

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, August 7, 2023

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

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

ALSO PRESENT WAS Lieutenant Archipolo.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, July 3, 2023, be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Schmidgall 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 July 4 , 2023, to August 7 , 2023, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 44537 thru 44608

BNB Payroll – Checks none

BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 182 thru 184

BNB Cr# 2 – Check #'s 103 thru 106

FB Gen Checking – Checks none

Headquarters Bond – Checks none

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

Kevin Murano Firefighter 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 Raymond 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 Abrams and seconded by Commissioner Schmidgall it was:

RESOLVED that the application of Kevin Murano Firefighter 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 Excused

Commissioner Raymond 665 will be here in a week committee to go over and decide where they want the tools mounted, and then to go to North Bellmore Fire District to have tools mounted. 661 delayed we are fighting with the manufacturer if they don't comply with our request of receiving the truck in a agreed upon time, we will cancel it and start over with a new manufacturer. Asked the Chief to prioritize his wish list in the Chiefs letter.

Commissioner Schmidgall all matters are in order.

Commissioner Maroldo Excused

Commissioner Abrams we will have a Community Thank You Open House for new headquarters on September 10, 2023, 11 am to 2 pm. Will advertise in social media, FD Signs and Banner.

District Superintendent Kraus Requesting BoFC to approve hiring of (3) Per-Diem EMTs to supplement current per-diem ALS providers: Michael Greco, Thomas Baierlein, and Michael Katevatis. (Resumes attached, all three interviewed by me and Jonathan Billian, all three submitted NCCS paperwork). Senior Firehouse Maintainer Missack was approved by IOMR to return to duty tomorrow. T-Mobile is still working on the cell site at the District Office. Damage done to roof (leaks) reported. T-Mobile and the electrical contractor are sending a representative to meet with me tomorrow. E662 & E663 going OOS (Tues & Thurs respectively) this week for repairs. The new E-665 having graphics finished this week. Tool mounting to follow. All Milwaukee battery powered saws have been turned over to the Chiefs Office for in-service training. MDTs installed in all four Chiefs vehicles. Working with FRS/SCM for in-house training for Chiefs/Officers. Installation in fire/EMS apparatus to follow. Knox Box program is progressing nicely. See attached list of current users in the district. New Life Pak 15's delivered. Currently being programmed and will be in-service in both ambulances and 6634 by the end of the week. West End Communications is working on layout for the first newsletter. Proof should be back to BoFC later this week. FCC license renewals for UHF and low band frequencies at 660 submitted and conditionally approved. New training TVs installed on both HQ and Sta.#2 patios. New training TV delivered to HQ for mezzanine. Will be installed later this week.

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

RESOLVED to hire per-diem ALS providers: Michael Greco, Thomas Baierlein, and Michael Katevatis.

The motion was voted upon and carried,

Chiefs Letter

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

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

1. Approve the request for Company 3 to have Captains party on September 16, 2023.

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 June 2023 and there are no differences identified. June 2023 bank reconciliation was completed, and no differences, errors or discrepancies were identified. HQ additional expenses are being paid out of the NMFD CR# 2 Building project (802.044) and has a remaining balance of \$622,432.79. Received email confirmation that Dish has received the returned equipment.

Deputy Treasurer excused, submitted report, this month I have been working on Grants. Gained access to various websites so that I can process applications as grants are made available. Grant programs such as Grants.gov; FEMA and NYS are being searched and I have been advised that October additional grants will be made available. I have done extensive work to gain attention to the SAM GRANT for 250K that was promised to you back in 2018. A letter was sent twice to Senator Weiks, Senator Cousins-Stewart, copied to NYS Assembly Mikulin and sent directly to the Governor of NYS, this was to bring awareness for our need as a priority. The majority isn't allowing funding for these grants for many of the districts. The last knowledge I have about this Sam Grant was Ralph is going to reach out to Senator Weiks who offered to meet with the NMFD BOFC on 8/23. I have no further details. The SAM GRANT for 150K application was submitted to NYS Assembly Office of John Mikulin. This application is in review with the Albany staff and pending any further information. I have created a summary packet of the NMFD demographics for ease of submitting grant applications. What I believe to be helpful is reference letters of support.

District Attorney Frank All matters are in order.

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

RESOLVED to go into executive session to discuss employment at 8:25 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

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

RESOLVED to move the September meeting to September 5, 2023.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

EXCUSED
Chairman Nocerino

Vice-Chairman Raymond

Commissioner Schmidgall

EXCUSED
Commissioner Maroldo

Commissioner Abrams