

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2024

The Chairman, Commissioner Raymond, called the Meeting to order at 8:30 P.M with a salute to the flag led by Chief Licata.

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, Fire District Attorney Joseph Frank, Chief Licata, and Chief Archipolo. Excused were Chief Ferrante, and Chief Timpano.

ALSO PRESENT WAS: Captain Schmidgall.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, April 01, 2024, and the Special Meeting held Thursday April 04, 2024 be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

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 April 02, 2024, to May 06, 2024, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 45230 thru 45315
BNB Payroll – Check # 144
BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 198
BNB Cr# 2 – 125 thru 126
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:

John Gennardo Firefighter Class “B” 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 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 Abrams and seconded by Commissioner Nocerino it was:

RESOLVED that the application of John Gennardo Firefighter Class “B” 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 Raymond Congratulations to Officers and Chiefs on Elections. Met with Alexis Weiks 250K Grant. Meeting with Congressman Garbarino 250K Grant. 661 progress on target for late June. Great Job on inspection. All incoming Checks will be presented at the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting and copied to the District Secretary. New Resolution: Hose testing, inspections, and Preventive Maintenance. Happy Memorial Day.

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

RESOLVED to create new policy relating to the Fire District inspection of Fire Apparatus and District Vehicles to read:

“All responsibilities for the North Massapequa Fire District relating to the Annual Inspection of Fire Apparatus and District Vehicles: Hose testing, Inspections, Maintenance, Pump testing, Detailing and other responsibilities designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners, to be completed prior to the Annual Inspection.”

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino and seconded by Commissioner Raymond 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 and installation of mechanical ladder rack actuators to renovate a 2010 Pierce Engine Fire Apparatus [Unit 663] and Associated Equipment and Work 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 purchase and installation of mechanical ladder rack actuators to renovate a 2010 Pierce Engine Fire Apparatus [Unit 663] and Associated Equipment and Work (labor, materials, and delivery), including incidental expenses, advertising, and attorney's fees is estimated to be fourteen thousand (\$14,000.00) 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 purchase and installation of mechanical ladder rack actuators to renovate a 2010 Pierce Engine Fire Apparatus [Unit 663] and Associated Equipment and Work 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 fourteen thousand (\$14,000.00) dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided for in Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law.

The motion was voted upon and with all Commissioners in the affirmative, the resolution was carried. (Quote Attached).

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

RESOLVED Approved Company 3 hold a Dedication/Wet down on July 20, 2024, for the new E-665 and the board will pick up all expenses excluding the liquid refreshments.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Schmidgall Headquarters truck room floor being redone. While work is being carried out the trucks will be parked in the parking lot in a tent, and we will arrange security. Congratulations to the Chiefs and Officers. Happy Memorial Day.

Commissioner Maroldo uniform fitting on Thursday 6pm. Working on a memorial for 9 11 steel that was procured from FDNY is in the works. Happy Memorial Day.

Commissioner Abrams all matters are in order. Happy Memorial Day.

Commissioner Nocerino Congratulations to the Chiefs and Officers. Install dinner all set added and made some changes on dinner and cocktail hour. Will be able to use outside area upstairs for smoking cigars. Nice job to Officers and Engineers on inspection. Meeting with Public Relations company Thursday the 9th on newsletter. The safes for controlled substances are outdated and will need to be replaced, Happy Memorial Day.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino and seconded by Commissioner Raymond 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 and installation of controlled substance storage safes for ambulances and associated equipment and work 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 purchase and installation of controlled substance storage safes for ambulances and associated equipment and work (labor, materials, and delivery), including incidental expenses, advertising, and attorney's fees is estimated to be eleven thousand one hundred twenty (\$11,120.00) 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 purchase and installation of controlled substance storage safes for ambulances and associated equipment and work 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 eleven thousand one hundred twenty (\$11,120.00) dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided for in Section 6(g) of the General Municipal Law.

The motion was voted upon and with all Commissioners in the affirmative, the resolution was carried. (Quote attached)

District Superintendent Kraus Congratulations to Chiefs and Officers on elections. Thank you to the Board for sending me to the State Association summit in White Plains. Sat in several informative classes on Recruitment/Retention, Mental Health, and OSHA 1910/NFPA. 2023 internal audit completed by Kyle Brengel. CFM working on external audit. Still working with Proclaim on Medicare/Medicaid onboarding. Uniforms ordered will be in this week. All American will be coming on May 9th for second fitting and last-minute alterations if necessary. Everything set for Installation Dinner with venue and DJ. Working with Treasurer Frank on checks that have been fraudulently taken from mail. We believe we are now up to date on those checks/invoices. The new 6634 has been in service for several weeks now and is operating well. New training laptop is in and ready to be issued to Chiefs Office. Icom radios are in and ready to be programmed by Sal Canova. Will send him requested frequencies between today and tomorrow. All vehicle PM and annual inspections are complete. Working with Nick Cerullo and vendors to complete all the outstanding items from apparatus inspections. All annual pump testing completed as of today. Waterway has been taken over by a new owner. They now serve Eastern PA, Northern NJ, Westchester, and Long Island. As such they are no longer honoring the hose test annual dates as Steve Schuman had previously done. They said this is why we were not tested in April or May as in the past. We are scheduled for all hose testing on July 1st. I am going to request them for early April of 2025 with them as soon as that is completed. All SCBA annual flow testing complete. We have many cylinders that are timing out of the 15-year lifespan. Annual PPE inspection completed. All generators were preventative maintained a few weeks ago. We will be testing the Little Village generator with a live transfer in the last week of June. Comm. Raymond and I met with Dr. Feingold to discuss and confirm dates. Roof repaired at District Office. So far so good. Need new split unit in District Office server room. Two quotes provided. Recommend using Albano AC at \$3975 for a 12K unit. Taping and spackling of Supt Office will be completed tomorrow. After that we can begin painting. Awaiting prospective dates for Milburn Flooring to redo HQ truck room floor. Backflow testing of all buildings completed.

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

RESOLVED to replace the Air Conditioning unit in the computer server room at a cost not exceeding \$4,500.00 and work to be done by Albano A/C & Mechanical Service Corp.

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

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

RESOLVED to have Cardinal Landscaping do the lawn and garden chemicals and spring and fall preparations at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried. (Quote attached).

Chiefs Letter

Upon motion made by Commissioner Nocerino 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 use of Headquarters for the Company 1 fundraiser being held Maech 22, 2025.
2. Approve the Company 3 Fundraiser events for April 1, 2024 to July 15, 2024 and December 14, 2024.

All other items have been Noted.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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 March 2024 and there are no differences identified. March 2024 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). Expenses paid to date total \$789,700.44 with a remaining balance of \$60,299.56 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. The AFR was submitted by Kyle Brengel and validated by me on 04/30/24. Thanks to Positive Pay, we were able to identify a second Capital Reserve check to Intricate Solutions, 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. The monies received from the sale of the Ford Expedition, the small landscape trailer & the large Polaris trailer totaled 19,450.00. This money was transferred to the CR# 1 Firematic account. Per the agreement, the medical & dental was extended for Pat Wood. As of this month, the medical & dental will now need to be cancelled and Pat Wood notified.

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

EMS Billing QA no report.

Grants Administrator: FEMA:

1. SAFER Grant was submitted 5/4/24 EMW-2023-FF-01407 for 64K for recruitment and retention
 2. AFG Grant was submitted on 2/28/24 EMW-2023-FG-06831 for 255,888.00 for 48 APX Radios
- No action at this time, monitoring regularly for any additional due diligence.

DASNY – 150K awarded by Assembly John Mikulin.

- a. All Documentation was submitted on 4/12 to DASNY; A processor has been assigned, at this time, no further inquiry is needed.

NYS V-Fire Grant DHSES E-Grants - Project VF23-1035-E00 A funding request for 50 new SCBAs totaling \$483,000 was submitted on 1/23/24. No action is required currently. Monitoring regularly for additional due diligence.

In Flight

Fire House Subs Grant requests will open again in July – I am prepared to submit a request for 3 Lucas CPR Mechanical Machines.

Motorola Solutions

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I will submit the APX Radio request through this portal

Tasks Completed:

Formal request letter created to Senator Alexis Weik; because of our meeting, we have requested \$250K Monitoring and research for grant opportunities

District Attorney Frank thank you for the use of headquarters for Commissioner training.

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

RESOLVED to go into executive session to discuss employment at 9:30 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 10.00 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 10:05 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Chairman Raymond

Vice-Chairman Schmidgall

Commissioner Maroldo

Commissioner Abrams

Commissioner Nocerino