

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 12, 2024

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

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

ALSO, PRESENT was Lieutenant Gentile.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, October 7, 2024, be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Budget meeting held on October 15, 2024, be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting held on October 15, 2024, be accepted as printed and submitted by the secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Abrams and seconded by Commissioner Maroldo 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 October 8, 2024, to November 12, 2024, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking - Check #'s 45657 thru 45729

BNB Payroll – Check #'s 152 thru 123

BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 207 thru 208

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:

Angelina Dinatale Fire-Medic Company 3.

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 Raymond 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 Angelina Dinatale Fire-Medic Company 3.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Raymond 4-5 AFDSNY Commissioners training in Headquarters. 2nd VP State. New 661 Punch list Thursday - Thanks for CO 1 acting so quickly - Congrats Maiden voyage. Old 661 Thursday Morning Account corrections. 911 register. Running for Board appreciate support. Follow up NY Class.

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

RESOLVED to approve the use of Headquarters for Association of Fire Districts State of New York for Commissioners training on April 5, 2025.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Schmidgall and seconded by Commissioner Maroldo 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 New Equipment and Upgrade of Existing Equipment for the New Ladder Truck 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 New Equipment and Upgrade of Existing Equipment for the New Ladder Truck and Associated Equipment (labor, materials, and delivery), including incidental expenses, advertising, and attorney's fees is estimated to be one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) 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 New Equipment and Upgrade of Existing Equipment for the New Ladder Truck 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 one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) 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.

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

RESOLVED to move the Capital Reserve 3 Account and Capital Reserve 4 account from TD bank to Flushing bank.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Schmidgall thanked Commissioner Raymond for work on new 661. Advised all that the new flooring for headquarters meeting room and Chiefs hallway.

Commissioner Abrams all matters are up to date, good luck to Ralph.

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

RESOLVED to a lot \$500.00 Gift card to Richard Brannan for his help with the district web site.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Commissioner Maroldo congratulations on 661. District Superintendent and I will be going to Florida for Internation association of Fire Chiefs. All Commissioners should be notified of vehicle accidents. Good luck to Ralph in Election.

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

RESOLVED to appoint Commissioner Maroldo to the Apparatus & Equipment committee.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

District Superintendent Kraus New L661 in service at HQ. New radios were all programmed yesterday. It will be going back to Firematic this Thursday for punch-list items. Prospective buyers for old L661 coming to look at truck on Thursday at 830am. New Tahoe in service with 6603.R664 SRS/power steering/fuel system repairs completed by Hendrickson. R664 accident information sent to insurance company. New lengths of 1.75" hose requested by Chiefs Office ordered from South Shore.

North Bellmore FD has agreed to trade a v-plow and vehicle mount for EMS vending machines. NYS DOH limited lab license fee waiver approved by DOH. Annual bunker gear cleaning completed. A new HVAC system installed in HQ Chiefs Wing. EOC room IT installation completed and working well. Split unit and

LED lighting fixtures to be installed in the Superintendent's Office next week. New SCM monitor installed in Sta.#2 truck room. Flooring samples for HQ meeting room left with Chiefs. Awaiting proposals from two vendors with estimates.

Chief's Letter all matters have been noted.

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 September 2024 and there are no differences identified. EMS Recovery funds received to date: \$37,168.44.

Deputy Treasurer Gross Thank you for allowing me to participate in the annual Fire Districts Convention this past October.

My monthly report outlines the activities in progress.

Deputy Treasurer:

Reconciliations of monthly statements are conducted upon request.

Transfers from the Flushing Account (EMS) are approved upon request.

EMS Billing QA no report, no guidance

Grants Administrator:

In Flight:

1. **DASNY** – 4/12/24 - CREST 26428, CRM: 0165527 (Ladder Truck) Increase from 150K to 350K. 350K awarded by Assembly John Mikulin.

All documentation requests were resubmitted promptly for the increase.

No further inquiries since 10/1/24

2. **DASNY**- 8/11/2024 CRM:0342297 Submission is in progress (911 Dispatch)

150K awarded by Senator Alexis Weiks

Related to Project 802-.032

The last request for financial details was submitted on 11/3/14, and there are no further inquiries

3. **Nassau County:** (Ladder Truck Equipment) Letter submitted by Chair to begin process

Legislator John R. Ferretti, Jr. 10/2/2024 \$155,568.64

No further has been requested.

Pending: To resubmit.

FEMA AFG opens 11/12/ 24

Firehouse Subs opens 1/9/25 and will submit for 1 CPR mechanical vs. 3 in the previous request.

Tasks Closed:

NYS V-Fire Grant – 1/23/24- Project VF23-1035-E00 A funding request for 50 new SCBAs totaling \$483,000. Not awarded. FOIL to understand who was awarded.

Leary Firefighters Foundation 7/24/24- Requested funds for SCBAs not awarded

FEMA grants submitted for 23/24 were not granted.

Conference calls were conducted with FEMA, and grants were awarded to lower-budgeted departments.

Firehouse Subs grant was denied: Costs far exceeded what they grant.

Email Phishing Trainings (3) completed.

Monitoring and research for grant opportunities

District Attorney Frank excused

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

RESOLVED to go into executive session at 9 pm, to discuss Employment.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 PM.

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

RESOLVED to give the part-time dispatchers a 10%-night differential from 11pm to 5pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

RESOLVED to update the Driving Policy to add “**Chiefs & District Employees:** Mandatory courses will be assigned by the driving instructor, to the individual who got into the accident , and must be completed within thirty (30) days. Failure to complete these courses will lead to additional disciplinary action by the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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 10 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Chairman Raymond

Vice-Chairman Schmidgall

Commissioner Maroldo

Commissioner Abrams

Commissioner