

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, April 1, 2024

The Chairman, Commissioner Raymond, called the Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M with a salute to the flag led by Chief Frascella

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

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

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, March 4, 2024, 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 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 March 5, 2024, to April 1, 2024, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 45161 thru 45229

BNB Payroll – Check # 143

BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s None

BNB Cr# 2 – Check #'s 122 thru 124

FB Gen Checking – None

Headquarters Bond - None

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

William Burbige Company 3, Matthew Paladino Company 3, Nicholas Russo Company 3, North Massapequa, and Robert Russo Company 3, 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. (An outline of the insurance coverage was given to each applicant).

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

**RESOLVED** that the application of William Burbige, Matthew Paladino, and Nicholas Russo, 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.

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

**RESOLVED** that the application Robert Russo Company 3, 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** Inspection 4-21 1000 Hours at Little Village. Inspection supplies complete. 661 progress. Letter sent OSHA requesting extension on comment period. New Chiefs will be sworn in Thursday night.

**Commissioner Schmidgall** wished the best to all running in an election on Thursday.

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

**RESOLVED** to revise the Travel Policy, **the maximum allocation for training committee members for meals not to exceed \$150.00 per day, the maximum allocation for Chiefs and Commissioners for meals not to exceed \$200.00 per day as set by the Board or CATM for that convention.**

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**Commissioner Maroldo** Excused

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

**District Superintendent Kraus** Preventative maintenance is completed on most of the apparatus and vehicles. Working on last few vehicles (ambulances, ancillary vehicles, 6688). The roof is still leaking at the District Office. Working with LI Roofing to rectify. NFPA annual gear inspections tomorrow. Ice machine replaced at HQ. Working on getting microwave at Sta#2 repaired. New 6634 on site. Working with Jon Billian and NYS Department of health on certification. Need motion for new narcotics safes for EMS. Sole source. \$11,120. Portable radio tagging and inventory completed. Supplies issued for apparatus inspections. Superintendent Office construction is coming along nicely. Old Ford Expedition sold to Wallkill FD. Still working with Proclaim on Medicare/Medicaid onboarding. 3 candidates for per-diem medic were held up by civil service. One has withdrawn application. April 6<sup>th</sup> is NYS Commissioner Training at HQ (8am).

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

**RESOLVED** to replace the current 3 outdated narcotics safes with 3 new MedixSafe MX2 at accost not to exceed \$11,120.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (See attached quote. The current safes are outdated and non-repairable and updateable).

**Chiefs Letter** all items in letter were noted. Discussion about electrical safety plugs. Chief Frascella thanked the Board for their support during his term as Chief, Commissioner Raymond thanked the chief on behalf of the Board for a job well done and told him to enjoy his family with all his free time.

**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 February 2024 and there are no differences identified. HQ additional expenses are being paid out of the NMFDCR# 2 Building project (802.044). Expenses paid to date total \$755,656.80 with a remaining balance of \$94,343.20 for this project. Craig, Fitzsimmons & Meyer were on site to continue the audit process to complete the AFR for submittal to the Comptroller's office. Thank you to Positive Pay, we were able to identify a Capital Reserve check to Relle Electric, Inc that was washed to an individual. I returned the check as fraud and notified TD Bank and the United State Postal Service Fraud Division. There was no loss to the district, as it was identified before the check could clear. I received a follow-up call from the Fraud Division for more information, but nothing since then.

**Deputy Treasurer Gross** Reconciliations of monthly statements are conducted upon request.  
EMS Billing QA no report.

**Grants Administrator:**

**FEMA** Grants NOFO has opened on 2/28/24 a grant request **was** submitted for 48 APX radios. No action at this time.

**DASNY – Pended until 4/5 Ralph/Eddie/Kevin attention needed**

150K awarded by Assembly John Mikulin.

a. A letter was submitted to pend this award consideration due to vendor change for the Ladder truck. DASNY approved the extension for information until 4/5/24.

i. Need the updated budget for the Ladder Truck

ii. The new invoice.

iii. The referendum information

**NYS V-Fire Grant**

A funding request for 50 new SCBAs totaling \$483,000 **was** submitted on 1/23/24. No action is required at this time.

**Fire House Subs**

Grant requests will open on 4/4 – **I am prepared** to submit a request for 3 Lucus CPR Mechanical Machines.

**FEMA SAFER** is in an open period; this grant is designated for recruitment and retention. Email to Ralph and Frank 3/26/24 on the appropriate needs for submitting a grant for NMFDC. There have been no suggestions to date.

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**Suggestions:**

- Quarterly newsletter: can this be considered recruitment and retention? If so, how much x 4 a year?
- Do any message boards outside the firehouses need to be replaced? The LED types.
- Why don't you have an explorer/junior program? Thoughts? I can build a plan of cost and request these funds through this grant.

**Tasks Completed:**

1. FEMA funding review conducted.
2. Access granted for ESO – To prepare for Billing QA once launched.
3. OSHA Standard Brigade upcoming changes – I am considering recommendations for grants we may need to satisfy these upcoming changes.

**District Attorney Frank** All matters are in order

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

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

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 9:05 pm.

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

**RESOLVED** to drive the Box Truck (6611) you must be qualified on either unit 667 or 668.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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Chairman Raymond

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Vice-Chairman Schmidgall

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EXCUSED  
Commissioner Maroldo

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Commissioner Abrams

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Commissioner Nocerino