

INTERIM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS & CHIEFS

SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, June 3, 2025

Present: Chairman, Silvio Bellissimo
Vice Chairman, Michael Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner George V. Kern
Second Assistant Chief, Peter J. Lochner
Paul Lochner, District Manager
Michael R. Foran, District Secretary / Deputy Treasurer

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo called the Interim meeting to order at 21:00 hours.

Chief's Report: Second Assistant Chief Peter J. Lochner read through the May 2025 Chief's Report in its entirety.

- Attachments
 - Department Monthly Credit & Percentage Report – May 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.
 - Department Apparatus Check Out Report.
 - MERV - Sixth Battalion Dues in the amount of \$600.00.
 - MERV - Refreshments Massapequa stand-by in the amount of \$59.74.
 - MERV - Wantagh Air Show stand-by refreshments in the amount of \$1,243.31.
 - MERV - Memorial Day refreshments in the amount of \$206.69.
 - Office of the Chief – Dismissal Letter.
 - Orlin & Cohen – Member medical status.
 - Office of the Line Officers – Request for MPO approval w/ training documentation.
 - Change of Status Form – Vincent Ciccolella.
 - Change of Status Form – Marc Abrams.

Chiefs' Comments

- Second Assistant Chief Peter J. Lochner
 - Advised member dismissed from the Department has until June 16th to return all Department issued equipment.
 - Discussed status of Driver Training Committee and EVOC training. Should have Driver Training SOP by next BOFC / Chiefs meeting. Planning MPO refresher course for all MPOs in September / October 2025.
 - Discussed Application for Membership and if number of references should be decreased. It was the opinion of the BOFC that no changes should be made.
 - Advised Captain Gerhard, Lt. Bennett and Ex-Chief Kuhner are requesting to attend the Vital Signs Conference in Syracuse, NY.
 - Discussed drone program and advised SOP should be presented at the next BOFC / Chiefs meeting.

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Commissioners' / District Manager Comments

- Chairman Silvio Bellissimo
 - Discussed OSHA training and inquired what actions will be taken for members not completing training on time. Discussion ensued.
- Commissioner Michael Bellissimo
 - Nothing further.
- Commissioner George V. Kern
 - Discussed training requirements for a probationary firefighter. Second Assistant Chief Lochner advised Essentials and Primary courses are required, Hazmat Ops is optional.
- District Manager Paul Lochner
 - Nothing further.

Second Assistant Chief Peter J. Lochner left the meeting at 21:45 hours.

- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo and unanimously carried the Board of Fire Commissioners approve the membership of Leah Brown and Andrew Matalone, Jr.
- Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to accept minutes from the May 27, 2025 BOFC meeting as written. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo for Captain Gerhard, Lt. Bennett and Ex-Chief Kuhner to attend the Vital Signs Conference, Syracuse, NY from November 11, 2025 to November 15, 2025. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #1 attached.
- Request for Chief Beehler, Chief Lochner and Captain Bongiovi to attend Southern Most Hazmat Conference, Key West, FL - February 3, 2026 to February 5, 2026 was tabled.
- Discussion regarding real property tax exemption; new law permits a two (2) year of service qualification while the old law required a five (5) year period of service to qualify. BOFC adopted a two (2) year period of service qualification. District Secretary advised the Commissioners that the legal notice for the public hearing on June 30th as well as the signboard and website have been updated.
- District Secretary updated the Commissioners on the status of preparation for the special LOSAP election on June 10th.
- The BOFC approved the request for Marc Abrams to MPO status.

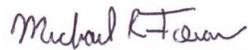
- Department Equipment Requests / MERVs
 - On a motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George V. Kern and unanimously carried the following MERVs were approved.
 - Sixth Battalion Dues in the amount of \$600.00.

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Being no further business to be conducted at this time, the meeting adjourned at 22:00 hours, June 3, 2025, on a motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George V. Kern. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District

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RESOLUTION No. 1: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE, CONVENTION OR TRAINING CLASS

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 72-g of the General Municipal Law, has considered the needs of the fire district and has approved attendance by the following members of the Fire Department at Vital Signs Conference.

Approved personnel list:

- Captain Tyler Gerhard
- Lieutenant Caitlyn Bennett
- Ex-Chief Raymond Kuhner

Approved conference, convention or training class:

- Vital Signs Conference, Syracuse, NY from November 11, 2025 to November 15, 2025.

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, convention, or training class in accordance with such proofs as provided by the organization sponsoring and conducting the conference, convention or training class and comply with the district travel policy in submitting requests for reimbursement of expenses.

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

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo) Aye
Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta) Not Present
Commissioner Stephen Feil) Not Present
Commissioner George V. Kern) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York

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October 28, 2024

ATTEST:MICHAEL R. FORAN

Secretary