

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, December 2, 2024

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

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

**ALSO, PRESENT** was Captain Moir, Lieutenant Gentile, and Lieutenant Abrams.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 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 November 12, 2024, to December 2, 2024, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking - Check #'s 45730 thru 45786

BNB Payroll – Check #'s None

BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 209 thru 211

BNB Cr# 2 – Check #'s 128

FB Gen Checking - None

Headquarters Bond – Check #'s None

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

Christopher Laffey Engine Company 2.

Brandon Jackowski Engine Company 3.

Declan Skozlas Engine 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 Schmidgall and seconded by Commissioner Abrams it was:

**RESOLVED** that Christopher Laffey Engine Company 2 Massapequa Park, Brandon Jackowski Engine Company 3, and Declan Skozlas Engine 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** Transfer of Funds. Repair of old 6603 car, spring on valve. The new 6600 car back from Body shop on Tuesday and reprogrammed at dealer on Wednesday. Permissive referendum \$70,000 for sale of old 661. Motion to fund employee retirement account and emergency account in Feb 2025 20K each total 40K in addition add these two as line items on the annual budget.

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT is vested with the authority to sell or dispose of property or equipment owned by the district which it determines is no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the district pursuant to Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that forty (40) sets of Firefighters turn out gear owned by the district is no longer necessary for its uses and purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined to such property or equipment no longer has value and should be disposed of or donated to another municipality, volunteer fire department or not for profit corporation in accordance with the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law, the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT shall condemn the aforesaid property as no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT and determined to no longer have any value and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the district staff is directed to dispose of such property or equipment by donating it in the name of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT to The Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund, 1912 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT is vested with the authority to sell equipment owned by the district which it determines is no longer necessary for the uses and purposes of the district pursuant to Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that a 1999 Spartan 100 Foot Rear Mount Ladder Truck owned by the District is no longer necessary for its uses and purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined to sell such vehicle valued at approximately seventy thousand (\$70,000.00) dollars, subject to market forces, in accordance with the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law.

**IT IS RESOLVED** that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Fire Commissioners under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law, the NORTH MASSAPEQUA FIRE DISTRICT shall sell such vehicle whose actual value shall be determined by market forces.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as required under Section 176 subdivision 23 of the Town Law and in accordance with procedures for permissive referendums as described in the General Municipal Law.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

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

**RESOLVED** to put \$10,000.00 a year in the Capital Reserve account # 3 Repairs and Capital Reserve account # 4 Retirement for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 to be deposited in February 2025.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$95,000.00 from Account # 404 Building Repairs/Maintenance to Account # 414 Public Liability/Property Damage \$95,000.00

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$45,000.00 from Account # 638 Blanket Accident to Account # 416 Fire Prevention/Education/Training \$45,000.00

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$8,000.00 from Account # 405 Plant Maintenance Supplies to Account # 413 Inspections/Bands \$8,000.00

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$25,000.00 from Account # 406 Office Expense to Account # 410 Radio/Alarm Purchase & Repair \$25,000.00

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$10,000.00 from Account # 401 Legal Audit to Account # 410 Radio/Alarm Purchase & Repair \$10,000.00

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$45,000.00 from Account # 110 Salaries to Account # 415 Insurance Other \$45,000.00

**RESOLVED** to transfer \$30,000.00 from Account # 409 Apparatus/equipment Purchase & Repair to Account # 415 Insurance Other \$30,000.00

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to purchase 5 Surface Pros for Commissioners and Secretary.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Schmidgall** was nice to see the bailout window being used. Looking into getting the high point anker fixed. Headquarters Air conditioning being installed.

**Commissioner Maroldo** excused

**Commissioner Abrams** is looking to redo the parking lot at headquarters. Advised that all repair requests should be put in SCM .Advised Captain Moir to look at new furniture for station 2 truck room.

**District Superintendent Kraus** All F/T maintenance staff were met with to discuss productivity, workplace ethics, etc. New L661 in service at HQ. Still working with Firematic on outstanding punch list items. Prospective buyers for old L661 have offer sheet in their city legal dept. The offer is for \$70K with broker getting 9%. Net to District should be \$63,700. New Tahoe in service with 6603. Working on punch list with Chief Archipolo. 6600 vehicle should be back in service later this week. Stryker P Me'd all LifePaks. Need Board to approve maintenance contract for stretchers/ambulance loading systems. 3-year contract at \$20,440.80. Annual NFPA ladder testing completed on all apparatus. Looking into better software to track vehicle maintenance with Commissioners Raymond and Maroldo. I have placed several calls and emails to the salesman at Newins Ford on status of pickup truck that was ordered. He keeps telling me they will investigate it and get back to me and never does. I now have to call the general manager for an answer. New Signal 5 system installation starts tomorrow. MMC to install. Break-aways installed on all shorelines. Going to upgrade the connections to waterproof as soon as Doug Missack is back to work next week. Small leak found on Sta.#2 roof under siren. Working with LI Roofing to address. They will also address a small leak in rear of District Office in Board Room with the repairs. Insurance company risk assessment completed. Awaiting report from ESIP. Both firehouse kitchen hood duct systems are being cleaned/inspected this Thursday.

**Chief's Letter** all matters have been noted.

**Treasurer Frank** October 2024 bank reconciliation was completed, and no differences, errors or discrepancies were identified. EMS Recovery funds received to date: \$50,557.88 Approval of account transfers Accountant will be in on Wednesday, 12/04/24 to begin 2024 audit process. Fire District bank accounts have been reconciled for the month of September 2024 and there are no differences identified.

**Deputy Treasurer Gross**

**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

In Coordination with Commissioner Maroldo;

CPR Refresher will be conducted for your department members in February on a Wednesday night, 7p-10p; working through further information with A/C Timpano, i.e., total number of members and number of mannequins on site.

CPR Original: A Sunday date in late February is to be determined. I am working with A/C Timpano, I will collect RSVPs as this is a public offering.

**Grants Administrator:**

*In Flight: on 11/27/24 I submitted a request for the status for these DASNY grants, pending a response.*

**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

**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

**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.

An informal annual Risk Assessment needs to be submitted with FEMA grant requests: Have we ever done one? If so, can someone share this with me.

***Pending: To resubmit.***

FEMA AFG is open and closes on 12/20/24 Need a Quote for Radios; pending.

NYS Grant: To submit; Have SCBA quote.

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

***Tasks Closed:***

Monitoring and research for grant opportunities

**District Attorney Frank** all matters are up to date.

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.

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

**RESOLVED** to take a 3-year maintenance contract with Stryker stretcher and the stretcher power loads.

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.

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Chairman Raymond

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Vice-Chairman Schmidgall

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Commissioner Maroldo

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Commissioner Abrams

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