

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

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

**PRESENT WERE:** Commissioner Ralph Raymond, 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 Licata, Chief Ferrante, Chief Timpano, and Chief Archipolo. Commissioner Robert Schmidgall and Fire District Attorney Joseph Frank were excused.

**ALSO PRESENT WAS:** Captain Moir, Lieutenant Robustelli and Lieutenant Gentile.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, June 3, 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 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 June 4, 2024, to July 1, 2024, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking - Check #'s 45399 thru 45455  
BNB Payroll – Check #'s 147 thru 148  
BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 199  
BNB Cr# 2 – Check #'s None  
FB Gen Checking - None  
Headquarters Bond – Check #'s None

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

Nicholas K. Karcz Firefighter Company 3, Seaford.

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.

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

**RESOLVED** that the application of Nicholas Karcz Firefighter Company 3, Seaford, 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** Garbarino update will see him at an event tomorrow night. New 661 Truck committee inspection trip 7-23 to 7-24. New 661 Progress see pics. New 665 Wet down 7-20 Little village notified. 150 K from Ferretti and Kennedy for SCBA's and tools for 661. Letter support NYS pension. Billing 7-1 starting Tonight.

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

**RESOLVED** to go to pierce in Wisconsin to do the final inspection of the new L-661, Attending will be Commissioner Nocerino, Commissioner Schmidgall, District Superintendent Kraus, Chief Licata, Chief Ferrante, Captain Schmidgall, Lieutenant Gentile, Lieutenant Canova, and Ex-Captain Hannon, with all necessary and actual expenses paid for them by the district.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED WHEREAS**, 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 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus ["SCBA"] Packs and Bottles [six (6) Packs and twelve (12) Bottles] for new Engine No. 665 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 purchase of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus ["SCBA"] Packs and Bottles [six (6) Packs and twelve (12) Bottles] for new Engine No. 665 and associated equipment (labor, materials, and delivery), including incidental expenses, advertising, and attorney's fees is estimated to be seventy thousand (\$70,000.00) 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 of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus ["SCBA"] Packs and Bottles [six (6) Packs and twelve (12) Bottles] for new Engine No. 665 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 seventy thousand (\$70,000.00) 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 carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to donate the old gear racks from Headquarters to the North Babylon Fire Company.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to send a letter of support to the New York State Legislature for the New York State Pension program buy back up to three years.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Schmidgall** Excused

**Commissioner Abrams** All matters are in order

**Commissioner Maroldo** Stated that Himself, Superintendent Kraus, and Deputy treasurer Gross will be attending the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs at Turning Stone. Handed out a drawing of what the layout for the (-11 memorial will look like.

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the 9-11 memorial design for Headquarters.

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

**Commissioner Nocerino** Gloves and vest authorized to purchase. In the process of getting the LUPUS machines.

**District Superintendent Kraus** EMS billing started today. Need motion to hire (2) per-diem medics: Andrew Rosenthal and Albert Pakow. 2023 audit should be complete soon. L-661 hotel/airfare booked for final inspection trip July 23-34. E-665 repairs completed last month. All hose testing completed. The Little Village generator testing completed. Icom radios issued to Chiefs and BoFC. New split unit installed in District Officer server room. HQ Officers wing HVAC down, trying to get bids to replace, approximately \$12,000.00. A-667 bay door repaired by TM Kenney. Superintendent Office painted; mouldings installed. Waiting for ceiling materials to come in and HVAC. Purchase 10 refurbished Scott bottles at 4480.00.

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

**RESOLVED** to purchase 10 refurbished Scott bottles from South Shore Fire & Safety at a cost not to exceed \$5000.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to higher Andrew Rosenthal and Albert Pakow as per-diem paramedics at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Chiefs Letter**

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

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

- 1 Approve the resignation of Joseph Barretta.
- 2 Approve the resignation of Gabriella Marchese,

All other items have been noted.

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

**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 May 2024 and there are no differences or discrepancies identified. **Headquarters** additional expenses are being paid out of the NMFDC Capital Reserve # 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 are scheduled to provide the 2023 annual report due by June 30th but is delayed, should have it shortly. Per the agreement, the medical & dental was extended for Pat Wood. Per the documentation provided, the district will need to extend benefits to 12/31/24. District Cellular Phone expense (\$120) for department officers who have district iPhone are due. Building Bond Payment is due 07/15/24. We will need to borrow from Capital Reserve # 1 to make Bond payment until Town of Oyster Bay 2<sup>nd</sup> Tax payment is received. It will be paid back with interest.

**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 currently, monitoring regularly for any additional due diligence.

**DASNYS** – This now has a processor assigned and we will need to act quickly on items requested during the review.

150K awarded by Assembly John Mikulin.

**a. All Documentation was submitted on 4/12 to DASNYS V-Fire Grant**

DHSES E-Grants - Project VF23-1035-E00 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**

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Grant requests will open again on July 11th. – I am ready to request 2 Lucus CPR Mechanical Machines. However, I will be in Bermuda on the day of the opening. See my email for additional assistance on this request.

**Tasks Completed:** Monitoring and research for grant opportunities. Review of EMS Billing Zoom Recording on ESO for QA.

**District Attorney Frank** Excused.

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

**RESOLVED** to extend the health and dental insurance for Patricia Wood (wife of deceased employee Gerald Wood) until December 31, 2024.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to go into executive session to discuss employment at 8:40 pm. To discuss personnel.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 8:57 pm. No motions were made.

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

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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Chairman Raymond

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EXCUSED  
Vice-Chairman Schmidgall

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Commissioner Maroldo

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Commissioner Abrams

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Commissioner Nocerino