

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, July 3, 2023

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

**PRESENT WERE:** Chairman Frank A. Nocerino, Vice-Chairman Ralph J. Raymond, Commissioner Sean K. Abrams, Secretary Nicholas T. Paolucci, Treasurer Kevin P. Frank, Deputy Treasurer Lisa Lang-Gross, Superintendent Kraus, Chief Frascella, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Licata, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Timpano. Excused were Commissioner Robert Schmidgall, Commissioner James Maroldo, Attorney Joseph Frank, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Ferrante.

**ALSO, PRESENT WAS:** Lieutenant Archipolo.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, June 5, 2023, 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 Abrams 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 June 6 , 2023, to July 3 , 2023, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 44445 thru 44536  
BNB Payroll – Check # 135  
BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 179 thru 181  
BNB Cr# 2 – Check # 102  
FB Gen Checking – Check #'s 46 thru 47  
Headquarters Bond - None

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

John Damato Firefighter Company 3, 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.

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

**RESOLVED** that the application of John Damato Firefighter Company 3, 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** spoke about the meeting with the Public Relations Firm and all their ideas.

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

**REOLVED** to retain West End Strategies, LTD as the Districts Public Relations Counsel at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to adopt the updated sexual harassment policy.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (Copy of updated policy is attached).

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

**RESOLVED** to adopt the District Lease policy.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (Copy of policy is attached).

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

**RESOLVED** to send Kevin Frank, Richard Gentile, Dennis Urso & Scot Abrams to attend the NYS parade & Drill in Deerfield, NY from 08/18/23 through 08/21/23 with the use of a district vehicle.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Raymond** the EAP program is on hold until the committee can do additional research. Advised the Board that he is working on a \$150,000.00 grant with Lisa from New York State Assemblyman John Mikulin. Working with New York State Senator Alexis Weik to assist with a \$250,000.00 grant originally from Senator Thomas. 665 lettering progress, 661 Progress. Send lead dispatcher James Allen to APCO 2023.

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

**RESOLVED** to send the Lead Dispatcher James Allen to APCO 2023 from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with all actual and necessary expenses paid for by the district.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Schmidgall** Excused

**Commissioner Maroldo** Excused

**Commissioner Abrams** advised that Commissioner Maroldo and Chief Frascella will be attending the I.A.F.C. Symposium in the Sun 2023 at Clearwater, Fl. From 11/9/2023 to 11/12/2023 with all necessary and actual expenses paid for by the district. Advised the plumber will be in to fix floor drains at Headquarters.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**District Superintendent Kraus** Explorer (EMS) and F250 (Maintenance) ordered from Newins Bay Shore Ford. Westen Strategies meeting went well. Chairman Nocerino, Vice-Chairman Raymond, and Superintendent Kraus met with EJ Brennan and Don Miller from Westend. MMC replaced Signal 5 system and bay door opener system at HQ. Remotes in each apparatus. Knox Box e-key cores installed in all NMFD Knox Box locations. Interviewed several BLS providers. Waiting for Civil Service documentation. New York State Department of Health inspection complete, went very well. Thanks to Jon Billian and Chad Hannon for their help. 660 Verizon text issue handled.

#### **Chiefs Letter**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Raymond 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.

All requests in Chiefs letter except for the Nassau County TAC 1 changes have been approved.

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 May 2023 and there are no differences identified. May 2023 bank reconciliation was completed, and no issues, errors or discrepancies were identified. A check has been issued out of the NMFD CR# 2 Building project (802.044) to reimburse the Flushing Bank General acct (HQ insurance fund) for HQ additional expenses paid out of the account (\$134,476.18). Final payment (Early termination fee) sent to Dish to close out account. Due to a new governmental accounting standard, the district needs to adopt a new lease accounting policy. The final audit financial statement was completed by the auditors and submitted to the district. The remaining balance in the Bond account is accumulated interest. This amount will need to be transferred to the General fund and will be used for the upcoming Bond payment due July 15th. Once this transfer & payment are made, the account will be closed out. Request permission for Kevin Frank, Dennis Urso & Scot Abrams to attend the NYS parade & Drill in Deerfield, NY from 08/18/23 through 08/20/23.

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**Deputy Treasurer Gross** no report.

**District Attorney Frank** Excused.

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

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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Chairman Nocerino

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Vice-Chairman Raymond

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Excused  
Commissioner Schmidgall

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Excused  
Commissioner Maroldo

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Commissioner Abrams