

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, October 27, 2025

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

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo called the meeting to order at 19:02 hours.

Communications Received

- Operations Report for October 2025.
- Treasurer Report for October 2025.
- Richner Communications – Legal Notice for Special Election (English & Spanish)
- Richner Communications – Legal Notice for Preparation of Rolls (English & Spanish)
- Richner Communications – Legal Notice for Budget Hearing.
- Nassau County Board of Elections – November 4th Polling Place Information.

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

- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil to accept minutes from the October 7, 2025 Interim BOFC / Chiefs meeting and October 20, 2025 Budget Hearing as written. Unanimously carried.
 - Results of Bond Referendum vote.
 - 121 Yes / 63 No / 1 Under Vote = Resolution passed
 - Estoppel notice to publish 10/30.
 - Election results filed with the TOH.
- Motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta and unanimously carried to accept the results of the election.
- General Election on November 4th. Phil Nicola and John Nickdow will provide custodial coverage. Machine delivery between Wednesday, October 29th and Monday, November 3rd.
 - December BOFC meeting on the 22nd. BOFC confirmed this date is acceptable.
 - Advised BOFC the 2026 Reorganizational Meeting must occur prior to January 15, 2026. Please consider date for this meeting.
 - Bylaw revision status; Secretary Foran advised project is on hold until 2026.

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Operations Report (Presented by District Manager Paul Lochner)

- See new business for further matters.

Legal Report (Presented by Joseph Frank, Counsel)

- Discussed current trend of the State government and provided insight as to what might to expect for the remainder of the year regarding legislation.

Treasurer Report (Presented by Treasurer Patrick Cunningham.)

- Total of 70 payments, subject to Board approval, in the amount of \$160,706.41.
- Reviewed in detail the 2024 financial audit performed by Craig, Fitzsimmons & Meyer, LLP. A summary of the financial statements is as follows:
 - Unmodified opinion.
 - Two (2) immaterial adjustments.
 - Findings: actual and necessary expenditures; preferred vendors; service award program conflict of interest disclosures.Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Michael Bellissimo to accept Craig, Fitzsimmons & Meyer, LLP Financial Statements (Regulatory Basis) and Supplementary Information with Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2024. Unanimously carried. District Secretary Michael Foran to place appropriate legal notice.
- Reviewed Wagner Cybersecurity External IT Vulnerability Assessment findings with the BOFC. District Manager Paul Lochner to arrange meeting between Wagner Cybersecurity, ADEPT, and District. Treasurer Cunningham requests BOFC review report by November BOFC meeting.
- Reviewed final budget with the Board of Fire Commissioners and District Treasurer.
 - Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to approve the 2026 District appropriations budget of \$2,859,797.00 presented at the public hearing on October 20, 2025 and override the tax levy limit. This appropriation is expected to produce a tax levy of \$2,632,765.00 which is above the District's tax levy limit for 2026. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #1, attached.
 - Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to adopt the 2026 proposed District budget of \$2,859,797.00 for 2026 and estimate fund balances. Unanimously carried. See Resolution #2, attached.
- Motion by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo 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.

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- Heavy Rescue 687 maintenance costs / replacement. Commissioner Podesta advised topic to be removed from agenda.
- Long term capital asset planning workshop tabled to the 2026 calendar year.
- Benevolent request for network storage and remote access on District server was not approved due to external IT vulnerability assessment.
- District Manager Paul Lochner advised obsolete “6899” car is listed on Signal 5.
- Commissioner George V. Kern updated the Board on status of the Waverly Ave. project. Scheduling a meeting with H2M to discuss plans to move forward. Commissioner Stephen Feil requested H2M provide a timeline for the project.

Commissioner Reports

- **Chairman Silvio Bellissimo**
 - Insurance
 - No matters to discuss.
 - Travel
 - FDSOA Health & Safety Forum - Scottsdale, AZ - January 12, 2026 – January 15, 2026.
 - Inspection / Installation
 - Progress.
 - Cell Phones
 - No matters.
 - 3 Towns Training Center
 - No pending issues.
- **Commissioner Michael Bellissimo**
 - Uniforms / PPE
 - Nothing further.
 - Building Security
 - No pending matters.
 - Fire Alarms
 - No report.
 - Financial Statements / Audit
 - See Treasurer’s report.
 - Bylaws / Policies
 - Nothing further.
 - Drill Team
 - No report.
- **Commissioner Robert Podesta**
 - Communication / Radio / Information Technology
 - See Operations Report. No further matters.
 - Vehicle Maintenance / Portable Equipment
 - See Operation Report. Nothing further.

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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 status regarding participant who is requesting disbursement due to permanent disability.
- **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 George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to DECON and clean fire apparatus 681, 682, 683 and 687 following FSA annual training by Emergency Decon Service Corp in the amount of \$1,600.00. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo to purchase multi-band UHF mobile radio for 684 remount from Cometech 2-Way Communications via NYS Contract #PT68714, Award #23141, Group #77200 in the amount of \$6,614.55. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo and unanimously carried to purchase Tait UHF mobile radio for 684 remount from Comtech 2-Way Communications via HGAC Contract #RA05-21 in the amount of \$2,465.44.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo appointing Board of Elections for the Seaford Fire District election (Resolution #3 attached). Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo for preparation of registration rolls for the Seaford Fire District elections (Resolution attached #4). Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo requiring candidates for District Office to file their names in the form of a petition (Resolution #5 attached). Unanimously carried.

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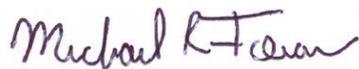
- Motion by Commissioner Michael Bellissimo, second by Commissioner Robert Podesta to accept the Purchasing and Procurement policy as amended / written. Unanimously carried.

Chiefs' Report

- On a motion by Commissioner George V. Kern, second by Commissioner Stephen Feil and unanimously carried the following MERVs were approved.
 - Sixth Battalion stand-by crew refreshments in the total amount of \$358.24.
 - 9/11 Memorial Service dinner in the amount of \$548.01.
- 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 November BOFC / Chiefs meeting.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to close the meeting at 20:09 hours, October 27, 2025. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran
Secretary
Seaford Fire District

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1: OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 20, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 20, 2025 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2026 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district; a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2026 budget only in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00% increase in said tax levy and result in a final annual fire district budget in the amount of \$2,632,765 and

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	) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil	) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern	) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
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ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN
Secretary

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2: APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2026 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 20, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 20, 2025 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2026 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2026 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00 % increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows;

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

WHEREAS, previously at the meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2026 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Seaford Fire District for 2026 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$2,632,765.00

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	) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil	) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN, Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 3: APPOINTING BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Section 175-a of the Town Law provides for a system of registration for Fire District elections; and

WHEREAS, a register of eligible Fire District voters must be prepared prior to the Fire District election; and

WHEREAS, such register shall be prepared from names of persons who have registered with the County Board of Elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following resident electors of the Seaford Fire District are hereby appointed to constitute the Seaford Board of Elections for the 2025 Annual Fire District Election:

Phil Nicola	Chairman
Susan Nicola	Election Inspector
John Nickdow	Election Inspector
Donna Sheridan	Ballot Clerk

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks be compensated in the amount of \$70.00 for their services in preparing the registration records and \$80.00 for attendance at the annual election;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable to refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

The resolution was thereupon 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	) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil	) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 4: PREPARATION OF REGISTRATION ROLLS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District, having heretofore appointed a Board of Elections to comply with the registration and voting procedures set forth in Section 175-a of the Town Law, does hereby designate the 9th day of December, 2025, as the date of meeting for the Board of Elections to prepare registration rolls for the annual election of the Seaford Fire District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such meeting take place at the Fire District Office located at 2170 Southard Avenue, Seaford, New York, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on that date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a legal notice informing the resident electors of the Seaford Fire District of this meeting be published by the Fire District Secretary in the official newspaper of the Seaford Fire District.

The resolution was thereupon 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	) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil	) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5: REQUIRING CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT OFFICE TO FILE THEIR NAMES IN THE FORM OF A
PETITION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority in the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Seaford Fire District under Section 176 subd. 7 of the Town Law, the following procedure is hereby adopted for the submission by a candidate of his or her name for District Office:

1. Candidates for District Office shall file their names with the Secretary of the Fire District at the Fire District Office located at No. 2170 Southard Avenue, Seaford, New York at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of such Fire District election.

2. Such candidates shall submit their names in petition form nominating them for the office sought and subscribed by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District.

3. The petition shall state the candidate's name and residence address, and shall describe the office sought in sufficient detail to clearly indicate same.

4. The petition shall contain a space for each qualified voter of the fire district wishing to nominate the candidate for the office sought to subscribe his or her name, print his or her full name, and print his or her residence address.

5. The Fire District Secretary shall make petition forms available to the candidates for District Office or their representative together with a copy of this resolution; the form for such petition is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire District Secretary shall prepare the ballot for the election (printed form for election machine) specifying the names of the candidates duly filed for each office in accordance with the above procedure, and in addition providing for a blank space for each office which may be filled in at the time of the election.

The aforementioned resolution was thereupon duly submitted for approval, and upon roll call the vote was a follows:

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo	) Aye
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil	) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern	) Aye

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York
October 27, 2025

ATTEST: MICHAEL R. FORAN, Secretary