

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, November 25, 2024

Present: Chairman George von Glahn
Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Michael Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Robert Podesta
Fire Commissioner Stephen Feil
Paul Lochner, District Manager
Patrick Cunningham, District Treasurer
Michael R. Foran, District Secretary / Deputy Treasurer
Joseph Frank, Esq.
Michael Murphy, CPA, Consultant

Chairman George von Glahn called the meeting to order at 20:06 hours.

Communications Received

- Operations Report for November 2024.
- Treasurer Report for November 2024.
- F.O.I.L. Request – Re: Smith & Sovik – 67 Clearwater Ave., Massapequa, NY (Mutual Aid).
- Richner Communications – Re: Legal Notices (1) Preparation of Registration Rolls. (2) Annual Election.
- Hometown Insurance Agency of LI – Re: McKinney’s Town Law 176.
- Hometown Insurance Agency of LI – LOSAP Quotation.
- Nassau County Board of Elections – Claim Submitted By Owner or Lessee of Polling Place.
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum – Re: 2024 Badge of Courage thank you.
- Association of Fire Districts State of New York – 2025 in Classroom Commissioner Training.

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

- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Chairman George von Glahn to accept minutes from the October 28, 2024 BOFC meeting and the November 6, 2024 Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting as written. Unanimously carried.
- District Election, December 10, 2024.
 - Polling staff is Jeff Fannon, Phil Nicola, Sue Nicola and Donna Sheridan. Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Chairman George von Glahn to pay \$100.00 per worker for preparation of voter rolls, election and set-up / clean-up. Unanimously carried.
- Discussed dates and times for annual reorganizational meeting. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to hold the 2025 District Reorganizational Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. Unanimously carried. Secretary Foran to prepare legal notice.
- Reviewed dates and times for BOFC and Interim BOFC / Chiefs meetings for 2025. Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to hold BOFC meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Further the Board of Fire Commissioners will meet with its Fire Chiefs on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 P.M. Unanimously carried.

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- Provided information to the BOFC regarding McKinney's Town Law 176 and presented letter to be provided to the Town of Hempstead for each Commissioner to sign.
- Policy review.
 - Policy (School Leave) approved at the October 28th BOFC meeting updated and placed in Policy Book.
 - Policies tabled at the October 28th meeting (Applicant Permission to Perform Background Check, New Membership) will be reviewed.
- 2024 Bylaw review making progress.

Operations Report (Presented by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See new business.

Legal Report (Presented by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- OSHA Emergency Response Standard public comment stage still continuing. With election of new President of the USA will have to wait to see what transpires.

Treasurer Report (Presented by District Treasurer Patrick Cunningham and Michael P. Murphy, CPA, Consultant)

- General Fund Warrant: \$122,269.76
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00

- District Treasurer read through the Report from the District Treasurer.
 - Bill.com demoed on October 3rd. Discussed benefits of moving over to Bill.com for monthly approval and processing of District payments. On a motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil, the BOFC unanimously approved the use of Bill.com beginning in January 2025.
- Michael Murphy, Consultant reviewed the following.
 - Advised the 2025 budget has been filed with the State and with the Town of Hempstead.

- Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to accept Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo reviewed with the Board the quotation from Hometown Insurance to extend the LOSAP program from forty (40) to fifty (50) years. Quotation will be forwarded to all Commissioners for review and consideration.

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Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman George von Glahn, Jr.**
 - Grants
 - See Operation report. Nothing further.
 - Legal
 - See Legal report. Nothing further.
 - Physical Fitness
 - Nothing further.
 - Building Maintenance
 - See Operation report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - Nothing further.
 - LOSAP
 - See Old Business
- **Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - No pending matters.
 - Travel
 - FDSOA Health & Safety Forum, St. Pete Beach, FL – Monday, January 13, 2025 to Thursday, January 16, 2025.
 - 2025 Convention schedule pending, waiting on two (2) conferences to announce specifics.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - 2025
 - Cell Phones
 - No pending matters.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - See Operations report, nothing further
 - Building Security
 - No report.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No report.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - Nothing further.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - Nothing further.
 - Drill Team
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - See Operation report.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - See Operation report.

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- **Commissioner Stephen Feil**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - See Operations Report, nothing further.
 - EMS
 - Will continue to review outdated technical EMS equipment with Capt. Juliano once she returns from medical leave.
 - District Employees
 - No report.

New Business

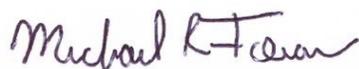
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman George von Glahn to have the gas pipe on the North exterior exposure wire brushed, scraped and repainted with Rustoleum at a cost of \$4,500.00. Unanimously carried.

Chiefs' Report

- On a motion by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo and seconded by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and unanimously carried the following MERVs were approved for payment.
 - Truck or Treat / Fire Prevention on 10/26/24 in the amount of \$155.41.
 - High Water Axle Training on 11/06/24 in the amount of \$186.45.
- Equipment requests.
 - High Water Rescue equipment request from Lt. Spina. Tabled to November Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting.
- Open items.
 - Discussion regarding patches on Class A uniforms. Commissioner Stephen Feil to ascertain further information from Chiefs.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Vice Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to close the meeting at 20:49 hours, November 25, 2024. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District