

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
January 10, 2024

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

### In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
- Commissioner Brad Gaito
- Commissioner Craig Lanigan
- Commissioner Rick Oh
- Chief Dom Spada
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Mike Conforti
- District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Spada

### New Member Application:

A membership application for Olivia Stamatatos for the Hose Rescue Company came before the Board. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the application, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous. Chairman Magerle swore Olivia Stamatatos into the Hose Rescue Company.

### Chief's Report:

- Chief Spada informed the Board that several members would like to participate in the Reese Tournament; the Board had no objections. Chief Spada stated he would like to surplus the Precore Stairmaster to make room for the leg extension in the gym. Chairman Magerle asked him to meet with District Manager Northcote to complete the surplus. Lastly, Chief Spada told the Board about an issue he had with one of the Paramedics from Centerport. He followed up with explaining that he spoke to the Lead Medic and there should be no further issues moving forward.

### District Manager's Report:

- In District Manager Northcote's absence, Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented the following items from his report:
  - Apparats: Two contracts from Waterway were received: 2024 pump testing for \$1,400.00 and NPFA 1910 Chapter 20 Fire Apparatus Annual Weigh Verification Service for \$560.00. The Board was okay with both.
  - Building: An estimate in the amount of \$82,340.00 from Parsons Commercial LLC was presented to epoxy the main truck floor. Commissioner Lanigan put forth a resolution to move forward with epoxy project at a cost not to exceed \$95,000.00 subject to Permissive Referendum. Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.
  - Personnel: District Manager Northcote left a list of the following members who would like to attend FDIC: A. Magerle, J. Schondebare, E. Weber, K. Martin and J. Costanzo. Commissioner Lanigan put forth a motion to approve the list, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the December 2023 Meeting and the 2023 Year End Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Lanigan, seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.
  
- Correspondence:
  - Request for Facility Use from Ex-member Ryan Sammis to use the upstairs meeting room on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. on for his daughter's communion party; approved.
  - Request for Facility Use from Huntington Village Lacrosse to use the upstairs meeting room on either January 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and January 27<sup>th</sup> late morning/early afternoon to hold a CPR refresher course; approved.
  - Request for Facility Use from Ex-Chief T. Holly on behalf of the Huntington Band Parents Associations to use the upstairs meeting room on March 24, 2024 (with a set up on March 23, 2024) for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser; approved.
  - 2024 Annual Service Contract from SCM for Fire Rescue Systems Software and Hardware in the amount of \$12,817.00; motion to approve by Commissioner Lanigan, seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
  - Annual Audit Engagement letter in the amount of \$6,250.00 from Robert Johnson for the audit of fiscal year ended December 31, 2023; approved.
  - Correspondence from William Glass regarding a Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant from the Dept. of Homeland Security. Grant Guys presented a contract for \$1,500.00 to prepare the grant plus and additional \$350.00 to register the District in the NYS E-Grants program. The Board agreed to move forward with the grant application.
  - District Secretary/Treasurer Spada informed the Board that EMT Carberry approached her regarding a new bill established to provide an enhanced pension with a 25-year retirement option for fire EMS and related personnel. Correspondence from legal council was discussed and the Board directed Sec./Treasurer Spada to contact the NYS Retirement System as per William Glass' recommendation.

- Bills:

**PAID BEFORE THE MEETING:**

AIS Administrators/Firefighters

Insurance Program	\$ 10,438.16
The Hartford	\$ 684.32
Verizon	\$ 854.11

Medicare Part B Reimbursements

Betty Reddy	\$ 174.70
Bonnie Sammis	\$ 174.70
Doug Anthonson	\$ 174.70
John McKenna	\$ 349.40
William Kaiser	\$ 174.70

**PAID AFTER THE MEETING:**

Adept Technology	\$ 1,475.60
Chase/INK	\$ 4,656.11
Corporate Coffee Systems	\$ 189.32
Emergency Responder Products	\$ 446.24
Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County	\$ 300.00
Fire Safety Cleaning Corp.	\$ 400.00
Firehouse Systems Inc.	\$ 1,960.00
Frank G. Relf Architect P.C.	\$ 2,300.00
Grant Guys	\$ 1,500.00
Home Depot	\$ 59.82
Integrated Wireless Technology	\$ 2,074.75
Integrated Wireless Technology	\$ 280.00
Konica Minolta	\$ 25.22
Lauren Helm	\$ 31.00
Motorola Solutions	\$ 50,360.00
NY Fire Equipment, LLC	\$ 3,500.00
NYS and Local Retirement System	\$ 96,738.00
Optimum	\$ 400.50
PSEG Long Island	\$ 19.73
SCM Products Inc.	\$ 195.02
SCM Products Inc.	\$ 12,817.00
South Shore Fire & Safety	\$ 6,349.94
Suffolk County Water Authority	\$ 21,697.50
Suffolk County Water Authority	\$ 145.27
Terminix	\$ 50.00
Tolls By Mail	\$ 31.80
T.K. Elevator Corp.	\$ 1,362.80
Verizon	\$ 1,202.92
Village Power Tools	\$ 108.07
W.B. Mason	\$ 66.71
William Glass	\$ 546.00
Grant Guys	\$ 1,850.00

The bills were approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Lanigan, seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.

- Chairman Magerle:
  - Chairman Magerle initiated a discussion on the Resolution to grant a tax exemption to eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers as provided by real property tax law 466-a from the Public Hearing. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to move forward with the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.
  
- Apparatus:
  - No report.
  
- Buildings and Grounds:



- Chairman Magerle informed the Board that the District received several new monitors from the Greenlawn Fire Department and raised a discussion on putting a monitor in the District office for zoom meetings; the Board agreed.
- Communications:
  - Commissioner Oh stated that the website is old and outdated and would like to investigate creating a more modern website using Word Press. Most of the work would be done in-house and the approximate cost would be between \$8,000 and \$12,000.00. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to move forward with a new website using Word Press, seconded by Commissioner Lanigan and unanimous.
- Personnel:
  - Commissioner Gaito put forth a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel item. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.
  - The Regular Meeting resumed at 7:32 p.m. upon the close of Executive Session.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:33 p.m. by Commissioner Lanigan, seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Denise Spada  
District Secretary/Treasurer