

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 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 Robert J. Schmidgall, Commissioner James M. Maroldo, Commissioner Sean K. Abrams, Secretary Nicholas T. Paolucci, Treasurer Kevin P. Frank, Deputy Treasurer Lisa Lang-Gross, and Superintendent Kraus. Excused were Attorney Joseph Frank, Chief Frascella, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Licata, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Ferrante, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Timpano.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, August 7, 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 Schmidgall 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 August 8, 2023, to September 5 , 2023, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 44609 thru 44676  
BNB Payroll – Check # 136  
BNB Cr# 1 – Checks none  
BNB Cr# 2 - Checks none  
FB Gen Checking – Checks none  
Headquarters Bond - Checks none

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Nocerino** presented the proposed budget to the Board. Stated that the Museum Dinner changed it venue to the Lannin in East Meadow.

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed budget.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to attend the Museum Dinner at The Lannin, in East Meadow on Friday October 13, 2023, and purchase the Assistant Chief package at a cost of \$3,000.00.

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

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

**RESOLVED** to attend and purchase 2 tables to the Firefighters Charitable Foundation, Inc. Annual Dinner Gala at the Westbury Manor on Wednesday October 25, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Raymond** Board will appoint Kurt Ludwig Public Information Officer to the District. Discussed Entering into ambulance recovery cost program with the understanding that we will institute a 24/7 District EMS program. New 665 equipment being installed. Advised the Board that Hendrickson would like to feature the new truck at the Hendrickson open house on Friday 9-8. Advised the Board that the TOB will be hosting a meeting regarding the street fair on 9-24. Meeting will be 9-7 @ Syosset DPW Advised the Board that I am awaiting a response from Harry Snow regarding the status of the new 661. Spartan has been paid in full for the new E-665 by the leasing Corp. correspondence is attached. Commissioner Raymond expressed his displeasure with the Chief and the letter to the Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor concerning block parties.

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

**RESOLVED** to appoint Kurt Ludwig the Public Information Officer of the Fire District.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to Enter into ambulance recovery cost program with the understanding that we will institute a 24/7 District EMS program.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Schmidgall** all matters are in order.

**Commissioner Maroldo** all matters are in order.

**Commissioner Abrams** all matters are in order.

**District Superintendent Kraus** Maintenance staff will be working at HQ all week in preparation for Sunday's Open House. Paramedic Trupiano requesting a NYS 211 waiver. Met with new EMT Michael Greco today. He is all set to start training with us and get qualified to fill in open tours. E665 equipment mounting in progress. Met with Multimedia to review radio installation. Chief's vehicles PM this week. WestEnd Communications is working on the first edition of the District Newsletter. Draft articles for BOFC review coming this week. Cribbing for new R664 received. Awaiting Chiefs/Co3 Officers to place into service. New Tahoe (6603) in at Denooyer Chevy in Albany. As soon as they have the WHITE van we will arrange to pick up the vehicles.

**Chiefs Letter**

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

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

1. Approve the use of Headquarters for the Nassau County Parade Officials meeting on September 28, 2023.
2. All other matters in Chiefs letter will be addressed at next Board meeting.

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 July 2023 and there are no differences identified. HQ additional expenses are being paid out of the NMFDCR# 2 Building project (802.044) and has a remaining balance of \$589,182.79. We have received email confirmation that Dish has received the returned equipment. Continued to get calls from collection agency. Sent a follow-up letter with information concerning cancellation of the account. We received the second property tax payment from the Town of Oyster Bay. Approve balance transfer of \$250,985.02 for 2022 carry-over. to Capitol Reserve # 1 Firematic account.

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

**RESOLVED** to transfer of \$250,985.02 for 2022 carry-over. to Capitol Reserve # 1 Firematic account.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Deputy Treasurer Gross** spoke about the process of applying for grants and the progress that has been made to date.

**District Attorney Frank** excused.

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

**RESOLVED** to go into executive session to discuss employment at 8:50pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 9 pm.

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

**RESOLVED** to submit form 211 to New York State for Alex Trupiano to continue working beyond the approved period without affecting his pension.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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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 9:05 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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Commissioner Schmidgall

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Commissioner Maroldo

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Commissioner Abrams