

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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

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

Communications Received

- Operations Report for May 2024.
- EMS Legislative Package.
- Treasurer Report for May 2024.
- Seaford Hook, Ladder and Engine Co. No. 1, Inc. – Acceptance of Mathew Minecci into the Company.
- Richner Communications – Re: Legal Notice – May 2024 Meeting Date Change.
- Richner Communications – Re: Legal Notice – June 2024 Meeting Date Change.
- Massapequa Fire District – Re: Massapequa Fire Department members approved to run with the Seaford Inmates and COI.
- Seaford Fire Department Change in Status Form – Medical Leave.
- Letter of Resignation from Michael Murphy, District Treasurer.
- Policy of the Seaford Fire Department Juniors Firefighter Program Post 680 - Draft

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

- Motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman George von Glahn to accept minutes from the May 6, 2024 BOFC / Chiefs meeting. Unanimously carried.
- June 24, 2024 BOFC meeting conflicts with Seaford 9/11 Patriot Award Dinner. Meeting moved to Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 8:00 P.M.
- Per Nassau County Board of Election there is no Primary Election in our electoral district, Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Use of facility not required.
- LOSAP 2023 participate statements mailing completed on May 19, 2024.
- 2024 Patriot Award Dinner, Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at Crest Hollow Country Club.
 - Chairman George von Glahn, Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to attend.
- Policy review.
 - Policies (Annual Firefighters' Inspection Dinner, Driver License Requirements for Members, Drug Testing, Line of Duty Injury, and Paramedic Reimbursement Program) approved at April 22nd meeting updated and placed in Policy Book.
 - Policies to be reviewed in May.
 - Fitness and Wellness Policy (see old business).
 - Medical & Military Leave (tabled).
 - Accounting Policy
 - Controlled Substances Policy

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- FOIL Policy
- Long Term Parking Policy
- 2024 Bylaw review commenced on March 13th. Making progress. Next workshop scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th at 7:30 PM.

Operations Report (Presented by District Secretary Michael Foran)

- See report and new business.

Legal Report (Presented by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- Submitted changes to the Fitness and Wellness and Accounting policies.
- Discussed a number of bills in legislation. Information distributed to BOFC.
 - Medicaid reimbursement to EMS agencies for providing Treatment in Place to a patient at the point of response as well as transportation to an alternate provider.
 - Special taxing districts to be created to fund EMS services.
 - Remove EMS service from the real property tax cap, allowing municipalities to expand and better support their EMS services.
 - Thruway Authority to issue emergency service permits to EMS vehicles which would exempt EMS from paying tolls while transporting patients on the NYS Thruway.
 - Volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers to claim both state income and local property tax credits.
 - Increase volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers personal income tax credit from \$200.00 to \$800.00 for eligible individuals and from \$400.00 to \$1,600.00 for eligible married joint filers.
 - Methodology for ambulance reimbursement under Medicaid that more closely approximates the cost of providing the service.
- Requested the District contact State Senator Steven Rhodes and Assemblyman David McDonough regarding the property tax exemption for 3844 Waverly Ave. Any bill not passed by both Houses by May 31st will wait until 2025. Michael Murphy advised he will contact them on May 30th.

Treasurer Report (Presented by Deputy Treasurer Michael Foran)

- General Fund Warrant: \$174,418.55
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00

- Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to accept the resignation of Treasurer Michael Murphy from the District Office effective May 31, 2024. Unanimously carried, forlornly.
- Motion Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Chairman George von Glahn to appoint Patrick Cunningham to fulfill the remainder of the vacated term, which expires on December 31, 2024. Unanimously carried.

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- Documents have been submitted Flushing Bank to open new accounts. Account numbers should be available this week.
- Employees registered with new payroll company. Once new payroll account is open with Flushing Bank payroll banking information will be provided to Zuma so payroll can be processed and remitted electronically. Goal is to have June 2024 payroll processed and remitted through the Zuma payroll system.
- Once new EMS account is open letter from Flushing Bank will be provided to Proclaim.
- At the request of the Deputy Treasurer, Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to transfer the District's operating and reserve funds from Chase to Flushing Bank. Unanimously carried.
- Michael Murphy discussed LOSAP investments. Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to arrange joint meeting between Hometown and Shelter Rock.
- Michael Murphy provided an update on the 2023 financial audit.
- Michael Murphy working on 2025 budget, will update BOFC at next meeting. Asked for BOFC to make list of possible expenditures in 2025. To set date for budget workshop in August 2024.
- Deputy Treasurer Michael Foran discussed transition of Treasurers. Michael Murphy to work with Civil Service.

- Motion by Chairman George von Glahn, second by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Physical Fitness Program / Policy. Discussion ensued. Additional updates to policy to be made by Secretary Michael Foran.
- Ex-Captain plaque (Tabled).
- Medical & Military Leave Policy (Tabled).

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - Reports progress. See Operation report.
 - Legal
 - See legal report. Nothing further.
 - Physical Fitness
 - See old business.
 - Building Maintenance
 - Reports progress, see Operation report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - Reports progress.
 - LOSAP
 - See Treasurer's report.
- **Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance

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- No report.
- Travel
 - 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.
 - Commissioner Michael Bellissimo possible to attend.
 - I.A.F.C., Dallas, TX from Wednesday, August 14, 2024 thru Saturday, August 17, 2024.
- Inspection / Installation
 - Discussed issue with venue, which was subsequently resolved.
- Cell Phones
 - Reports progress with getting new Officers added.
- 3 Towns Training Center
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo** (Not present)
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - No report.
 - Building Security
 - No report.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No report.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - No report.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - No report.
 - Drill Team
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta** (Not present)
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - No report.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Peter Mangiolino**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - Need meeting with Dr. Fahim Ahmed, Medical Director and EMS.
 - EMS
 - Equipment requests to go through Chief's report.
 - District Employees
 - No report.

New Business

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- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase new desktop PCs, one (1) for Chief's Secretary (with monitor) and one (1) for the Jr. Firefighter's advisors at a cost of \$3,599.62. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase uniform attire from Viking for newly elected 2nd Assistant Chief Scott Diehl at a cost of \$400.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Chairman George von Glahn to purchase ANSI 3 layer jackets from Viking for 1st Assistant Chief Brian Beehler and 2nd Assistant Chief Scott Diehl. Unanimously carried.
- Policy review.
 - Medical & Military Leave – Tabled pending further review.
 - Fitness & Wellness Policy – Tabled pending further review.
 - Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Chairman George von Glahn to accept the following policies as amended / written. Unanimously carried.
 - Accounting Policy (with amendments provided by Counsel)
 - Controlled Substances Policy (with amendments).
 - FOIL Policy.
 - Long Term Parking Policy (with amendments).

Chiefs' Report

- Recruitment opportunity at Seaford Cinema. After discussion BOFC will not proceed.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to place EMS citation bars on Class A uniforms. Unanimously carried. BOFC to determine placement of the citation.
- Motion by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to accept the revised Junior Firefighters policy as presented by Chief Cottone (05/09/24 email). Unanimously carried.
- Drill Team Policy. (05/06/24) Tabled pending further review by BOFC.
- Request for Line Officer shirts. (05/06/24) Tabled to June BOFC / Chiefs meeting.
- Discussion regarding request for modification to District / Department bylaw Article XIII, Section 5. Topic to be discussed at June BOFC / Chiefs meeting. (05/06/24)
- Discussion regarding request for Company patches on Class A uniforms.
- Discussion regarding leave requests. Chairman George von Glahn advised the Department Change of Status Form is to be updated to include a Commissioner Signature acknowledging the request.
- Equipment requests.
 - No open request.
- Open items.
 - Draft Drill Team policy.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Peter Mangiolino, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to close the meeting at 21:48 hours, May 29, 2024. Unanimously carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black 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