

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, January 3, 2024

The Chairman, Commissioner Raymond, called the Meeting to order at 8:20 P.M with a salute to the flag led by the District Secretary.

PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Ralph Raymond, Commissioner Robert Schmidgall, Commissioner James Maroldo, Commissioner Sean Abrams, Commissioner Frank Nocerino, District Superintendent Edward Kraus, Secretary Nicholas Paolucci, Treasurer Kevin Frank, Deputy Treasurer Lisa-Lang Gross, Chief Frascella, Chief Licata, Chief Ferrante, and Chief Timpano. Excused is Fire District Attorney Joseph Frank.

ALSO PRESENT WAS: Captain Schmidgall. Captain Moir, Lieutenant Archipolo and Lieutenant Robustelli.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, December 4, 2023, be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino 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 November 7, 2023, to December 4, 2023, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 44929 thru 45006
BNB Payroll – Check # 140
BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 191 thru 195
BNB Cr# 2 - None
FB Gen Checking – None
Headquarters Bond - None

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

Amanda Seltzer Fire Medic 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.

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

RESOLVED that the application of Amanda Seltzer Fire-Medic 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 Raymond Happy New Year, Hendrickson and NMFD both agreed to void PO for Ferrara Ladder Truck due to a Manufacturers delayed. Zoom next two weeks Ambulance recovery Workshops for January. New PO for Pierce Ready for Delivery June 28th. Surplus Landscaping Trailer, surplus 6603 Expedition, surplus Polaris Trailer.

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

RESOLVED to surplus the 32' Cargo mate trailer.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED to surplus the landscaping trailer.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED to surplus the 2004 Ford Expedition.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT has by appropriate resolution established a certain capital reserve fund designated as the Capital Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law, in an account for deposit of said Capital Reserve Fund entitled, "The North Massapequa Fire District, Section 6(g) General Municipal Firematic Equipment Fund" in local banks; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of emergency lighting and radio communications equipment and installation of same for a New Ford Explorer Emergency Response Vehicle and Associated Equipment is deemed necessary to meet the emergency services needs of the residents of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the maximum cost to obtain such emergency lighting and radio communications equipment and installation of same for a New Ford Explorer Emergency Response Vehicle and Associated Equipment (labor, materials, and delivery), including incidental expenses, advertising, and attorney's fees is estimated to be twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars;

IT IS RESOLVED that pursuant to the laws and regulations applicable and in particular to Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law, that the purchase of such emergency lighting and radio communications equipment and installation of same for a New Ford Explorer Emergency Response Vehicle and Associated Equipment be completed and that the cost and expenses for such purchase, advertising, incidental expenses,

and attorney's fees shall be expended from the Firematic Equipment Capital Reserve Fund upon authorization of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at the maximum estimated cost of twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars; and

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED to have a mandatory referendum vote on February 20, 2024 from 6pm to 9pm at 960 Hicksville Road, Seaford NY 11783.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Schmidgall Happy New Year. Headquarters is complete.

Commissioner Abrams Happy New Year. Thanked the board for the joint effort in getting Headquarters complete and thanked the Chiefs for their patience.

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

Resolved to have Selective Remodeling to install one window in Superintendents Office at a cost not to exceed \$5,500.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (A copy of the quote is attached).

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

RESOLVED to have Corkrey Electrical Services Inc. do the electrical work in the District Superintendents Office at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

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

Commissioner Maroldo advised that Himself, Commissioner Raymond, Chief Frascella, District mechanic Cerullo and District Superintendent Kraus will be attending FDSOA. He also advised that Himself, William Pickett, James Pirrello, and Alex Abrams will be attending FDIC. Stated that will be purchasing uniforms.

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

RESOLVED to purchase 20 uniforms for Department members from All American Award.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Nocerino Happy New Year. Thank you for support in my election. \$200,00.00 left from 2023 will be put into 6G account equipment and apparatus.

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

RESOLVED to make Februarys meeting a dinner and invite the Chiefs, Officers, District Employees, and any other people deemed necessary.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

District Superintendent Kraus Happy New Year to all. Hoping for a healthy and productive year. Congrats to Commissioner Nocerino on a good year and his reelection. Good luck and looking forward to working with Commissioner Raymond as Chairman of the Board this year. L-661 had repairs done to brake system. Needs to go back out for front-end work as soon as the vendor has space to accommodate. E-663 going OOS for repair (should be warrantied) on pump transfer valve. New E-665 OOS for tank repair caused by hand tool mounting. New EMS-6634 Explorer lettered. Working on NYS DOH certification with Lead Medic Billian. Vehicle will be going to Sagamore for lights/sirens install net Tuesday. A-667 was recently repaired for wiring issues to exterior outlets and narcotics safe. Back in service and operating properly. New 6603 vehicle in service. 6600 sustained damage from accident while responding to mutual aid fire in Levittown on 12/23. Vehicle at Extreme Collision for repair and all documentation sent to both Levittown FD and Harbor Insurance. HQ bay doors have been modified/repared by TM Kenney. Aqua stat for HQ stairwell heating installed and operating. HQ west parking lot lights replaced with LED fixtures and new photocells. Thank you to Commissioner Raymond for his assistance with the replacement. EOC room will have work ongoing between Sal Canova and Holborn Electric for the next few weeks. Will keep everyone apprised. NYS DOH Controlled Substance License renewed and received. Anil Vora retired as of 1/1/24. I will be handling all AVOs and purchasing with Treasurer Frank going forward. "Doc" will be missed, and I wish him the best in his retirement.

Chiefs Letter

Concerns about Driving Policy:

The chairman explained to the Chief that it will remain as is for the next year and at that time will be readdressed with the chief's office. All items have been noted. (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 2023 and there are no differences identified. HQ additional expenses are being paid out of the NMFDCR# 2 Building project (802.044) totaling \$480,159.47 with a remaining balance of \$369,840.53. 2023 End of year balance in the General Checking account is \$201,310.85. Internal accountant (Patrick Cunningham) left Gentile; Brengel & Lin. New accountant will be assigned. Frank signed engagement letter. Received \$10k check from Seaford Fire District for dispatch services.

Deputy Treasurer Gross Reconciliations of monthly statements are conducted upon request. Grants Administrator:

Pending:

FEMA Grants NOFO will be generated in January 2024

I am currently putting together a packet for preparation.

Priority Grants:

a. SCBA

b. Radios

Requests:

1. 150K awarded by Assembly John Mikulin. Suggestions for next steps, a request for information was sent to us on 12/13 by DASNY. Do we submit a letter to spend the 150K since we do not have the vendor invoice and budget outline for the new ladder truck? A decision is needed by 1/9 as outlined in my email to the chairpersons dated 12/20.

2. SCBA invoices (2) needed so that I may apply to the V-FIRE Grant Program recently announced by the Governor of NY state.

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Tasks Completed:

1. FEMA sites are being monitored for training and funding opportunities.
2. DHSES Site is being checked weekly for grant programs. Grants portal access has been provided to me and Frank. DHSES E-Grants system <https://grants.dhSES.ny.gov>
3. The narrative template was completed and submitted for feedback to the BOFC chairpersons and District Supervisor. No feedback was provided. I am attaching with my report as an attachment for feedback on accuracy and ethnicity for the information provided on the district.

District Attorney Frank excused

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

RESOLVED to go into executive session to discuss employment at 9:15 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 9:25 pm.

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 9:35 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Chairman Raymond

Vice-Chairman Schmidgall

Commissioner Maroldo

Commissioner Abrams

Commissioner Nocerino