

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Monday, January 6, 2025

The Chairman Robert J. Schmidgall, called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:40 P.M.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT WERE:** Chief Licata, Chief Timpano, Chief Archipolo, and Lieutenant Gentile. Excused was Chief Ferrante.

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

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday, December 2, 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 November 7, 2023, to December 4, 2023, and the fiscal officer has approved to pay such claims.

BNB Gen Checking – Check #'s 45787 thru 45860

BNB Payroll – Check # 154

BNB Cr# 1 – Check #'s 212

BNB Cr# 2 – Check #'s None

FB Gen Checking – None

EMS Recovery – Check #'s None

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

Anthony Curran Firefighter Company 3, 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 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 Raymond and seconded by Commissioner Abrams it was:

**RESOLVED** that the application of Anthony Curran Firefighter 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 Schmidgall** Dr. Gardyn is back along with Dr. Fogel. Inside bailout hook is being fabricated. The Board is looking for members to do clean-ups after parties in meeting room, will pay \$150.00 per party, Chief please submit a list to the Board. The Board is to be notified when a member has an accident or gets hurt no matter how minor. Happy New Year. Congratulations to Ralph and Marc on their elections.

**Commissioner Maroldo** Attending FDIC are Chief Licata, Lieutenant Abrams and Lieutenant Gentile. Attending FDOSA are Commissioner Maroldo, Superintendent Kraus, and Mechanic Cerullo. Happy New Year. Congratulations to Ralph and Marc on their elections.

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

**RESOLVED** to purchase and have installed a liftmaster single phase commercial garage door opener from Superior Door, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Then motion was voted upon and carried.

**Commissioner Abrams** Need to know who's attending New Orleans. Happy New Year. Congratulations to Ralph and Marc on their elections and Bobby and Jimmy on Chairman and Co-Chairman.

**Commissioner Timpano** thank you for the vote of confidence. Going to need a list of Probationary Firefighters that do not have a uniform and a list of Probationary Firefighters that have a hand me down uniform, will be 5 uniforms per Company. Happy New year. Congratulations to Ralph on his election and Bobby and Jimmy on Chairman and Co-Chairman.

**Commissioner Raymond** Congratulations Marc on 4-year term and Bobby on Chairman and Jimmy on Co-Chairman. NMFD in network wellness policy. 661 out for repairs TCU. Punch list for 6603, car. Signal 5 Report. Happy New Year.

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

**RESOLVED** to purchase a new plow for the new pick-up truck from R.W. Truck Equipment Corp. at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to auction off the spare chief's car with Auctions International.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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

**RESOLVED** to have Appraisal Assets come in to do Appraisal of Fire District assets at a cost of \$1,500.00

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**District Superintendent Kraus** L661 OOS at Firematic for front-jack hydraulic issue and TCU error codes. Working on punch-list items for 6603, vehicle. New Tahoe in service with 6603. Working on punch list with Chief Archipolo. New F250 delivered. Going for plow installation on Thursday. Ladder-rack pistons for E663 are in at Firematic. Would like to schedule the repair as soon as L661 is repaired. Two new Stryker batteries installed on stretchers on A667/A668. Awaiting two spares. New Signal 5 system installation starts tomorrow. MMC to install. Temporary bay door motor for R664 to be replaced with permanent side-mount by Superior Bay Door. Awaiting ETA. Waterproof breakaways installed on all shorelines. HQ Training Mezzanine interior bailout high point to be replaced. Being fabricated. Sta#2 roof repaired under siren. (Warranty work from manufacturer). Both firehouse kitchen hood duct systems need hydrotesting (been 12 years since last done). Low estimate of \$1800 for parts/labor from All Out Fire. Meeting a contractor for Dispatch kitchenette quote on Thurs at 8am. Annual asset review for 2024 starting this Wednesday. Appraisal Affiliates has requested BoFC increase the minimum threshold. Requesting BoFC update employee benefit policy (if not already done) to reflect changed Board adopted in 2024: Night differential for all per-diem employees between the hours of 2300-0500 (10%). Health insurance stipend \$4000/year (\$2000 in June and \$2000 in December), Happy New Year, Congratulation to Ralph, and Marc on there elections, and Bobby and Jimmy on Chairman and Co-Chairman.

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

**RESOLVED** to have Hood and Duct systems in Headquarters and Station 2 inspected, repaired and maintained at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

### **Chiefs Letter**

Upon motion made by Commissioner Raymond 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 dropping of Delroy Gordon from the role of the Department.
2. Approve the use of Headquarters for the Nassau County Fire Police Association in November 15m 2025 for their Annual Memorial Service.
3. A lengthy discussion took place about the District Medic response to Alarms, it was determined that it would change for a test period of two months 60 days and be readdressed).

All other matters were noted. (Chiefs letter is attached)

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

**RESOLVED** that the Paid Paramedic will not respond to Automatics Alarms only unless a Fire Department unit is on the road first, this to be for 60 days and readdressed.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

**Treasurer Frank** November 2024 bank reconciliation was completed, and no differences, errors or discrepancies were identified. Appraisal Affiliates will be in on Wednesday, 01/08/25 to begin the 2024 appraisal audit process. EOY Balance is \$89,288.44. Awaiting forms for two new accounts from Flushing Bank. Awaiting forms from TD Bank & Flushing Bank for signature changes. Submitting request for Dime & American Express credit cards for commissioner Timpano.

**Deputy Treasurer Gross** 1. Reconciliations of monthly statements are conducted upon request.  
2. Transfers from the Flushing Account (EMS) are approved upon request.  
3. EMS Billing QA no report

**Other:**

4. In Coordination with Commissioner Maroldo and the NMFD Chiefs.  
• CPR Refresher will be conducted for your department members on February 25th, 7p-10p; working through further information with A/C Timpano, i.e., total number of members and number of mannequins on site.  
• CPR Original: Will be held on Sunday, March 9th. I am working with A/C Timpano, I will collect RSVPs as this is a public offering.

**Grants Administrator:**

*In Flight: Both DASNY applications are in processing.*

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

1. 350K awarded by Assembly John Mikulin.

2. All documentation requests were resubmitted promptly for the increase.

3. No further inquiries since 10/1/24 radios

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.

4. **FEMA AFG:** Application submitted 12/10/24 for Radios: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant grant number EMW-2024-FG-05321

*Upcoming: Pending Grant application opening*

• NYS Grant: To submit; I have SCBA quote.

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

**Continued Search:**

• Parking Lot Renovations – Across from 1000 Broadway

**Tasks Ongoing:**

• Continued Cyber Trainings (6) completed.

• Monitoring and research for grant opportunities

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

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

**RESOLVED** to go into executive session to discuss employment at 9:45 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15 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 10:17 pm.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

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Chairman Schmidgall

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Vice-Chairman Maroldo

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Commissioner Abrams

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Commissioner Timpano

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Commissioner Raymond