

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, February 26, 2024

Present: Chairman George von Glahn
Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Michael Bellissimo (left meeting at 2100 hours)
Fire Commissioner Robert Podesta
District Manager Paul Lochner
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 February 2024.
- Treasurer Report for February 2024.
- Seaford Hook, Ladder & Engine Co. No. 1. Inc. – Vincent Ciccolella voted into Company.
- Richner Publication – Legal Notice / Permissive Referendum for Remount and Refurbishment of Ambulance.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Member Resignation.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Member Dismissal.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – School Leave.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – School Leave.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Return from Medical Leave.
- Nassau County Board of Elections – Polling Place Agreement.
- Huntington Saint Patrick’s Parade Journal.
- F.O.I.L. Request – McManus, Ateshoglou Aiello & Apostolakos PLCC Re: Eric Tyznar.

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

- Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to accept minutes from the February 5, 2024 Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting. Unanimously carried.
- Nassau County Board of Election – Polling Place Agreement
 - Presidential Primary – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
 - Primary Election – Tuesday, June 25, 2024
 - General Election – Tuesday, November 5, 2024
- Policy review. See new business.
 - Medical & Military Leave
 - Procurement & Purchasing Policy & Procedure
 - Rules & Regulations for Elections
 - Social Media Policy
- 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. First workshop to be held on March 13th.

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- See report and new business.

Legal Report (Presented by Counsel)

- Discussed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) unveiling of a proposal to create a new Emergency Response Rule to replace the current fire brigade standard and its adverse effect on the fire service. The Board of Fire Commissioners posed questions to Counsel and voiced their concerns on this topic.

Treasurer Report (Presented by Deputy Treasurer Michael Foran)

- General Fund Warrant: \$110,478.38
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00
- Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Association of Fire Districts of Nassau County Installation Dinner, Friday, March 1st at 7:00 PM at Milleridge Cottage.
- Chairman George von Glahn led discussion on the implementation and costs of a Physical Fitness Program / Policy. Secretary Foran to draft policy to present to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - Reports progress.
 - Legal
 - See report.
 - Physical Fitness
 - See old business.
 - Building Maintenance
 - Reports progress, see Operation report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - Reports progress.
 - LOSAP
 - Closed and posted for 2023. Completing reports.
- **Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - Working with Hometown Insurance to add 660 engine to policy.

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- Travel
 - Hurricane Conference, Orlando, FL from Monday, March 25, 2024 thru Thursday, March 28, 2024.
 - Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo approved to attend.
 - 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 approved to attend.
 - NYS Chiefs, Syracuse, NY from Wednesday, June 12, 2024 thru Saturday, June 15, 2024.
 - N.F.P.A., Orlando, FL from Monday, June 17, 2024 thru Friday, June 21, 2024.
 - APCO, Orlando, FL from Sunday, August 4, 2024 thru Wednesday, August 7, 2024.
 - FASNY, Niagara Falls, NY from Wednesday, August 7, 2024 thru Saturday, August 10, 2024.
 - I.A.F.C., Dallas, TX from Wednesday, August 14, 2024 thru Saturday, August 17, 2024.
- 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
 - No issues.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No issues.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - Reminded BOFC of meeting with Shelter Rock, on Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M. preceding the BOFC meeting.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - See Secretary report and new business.
 - Drill Team
 - Reports progress.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - Reports progress. New desk telephones installed.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - Reports progress. See Operations report.
- **Commissioner Peter Mangiolino (Not present)**
 - Medicals / Medical Director

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- No report.
- EMS
 - No report.
- District Employees
 - No report.

New Business

- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to sell or dispose of the following property: 2011 Chevy Passenger Van 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 twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars since such 2011 Chevy Passenger Van is estimated to be valued at less than twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, subject to its actual sale price being determined by market forces. Unanimously approved. See Resolution #1 attached.
 - Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to move forward with Department Inspection and Election on Thursday, April 4, 2024. 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 2024 Inspection, Election and Oath of Office.
 - Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase annual lawn maintenance covering 2024, 2025, 2026 from Steven Sander Landscaping at \$6,408.00 per year. Unanimously carried.
 - Request to waive requirements for member to run for Lieutenant position tabled.
 - Policy review.
 - Medical & Military Leave
 - Procurement & Purchasing Policy & Procedure
 - Rules & Regulations for Elections
 - Social Media Policy
- Motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to accept the policies as modified / written. Unanimously carried. *(Subsequently additional changes to the Medical & Military Leave policy are needed. See March 4th Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting minutes.)*

Chiefs' Report

- Commissioner Robert Podesta provided items to be added to the Drill Team policy.
- Equipment requests.
 - None.

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With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman George von Glahn to close the meeting at 21:39 hours, February 26, 2024. 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

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RESOLUTION No. 1: ON THE PROPOSED SALE OR DISPOSITION OF 2011 CHEVY PASSENGER VAN

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: 2011 Chevy Passenger Van;

WHEREAS, the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT owns and maintains the following property: 2011 Chevy Passenger Van, 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: 2011 Chevy Passenger Van 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 twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars since such 2011 Chevy Passenger Van is estimated to be valued at less than twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars, subject to its actual sale price being determined by market forces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law, the SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT shall sell such 2011 Chevy Passenger Van whose actual value shall be determined by market forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as required under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law and in accordance with procedures for permissive referendums as described in the General Municipal Law.

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 Michael Bellissimo) Not Present
Commissioner Robert Podesta) Aye
Commissioner Peter Mangiolino) Not Present
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The foregoing resolution was therefore declared duly adopted.

Dated: February 26, 2024