

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, March 24, 2025

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

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

Communications Received

- Operations Report for March 2025.
- Treasurer Report for March 2025.
- Seaford 9 / 11 Memorial Committee – Re: 2025 Patriot Award Dinner.
- Seaford Volunteer Exempt Firemen’s Benevolent Assoc. – Re: Request for 2025 1st Half Lease Payment.
- Richner Communications – Re: Legal Notice – Permissive Referendum Roof Renovation.
- H2M Architects & Engineers – Re: Amendment to Proposal for Pre-Bond Feasibility Study.
- Seaford Fire District Bond Authorization Timeline.
- Trench Drain Demolition Plan.

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

- Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to accept minutes from the February 24, 2025 BOFC meeting and the March 3, 2025 Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting as written. Unanimously carried.
- May 26, 2025 BOFC meeting conflicts with Memorial Day holiday. Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo and unanimously carried to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. Secretary Michael Foran to prepare legal notice.
- Legal Notice for Permissive Referendum for roof renovation published on March 6th.
- Seaford Volunteer Exempt Firemen’s Benevolent Assoc. request for 2025 1st half lease payment forwarded to District Treasurer.
- Provided update regarding special election on June 10, 2025 for LOSAP amendment. Requested Counsel provide information for legal notice and ballot.
- Discuss stipend for District Election staff and for custodians for Primary and General elections. On a motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil and unanimously carried stipend for custodians for Primary and General Election as well as District election staff is set at \$150.00 per person per event.

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- Bylaw revision update; main body of bylaws have been drafted and are available for Commissioner review. Next task will be to determine which polices are to be incorporated into the bylaws. Secretary Foran to provide BOFC of list of polices.

Operations Report (Presented by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See new business.

District Manager Paul Lochner left the meeting.

Legal Report (Presented by Joseph Frank, Esq.)

- Discussed volunteer firefighter / fire medic rendering services within another District when there is no jurisdictional officer in command and insurance coverage. Chairman Silvio Bellissimo advised he is waiting for a quotation to add a rider on the District's insurance policy to cover Seaford Fire Department members. Topic tabled pending receipt of quotation.
- AFDSNY lobby day.
- AFDSNY Mini Summit on March 28th in White Plains.
- AFDSNY Commissioner Training on April 5th in North Massapequa.
- Commissioner George V. Kern discussed changes in partial real property tax exemption for volunteer firefighter / fire medics which increases the number of Seaford Fire Department members eligible for partial exemption. Counsel advised that deadline to renew exemptions is December 9, 2025. Commissioner George V. Kern to contact the Seaford School Board regarding the exemption.

Treasurer Report (Presented by District Treasurer Patrick Cunningham)

- General Fund Warrant: \$119,618.52
- Apparatus Warrant: \$0.00
- Building Warrant: \$0.00

- District Treasurer read through the Report from the District Treasurer.
 - Advised the BOFC 2024 budget surplus is \$600,000.00. Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to allocate \$400,000.00 to the Building & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund and \$200,000.00 to the Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Unanimously carried.
 - At the request of the Treasurer motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to transfer from the General Fund \$400,000.00 to the Building & Grounds Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer from the General Fund \$200,000.00 to the Apparatus & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Unanimously carried.

- Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to accept the Treasurer Report. Unanimously carried.

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Old Business

- No pending matters.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - See Legal report.
 - Travel
 - NYS Chiefs – Syracuse, NY – June 4, 2025 – June 7, 2025.
 - N.F.P.A. – Las Vegas. NV – June 16, 2025 – June 18, 2025.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - May 10, 2025
 - April 18, 2026 at the Milleridge Inn.
 - Cell Phones
 - Due for renewal. Will work on after Department election.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - No report.
 - Other
 - Meeting with 660 BOFC on Thursday, March 27th.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - Discussed minor alterations to be performed by Seaford Cleaners.
 - Building Security
 - Nothing further.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No report.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - See Treasurer report.
 - Hometown to be mailing LOSAP participant statements.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - See Secretary report.
 - Drill Team
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - See Operation report, nothing further.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - See Operation report.
 - Gabrielli service relocated to Inwood.
- **Commissioner Stephen Feil**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - Discussed Physical Examination Policy and need to place the policy within the bylaws.
 - EMS

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- No pending matters.
 - District Employees
 - Nothing further.
 - Legal
 - See Legal report.
 - LOSAP
 - No report.
- **Commissioner George V. Kern**
 - Grants
 - See Operation report. Nothing further.
 - Physical Fitness
 - Nothing further.
 - Building Maintenance
 - Discussed letter from H2M regarding amendment to proposal for pre-bond feasibility study. See New Business.
 - Advised a new row for past Chief of Department photographs will be added in the hallway.
 - Investigating a new water fountain for the hallway which will allow personal water bottles to be filled.
 - Discussed West facing main apparatus floor trench drain project.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - Nothing further.
 - Other
 - Discussed Department driver training and associated documentation. To discuss further at April Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting.

New Business

- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to replace District Manager's PC, deemed to be obsolete, on Omnia Contract #R200803 in the amount of \$2,913.62. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo to purchase ten (10) Motorola Minitor pagers, including programming, five (5) year warranty and engraving on NYS contract PT68722 in the amount of \$4,468.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to stripe new Chiefs Tahoe in the amount of \$1,995.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo and unanimously carried to proceed with Task #1 as defined in H2M Architects & Engineers Amendment to Proposal for Pre-Bond Feasibility Study in the amount of \$13,500.00.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo for Seaford 9/11 Memorial Committee / Patriot Award Dinner and Journal. Co-Sponsor add at a cost of \$1,000.00. Eight (8) additional seats at dinner at a cost of \$120.00 per person. For a total of \$1,960.00. Unanimously carried.
- June 23, 2025 BOFC meeting conflicts with Seaford 9 / 11 Patriot Award Dinner. Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo and unanimously

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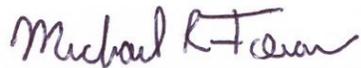
carried to reschedule the June BOFC meeting to Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. Secretary Michael Foran to prepare legal notice.

Chiefs' Report

- Open items.
 - CDT Testing for members whom have completed in-house training.
 - Chiefs for review and update all SOPs.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to close the meeting at 20:16 hours, March 24, 2025. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District