

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, September 22, 2025**

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

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo called the meeting to order at 19:06 hours.

Communications Received

- Operations Report for September 2025.
- Treasurer Report for September 2025.
- Seaford Hook, Ladder & Engine Co. No. 1, Inc. Re: New Company member Jonathan Elius.
- Seaford Hook, Ladder & Engine Co. No. 1, Inc. Re: New Company member Tony Guzman.
- Seaford Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association – Lease of Exempt Property.
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center – 2025 Badge of Courage.

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

- Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to accept minutes from the September 8, 2025 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop) and Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting as written. Unanimously carried.
- Reminded BOFC that the October 6th Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting conflicts with Company event. Meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, October 7th. Mark calendars.
- Discussed upcoming dates for the Waverly Ave. project. District Manager Paul Lochner added NCBOE extremely slow in responding to the ballot generation process.
- Bylaw revision status; Secretary Foran advised project is on hold until 2026.

Operations Report (Presented by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- Commissioner Robert Podesta discussed transfer of unassigned 6802 vehicle to 6899.
- Commissioner Robert Podesta discussed if the loaner ambulance should have a medical safe installed. After discussion it was the decision of the BOFC to meet the needs of the fire district that the loaner ambulance should be ALS equipped. District Manager to have safe installed.
- See new business for further matters.

Legal Report (Presented by Joseph Frank, Counsel)

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- Discussed agenda for the upcoming AFDSNY conference in Saratoga, NY from October 2, 2025 – October 4, 2025.
- Discussed a bill in the legislature to set requirement of reporting training classes held to OFPC. FASNY and State Chiefs opposing the bill.

Treasurer Report (Prepared by Treasurer Patrick Cunningham prior to the meeting. Presented by Deputy Treasurer Foran)

- Total of 144 payments, subject to Board approval, in the amount of \$258,768.40.
- Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta and unanimously carried to incorporate a preferred vendor listing to the current Procurement & Purchasing Policy as per the external audit finding. Secretary Foran to update the policy.
- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to adopt the Proposed 2026 Annual Budget in the amount of \$2,859,797, including real property taxes to be levied of \$2,632,765. The district's real property taxes to be levied for the 2026 fiscal year exceeds the tax cap by \$156,354 (3.5%). Unanimously carried. Proposed Budget Hearing on Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Commissioner Feil discussed Service Award Program and funds currently held by Shelter Rock financial. Advised Treasurer Cunningham would like to have a meeting with Shelter Rock and the Board regarding the program's current and prospective risk profile. Commissioner Feil to arrange meeting sometime during the beginning of 2026. Discussion regarding signatories ensued.
- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to close permissive referendum for Headquarter Roof, approved February 24, 2025, published March 6, 2025, with authorization to expend up to \$450,000.00; \$449,420.00 was actually expended and no further expenditures are to be made against this permissive referendum. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to accept the Treasurer Report as written. Unanimously carried.

Old Business

- Commissioner George V. Kern advised progress regarding meeting with Dr. Pecora, Superintendent of Schools, Seaford School District, regarding the Partial Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters / Fire Medics. Counsel advised the deadline for completion has been extending to 2028.
- Heavy Rescue 687 maintenance costs / replacement tabled. Topic to remain on the agenda.
- Long term capital asset planning workshop tabled in the absence of Treasurer Cunningham.
- Commissioner Stephen Feil discussed remote access of District network drive and request for the Benevolent Association to have file storage on the District server. BOFC tabled request pending external IT vulnerability assessment.

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- Commissioner George V. Kern updated the Board on status of the Waverly Ave. project.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - No matters to discuss.
 - Travel
 - EMS World Expo – Indianapolis, IN – October 20, 2025 – October 24, 2025.
 - No interest.
 - Fire Fusion – Charleston, SC – October 13, 2025 – October 16, 2025.
 - No interest.
 - VCOS Symposium in the Sun – Clearwater Beach, FL – November 13, 2025 – November 16, 2025.
 - Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and Chief of Department Brian Beehler to attend. See new business and Resolution #1 attached.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - Progress.
 - Cell Phones
 - No matters.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - No pending issues.
- **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**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - See Operations Report. No further matters.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - See Operation Report. Requested District Manager order floor mats for new 6800 vehicle.

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- **Commissioner Stephen Feil**
 - Medicals / Medical Director
 - No pending matters.
 - EMS
 - Nothing further.
 - District Employees
 - No issues.
 - Legal
 - See legal report.
 - LOSAP
 - Discussed participant who is requesting disbursement due to permanent disability. Once all information is provided by the Actuary a full report will be provided.

- **Commissioner George V. Kern**
 - Grants
 - Nothing further.
 - Physical Fitness
 - Nothing further.
 - Building Maintenance
 - See Operations Report.
 - Public Relations / Member Retention
 - No further matters.

New Business

- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to purchase new PC for District Secretary from Adept via Omnia contract #R200803 in the amount of \$3,121.44. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to purchase new PC to support SCM bulletin boards as current PC is too old to update to Windows 11. On Omnia contract #R200803 via Adept in the amount of \$1,582.82. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo and unanimously carried to purchase six (6) sets of firefighter turnout gear from Hi-Tech Fire & Safety on NYS Contract Award #23361, PC 70805 Group 40061 in the amount of \$25,148.22.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta and unanimously carried for repair concrete of front ramp and replace twenty (20) flags of front sidewalk; work to be performed by Brothers Paving and Masonry, in the amount of \$12,000.00.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner George V. Kern for Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and Chief Brian Beehler to attend VCOS Symposium in the Sun, Clearwater Beach, FL from November 13, 2025 through November 16, 2025. Unanimously carried. See Resolution No. 1.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase a Captain sponsorship to the Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center – 2025

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Badge of Courage on October 17, 2015 honoring Ralph Esposito at a cost of \$1,500.00.
Unanimously carried.

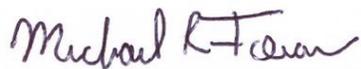
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner George V. Kern for Firefighter Jack Golden to attend NYS AFC Regional Hands on Training at State Hill Fire Department, NY from October 25, 2025 through October 26, 2025 at a cost of \$245.00. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #2 attached.

Chiefs' Report

- Open items.
 - Chiefs for review and update all Department SOPs.
 - Driver Training Committee.
 - Drone Program.
 - Cadet program.
 - CDT Certified Driver Training Instructors. Requires further discussion with Chiefs in October. District Manager has information from CDT.
 - Request for Forcible Entry Simulator (Door) tabled to 2026.
 - Request for RIT PAK III and RIT PAK Fast Attack w/ 15 minute cylinder tabled to October BOFC / Chiefs meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to close the meeting at 20:38 hours, September 22, 2025. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District

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RESOLUTION NO.1: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE BY DISTRICT OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND CHIEFS AT CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS (SPECIFIC PERSONNEL AT A SPECIFIC CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION) (Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law)

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 77-b of the General Municipal Law, has considered the needs of the fire district and has approved attendance by the following Fire Commissioners, District Officers, District Employees or Chiefs at the following conventions and conferences:

Approved personnel list:

Fire Commissioner Silvio Bellissimo
Fire Commissioner Michael Bellissimo
Chief of Department Brian Beehler

Approved conference or convention:

VCOS Symposium in the Sun, Clearwater Beach, FL from November 13, 2025 through November 16, 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 or convention in accordance with such proofs as provided by the organization sponsoring and conducting the conference or convention.

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

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

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
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ATTEST: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary

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RESOLUTION No. 2: 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 NYS AFC Regional Hands on Training.

Approved personnel list:

- Firefighter Jack Golden

Approved conference, convention or training class:

- NYS AFC Regional Hands on Training at State Hill Fire Department, NY from October 25, 2025 through October 26, 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
Commissioner Michael Bellissimo) Not Present
Commissioner Robert Podesta) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern) Aye

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York

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ATTEST: Michael R. Foran, District Secretary