagh's St. Pats, Memorial Day, 6th Battalion) for a total of \$4,800.00. Unanimously approved.
- Motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to Sponsors a full page advertisement in the Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County 2024 journal at a cost of \$250.00.
- Motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to purchase five (5) tickets to the Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County 2024 Annual Installation of Officers in the amount of \$1,500.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Chairman George von Glahn for Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to attend the Hurricane Conference in Orlando, FL from March 25, 2024 thru March 28, 2024. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #2 attached.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta for Chairman George von Glahn, Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, Captain Peter Lochner, Lt. Tyler

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Gerhard, District Manager Paul Lochner to attend the F.D.I.C in Indianapolis, IN from April 15, 2024 thru April 20, 2024. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #3 attached.

- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to sell Anvil trailer determined to be no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the fire district. Unanimously approved. See Resolution #4 attached.
- Commissioner Peter Mangiolino discussed changes to physical fitness program offered to Department members. Tabled pending further review.

Chiefs' Report

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

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to close the meeting at 21:32 hours, January 22, 2024. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1: REMOUNT AND REFURBISHMENT OF AMBULANCE
AND ASSOCIATED WORK AND EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT has by appropriate resolution established a certain capital reserve fund designated as the Capital Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law, in an account for deposit of said Capital Reserve Fund entitled, "The Seaford Fire District, Section 6(g) General Municipal Law Firematic Equipment Fund" in local banks; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a Remount and Refurbishment of an Ambulance and Associated Work and Equipment is deemed necessary to meet the emergency services needs of the residents of the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the maximum cost to obtain such Remount and Refurbishment of an Ambulance and Associated Work and Equipment (labor, materials, and delivery), including incidental expenses, advertising, and attorney's fees is estimated to be two hundred twenty five thousand (\$225,000.00) dollars.

IT IS RESOLVED that pursuant to the laws and regulations applicable and in particular to Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law, that the purchase of such Remount and Refurbishment of an Ambulance and Associated Work and Equipment be completed and that the cost and expenses for such purchase, advertising, incidental expenses, and attorney's fees shall be expended from the Firematic Equipment Capital Reserve Fund upon authorization of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at the maximum estimated cost of two hundred twenty five thousand (\$225,000.00) dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided for in Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law.

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

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: January 22, 2024
Seaford, New York

ATTEST: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO.2: 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:

Hurricane Conference, Orlando, FL. March 25, 2024 – March 28, 2024

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
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ATTEST: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO.3: 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: George von Glahn, Silvio Bellissimo, Peter Lochner, Tyler Gerhard, Paul 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 George von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo	) Not Present
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye
Commissioner Peter Mangiolino) Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

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ATTEST: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 4: ON THE PROPOSED SALE OR DISPOSITION OF
ANVIL CARO TRAILER**

RESOLUTION of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT, in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, calling for authorization to sell or dispose of the following personal property: Anvil Cargo Trailer;

WHEREAS, the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT owns and maintains the following property: Anvil Cargo Trailer, in order to serve the emergency needs of the residents and taxpayers of the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT plans on replacing this property with the best equipment available in order to service the emergency service needs of the residents and taxpayers of the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT shall sell or dispose of the following property: Anvil Cargo Trailer as it has been determined to be no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the fire district pursuant to the guidelines stated in Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law for the sale by a Board of Fire Commissioners of personal property owned by the District and valued at less than fourteen thousand (\$14,000.00) dollars since such Anvil Cargo Trailer is estimated to be valued at less than fourteen thousand (\$14,000.00) dollars, subject to its actual sale price being determined by market forces; and

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

Chairman George Von Glahn	) Aye
Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Michel Bellissimo	) Not Present
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye
Commissioner Peter Mangiolino	) Aye
Board of Fire Commissioners	

The foregoing resolution was therefore declared duly adopted.

Dated: January 22, 2024

ATTEST: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary