

Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 10, 2026

Draft Minutes

Subject to Board review, amendment and approval.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
- Commissioner Brad Gaito
- Commissioner Kurt Martin
- Commissioner Rick Oh
- Commissioner Jeffrey Schondebare
- 2nd Asst. Chief K.C. Anna
- District Manager James Magerle
- District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Spada

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Chief's Report:

- 2nd Asst. Chief Anna informed the Board that the process for EMTs has been reviewed with both EMT Carberry and Medical Director Geffken.
- The following drills/trainings and events were read for Board approval:
 - Yaphank – low rise commercial fires drill
 - Recruitment Tent at Huntington Town Farmer's Market
 - Eaton's Neck Fourth of July Parade
 - Bay Hill's Fourth of July Parade
 - Crescent Club Fourth of July Fireworks Standby
 - Department Extrication Drills
 - Department Clam Bake at Bay Hills Pavilion
 - South Hampton Muster
 - Rapid Intervention Drill
 - Private Dwelling Search Drill
 - Standby Crew for Real Heroes Event at American Legion Hall
 - Taxpayer Drill

Motion to approve participation in all by forth by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

District Manager's Report:

- Fire District Manager Magerle presented his report and highlighted the following:

- Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to purchase a new leaf blower and trimmer at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- District Manager asked the Board if they would like to consider moving the T1 line to Light Path; it was unanimously agreed not to.
- Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to increase the hourly wage for part-time dispatchers and part-time EMTs to \$25.00 per hour. Commissioner Gaito seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- An updated list of firehouse projects was distributed by District Manager Magerle. The Board decided to hold a Workshop on July 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss it further.
- Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to approve part-time employment as a dispatcher for Richard Carroll. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the May Workshop, Regular Meeting and Executive Session Meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare; unanimous.
- Financial Report & Bills:
 - Cash account balances, Budget Report as of May 31, 2026 and LOSAP Statement from Main Street Financial were distributed for review. Prepaids totaling \$61,831.10, payroll for May totaling \$71,675.07, 40 vouchers from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 70,198.70 and one voucher from the Capital Reserve Fund for \$16,441.74 were approved on a motion from Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.
 - Commissioner Schondebare put forth a motion to transfer the allocated \$425,000.00 to the Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- Correspondence:
 - Receipt of signed Bill of Sale from Signal 5 Fire Apparatus for the 2016 Chevy Tahoe.
 - Emailed and left a phone message for Ann Bailey, the Asst. Manager of New Construction at Suffolk County Water regarding new hydrant requests; no response.
 - District Dinner to be held at Grasso's on Sunday, July 26, 2026 from 3-6:00 p.m.
 - Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution to move forward with New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS). Motion seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.
 - It was reported that the Board agreed (via email) to a \$2.00 per hour increase for the p/t medics in response a letter dated April 21, 2026 from Centerport Fire District Manager Kaifler. District Secretary/Treasurer Spada also reported that she spoke with Centerport Fire District DM Kaifler and District Treasurer Jablonski to request an updated list of Medic salaries and shared medic billing.

- Correspondence from legal council regarding Commissioners using District email accounts with a recommendation that all District officials have district email accounts. William Glass also suggested we arrange for a .gov domain as he suspects the law will soon be changing to require this for municipalities. District Secretary Spada inquired about establishing an email account for the Dept. Secretary as well. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to move forward with changing to a .gov domain and establishing District emails for all Commissioners as well as the Dept. Secretary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- Notification from FEMA that our 2024 AFG application was denied.
- Letter from Huntington Fire District asking to install an APTP facing Boxer Ct and an antenna mounted on the roof, an equipment rack and a Motorola GPW receiver, network devices and a UPS at our site. The Board asked DM Magerle to review this request with FHA Nelson and if FHA Nelson approved, they were agreeable.
- Apparatus:
 - No report for apparatus but Commissioner Martin informed the Board that he met with William Kelly from Morton Building Company to discuss possible options for 1 N. NY Ave. The Board agreed to add this as an item to discuss further at the July 8, 2026 Workshop Meeting.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
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- Communications: No report.
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- Personnel:
 - Commissioner Gaito initiated a discussion on a letter sent to the Board from District EMT Carberry. It was ultimately agreed that District EMT Carberry can resume attending regularly scheduled monthly Rescue Squad meeting with the condition that his work schedule on those days resume the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It was also agreed that his need to attend Rescue Squad meetings would be reevaluated during his next contract negotiation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Spada
District Secretary/Treasurer