

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2023

The Chairman, Commissioner Frank A. Nocerino, called the Meeting to order at 8:45P.M with a salute to the flag led by Secretary Paolucci.

PRESENT WERE: Chairman Frank A. Nocerino, Vice-Chairman Ralph J. Raymond, Commissioner Robert J. Schmidgall, Commissioner James M. Maroldo, Commissioner Sean K. Abrams, Secretary Nicholas T. Paolucci, Treasurer Kevin P. Frank, Attorney Joseph Frank, Chief Frascella, 1st Assistant Chief Licata, and 2nd Assistant Chief Ferrante. Excused was Superintendent Edward J. Kraus Jr., Attorney Joseph Frank, and 3rd Assistant Chief Timpano.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Raymond and seconded by Commissioner Abrams it was:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2022, be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Raymond and seconded by Commissioner Nocerino it was:

RESOLVED that the schedule of unpaid bills, claim/check #'s as listed below and prepared by the secretary, Have been audited for the period December 6 , 2022, to December 31 , 2022, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 43950 thru 44029

BNB Payroll – Check #'s 123 thru 124

BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s None

BNB Cr# 2 – Check # None

FB Gen Checking – Check # 28

Headquarters Bond – Check # 65

The motion was voted upon and carried.

One proposed member(s) for the North Massapequa Fire Department appeared before the Board:

Timothy Cullen Jr. Fire-Medic Company 1, North Massapequa.

Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners explained to the prospective members their duties and Obligations as a member of the Volunteer Fire Service.

Commissioner Nocerino explained to the prospective members the insurance benefits as offered by the district along with an explanation of the districts LOSAP program. District's Insurance Coverage. Details of personal automobile insurance were also explained.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Maroldo and seconded by Commissioner Raymond it was:

RESOLVED that the application of Timothy Cullen Jr. Fire-Medic Company 1, North Massapequa be accepted for membership and be assigned in accordance with the district's policy and procedure.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Nocerino stated that Dr. Fogel will be the main doctor to go too for new members and employees. We will be reimbursing officers and district personnel \$120.00 for cell phone use on their personal phones. Will be doing a workshop 3rd Wednesday of the month regular meeting.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Raymond and seconded by Commissioner Maroldo it was:

RESOLVED to hold a workshop meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the Month to be published in the local paper.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino and seconded by Commissioner Raymond it was:

RESOLUTION of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, calling for a mandatory referendum on the proposed purchase of One Spartan Pumper and One Ferrara Ladder Truck Fire Apparatus through the use of an installment purchase contract in accordance with Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, directing publication of notice of election, and determining other matters in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT finds it necessary to purchase One Spartan Pumper and One Ferrara Ladder Truck Fire Apparatus through the use of an installment purchase contract due to the firefighting and emergency service needs of the Fire Department and Fire District and the funds available to purchase such equipment; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS has determined that such purchase will enable the Fire District to better serve the firefighting and emergency service needs of the residents and taxpayers of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT has obtained a quote for the purchase of such equipment from Spartan and Ferrara manufacturers based upon piggyback bidding permitted under General Municipal Law §103 through the Houston Galveston Area Council purchasing cooperative and for the financing of an installment purchase contract from 911 Leasing.com after conducting an evaluation of financing alternatives, with the cost of said purchase being as follows:

One Spartan Pumper:	
Purchase Price:	\$ 814,642.00
Down Payment:	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
Balance to be financed:	\$ 514,642.00

One Ferrara Ladder Truck:	
Purchase Price:	\$1,726,020.00
Down Payment:	<u>\$ 900,000.00</u>
Balance to be financed:	\$ 826,020.00

Total Cost:	\$2,540,662.00
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Total Down Payment: \$1,200,000.00
Total to be financed: \$1,340,662.00

The cost of the One Spartan Pumper and One Ferrara Ladder Truck Fire Apparatus prior to financing being \$2,540,662.00 with an offer from 911 Leasing.com to finance \$1,340,662.00 of the purchase price through an installment purchase contract based upon a plan to pay \$1,200,000.00 as a down payment from reserves and to finance the remaining cost of the two trucks in the amount of \$1,340,662.00 with following pricing:

Ten (10) Year Term: \$169,168.20 annual payment (3.99% interest rate).

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT has employed Munistat to evaluate these financing terms in accordance regulations adopted under Section 109-b of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT will adopt a separate resolution relative to financing alternatives.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT shall purchase the above-described One Spartan Pumper and One Ferrara Ladder Truck Fire Apparatus by use of an installment purchase contract based upon the lump sum purchase price of \$2,540,662.00 submitted by Spartan and Ferrara through the Houston Galveston Area Council purchasing cooperative and shall utilize an installment purchase contract over a Ten (10) Year Term based upon the quote provided by 911 Leasing.com which takes into account a plan to finance a part of the purchase price totaling \$1,340,662.00 by the installment purchase contract or such other lender offering more favorable terms subject to applicable financial market forces since such quotes may be subject to renegotiation given the time required to hold this mandatory referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT reserves the right to purchase all or a portion of the equipment directly under the purchasing cooperative lump sum price without the use of installment purchase financing, and that to the extent that it does so, the equipment amount and cost may be reduced for this installment purchase contract, and the corresponding annual installment payment will be reduced; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT shall conduct a mandatory referendum on February 28, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in order to determine whether the Board of Fire Commissioners may purchase such One Spartan Pumper and One Ferrara Ladder Truck Fire Apparatus by use of an installment purchase contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such mandatory referendum of the registered voters of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT, in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, State of New York, shall be held at the North Massapequa Fire District Building located at 960 Hicksville Road, Seaford, New York, commencing at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time, on February 28, 2023, and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, that evening or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposition to be submitted to the registered voters shall be by voting machine or by paper ballot and the Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary machines and ballot strips and/ or paper ballots prepared for said use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said mandatory referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, Election Inspectors, and Ballot Clerks for said mandatory referendum (hereinafter referred to as Election Board) shall be the resident electors of the fire district named to serve in those capacities in the separate resolution adopted by the Board on this same date, and that they shall receive as compensation that amount specified in said resolution described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Election Board shall meet at the North Massapequa Fire District Building, located at 960 Hicksville Road, Seaford, New York on February 28, 2023, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., to commence preparation of the rolls of registered voters for said mandatory referendum; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in preparing such register, the Inspectors of Election shall comply with the following procedure:

- (a) They shall adopt, use or copy from, the registration list certified and supplied by the County Board of Elections the names appearing thereon of all persons residing in the Fire District and qualified to vote in such forthcoming Fire District election.
- (b) The register for the Fire District shall include as a minimum the space for the name of the voter, his address within the Fire District and a space for his signature to be signed by the voter on election day; and
- (c) The Fire District Secretary shall furnish the Inspectors of Election, at Fire District expense, with all necessary registration books, papers, equipment, and supplies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposition to be submitted to the voters of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT shall be in the following form:

"SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY, COUNTY OF NASSAU, STATE OF NEW YORK, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 9, 2023 AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE PURCHASE OF ONE SPARTAN PUMPER AND ONE FERRARA LADDER TRUCK FIRE APPARATUS BASED UPON AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT CALLING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM \$1,200,000.00 FROM THE FIREMATIC EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AND FINANCING THE BALANCE SUM OF \$1,340,662.00 BY FINANCING SAID AMOUNT OVER A TEN (10) YEAR TERM OF LEVEL PAYMENTS AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 3.99 % RESULTING IN TEN (10) ANNUAL PAYMENTS OF \$169,168.20 WITH THE SAID ANNUAL PAYMENT AND INTEREST RATE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AS FINANCIAL MARKET FORCES WILL REQUIRE GIVEN THE TIME NECESSARY TO HOLD THIS MANDATORY REFERENDUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 109-B OF THE

GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND FURTHER EVALUATION OF FINANCING ALTERNATIVES, AND THAT THE ANNUAL SPENDING LIMITATION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT SET UNDER SECTION 176 OF THE TOWN LAW BE RAISED BY THE AMOUNT OF SUCH ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR SUCH TEN (10) YEAR PERIOD, BE APPROVED"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary shall publish and post legal notices as required by law and that such proposition to be submitted to the registered voters at such special election.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino and Seconded by Commissioner Maroldo it was:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT, having heretofore appointed a Board of Elections to comply with the registration and voting procedures set forth in Section 175 and 175-a of the Town Law, does hereby designate the 28th day of February, 2023, as the date of the meeting of the Board of Elections to prepare registration rolls for the mandatory referendum to be held for authorization to enter into an installment purchase contract to purchase One Spartan Pumper and One Ferrara Ladder Truck Fire Apparatus;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such meeting take place at the North Massapequa Fire District Building, located at 960 Hicksville Road, Seaford, New York, between the hours of 3:00 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 NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT of this mandatory referendum be published by the Fire District Secretary in the official newspaper of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion by Commissioner Nocerino and seconded by Commissioner Raymond it was:

RESOLVED, that the following resident electors of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT, are hereby appointed to constitute the North Massapequa Fire District Board of Elections for the mandatory referendum to be held on February 28, 2023.

Geralyn Nocerino,	Chairman
Kevin Frank,	Election Inspector
Christopher Martin,	Election Inspector

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino and seconded by Commissioner Abrams it was:

RESOLVED to adopt a Meeting Decorum policy.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Raymond Old 665 due end of this week. New 665 due end of April beginning of May 2023. New 661 new specs for committee to sign off on within two weeks from the board meeting. Spare Chiefs car going for third estimate. Discussion took place about Firecoms Pre-Alert policy.

Commissioner Schmidgall stated the if the Chiefs see any training, they should present it to the Board. If membership is going to go to hands on training only need an Officer to attend not chiefs or Commissioners. Headquarters is coming along we must have patients. Tent coming down on January 16th. Signal 5 and Bay doors being worked on. If trucks are being relocated across into the Parking lot the Chiefs will be notified

Commissioner Maroldo conventions have been approved if you plan on attending must let the Board know and submit names for the minutes. Knox Boxes program going fine, have 3 commercial buildings have signed onto having them put on their building.

Commissioner Abrams asked to have Jessie Roberts exile revoked and Jessie be allowed to come into fire house as a guest.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Abrams and seconded by Commissioner Raymond it was:

RESOLVED to allow absolve Jessie Roberts lifetime Ban from the Firehouse as a guest.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

District Superintendent Kraus Worked with Treasurer Frank to get necessary permissions to complete payroll after the resignation of former Deputy Treasurer Canova. Up to speed on that now. Roof replacement at maintenance facility completed. E665 motor delivered last week. Should be completed within the next 2 weeks.-Temporary building to come down 1/16/23. Sunbelt requested that date due to staffing shortages. I notified them that we are not paying for Jan 1-16. Propane tanks removed, fire alarm removed, "locker room" taken down, gas pipes removed. Electrical service to be removed this week. Once building is down, we will begin assessing the necessary repairs for the parking lot. HQ construction continues and is almost to punch list. Fire alarm system drawings approved by NCFM. Garage doors/associated equipment will be finished this week. Data lines run this past week for IT/cameras. Abloy system to be installed this week. Keyless entry system equipment dropped off. Wires for that system to be installed later this week. Signal 5 system to be reactivated this week. Audible repair to commence along with that. Need to order gear racks. Need to schedule referendum for new engine and ladder financing. (40 days from Jan 9). Pre-plan going very well with LIFT (Joe Giordano). Starting to input data into SCM and we are scheduling a meeting with the Chiefs to review. I have a rough estimate from SCM for MDT systems for apparatus. Knox boxes installed in E662, E663, C6601, C6602, and C6603. (E665 to be completed when it comes back and C6600 will be done at Sagamore). Boxes have been installed in three commercial occupancies so far and another six are in the process. Setting up a "train the trainer" class from Knox with Chiefs and Line Officers. They will in turn teach the rest of the Department. Continuing to get quotes for various trades for alterations at District Office and addition of kitchenette. New chief's car to Sagamore this coming week. Should be in service within two weeks. Annual employee evaluations completed.

Chiefs Letter

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino and seconded by Commissioner Abrams it was:

RESOLVED that the following items pertaining to the operation of the North Massapequa Fire Department be acted upon.

None

All items have been noted.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (The Chiefs letter is attached to these minutes).

Treasurer Frank Per the attached document included in this month's Bill Schedule, all North Massapequa Fire District bank accounts have been reconciled for the month of November 2022 and there are no differences identified. We will be ending the year with approximately \$250k surplus. Need confirmation on attendees for AFDSNY conference on May 17th thru May 20th at the Turning Stone Resort in Verona, New York. Spoke to Dime Community Bank in reference to interest rates. Waiting on reply. EMS personnel employees have been dropped to avoid additional costs to the district for unemployment insurance & NYSLRS. The only remaining EMS personnel in question are the Graffeos. Letters have been sent, awaiting replies. Processing checks for cell phone stipend. fourteen (14) checks to be processed.

District Attorney Frank Excused

Upon motion made by Commissioner Abrams and seconded by Commissioner Raymond it was:

RESOLVED that pursuant to the laws and regulations applicable and in particular to Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law, that the replacement of the Roof at the Rear Building at the Station No. 2 Site be completed and that the cost and expenses for such purchase including advertising, incidental expenses, architectural fees, engineering fees, and attorney's fees shall be expended from the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund upon authorization of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at the maximum estimated cost of fifty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (Complete Resolution is attached)

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Commissioner Maroldo and seconded by Commissioner Schmidgall, it was:

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 PM.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Chairman Nocerino

Vice-Chairman Raymond

Commissioner Schmidgall

Commissioner Maroldo

Commissioner Abrams