

Board of Fire Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 21, 2025

Draft Minutes

Subject to Board review, amendment and approval.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Magerle.

In attendance:

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

Chief's Report:

- 2nd Asst. Chief Anna provided three quotes for the 2026 Annual Inspection Dinner as required by the recently adopted Inspection Dinner Policy. After reviewing the quotes, the Board agreed to their prior decision of holding the dinner at the Crescent Club.
- 2nd Asst. Chief Anna informed the Board that the Department would like to participate in the following: Driver training on November 2, 2025, an acquired structure drill with the Centerport Fire Department on October 29, 2025, a live burn training (tax-payer) drill at the Suffolk County Fire Academy on November 17, 2025 and the Huntington Holiday Parade on November 29, 2025. The Board approved the departments participation in all events on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

District Manager's Report:

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

- Apparatus:
 - Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution to surplus the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe as it is no longer necessary for any of the uses or purposes of the District, subject to permissive referendum as the vehicle is valued at more than \$20,000.00 and less than 100,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
- Equipment:
 - Quotes to replace the T1 line (from Verizon at \$189.00 per month and from Light Path at \$1,100.00 per month) were presented. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to accept the Verizon quote, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous. Commissioner Martin suggested having the attorney construct a letter to Verizon asking for reimbursement on previous charges.

- Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to replace 31 portable radio batteries at a cost of \$39.00 each. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin; unanimous.
- Correspondence:
 - EMS Medical Director Renewal for 2026 at an annual charge of \$3,000: motion to approve by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
 - The Hartford Cancer Insurance Policy Renewal: The Board agreed to renew the Enhanced Plan on a motion by Commissioner Schondebare, seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.
 - Based on a recommendation from legal counsel regarding bidding for common services, the Board agreed to do a cost evaluation after 2026 and 2027 to track expenditures and evaluate whether bid packages are needed.
 - Nominating Petitions are available for the upcoming District Election on December 9, 2025. Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to approve the following at the Board of Elections rate of \$70.00 per election:
 - Election Chairman – Rich Florio
 - Election Inspectors/Ballot Clerks: Margaret Florio and Darlene Colonna
 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous. Rich Florio and Darlene Colonna were also approved to work the Department Election at the same rate of pay.
 - Facility Request Forms were submitted from Ladies Aux. President Meg McConnell and from Department Member Sebastian Osorio, both approved.
 - Resignation Letter from Joseph Tropeano.
 - The Board agreed to apply for thirty SCBA Scott Packs for the 2025 AFGP Grant and a reapplication for the Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant application for \$275,000.00 for the renovation of 10 N. NY Ave. was submitted.
 - A complaint from a community member regarding the daily noon horn was discussed; Chairman Magerle will respond.

- Bills:

PAID BEFORE THE MEETING:

ADP	\$ 520.41
Ameritas	\$ 1,114.36
Ameritas	\$ 163.36
AT&T Mobility	\$ 972.79
AT&T Mobility	\$ 1,428.45
Borg & Borg Ins. Agency & Assoc.	\$ 2,627.00

National Grid	\$ 391.40
NYSHIP	\$ 23,141.18
Optimum	\$ 431.79
PSEG LI	\$ 4,132.60
PSEG Long Island	\$ 23.52
The Hartford	\$ 660.20
Verizon	\$ 879.77
Verizon	\$ 6,206.75
Wex Bank/Exxon	\$ 71.86
Wex Bank/Shell	\$ 162.60
Wex Bank/Sunoco	\$ 186.75

Medicare Part B Reimbursements

Bonnie Sammis	\$ 185.00
Doug Anthonson	\$ 370.00
Judy McKenna	\$ 185.00
Laurence Northcote	\$ 370.00
Richard Riegel	\$ 185.00
Toni Riegel	\$ 185.00
William Kaiser	\$ 185.00

PAID AFTER THE MEETING:

Adept Technology	\$ 1,296.60
Adept Technology	\$ 346.74
Anderson Fire Equipment	\$ 175.00
Borg & Borg Ins. Agency & Assoc.	\$ 23,093.00
Capital Beer Depot	\$ 99.90
CARR Business Systems	\$ 71.25
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Chase/INK	\$ 6,898.38
Corporate Coffee Systems	\$ 205.13
Erik Weber	\$ 55.06
FASNY	\$ 25.00
Fourth Stage	\$ 1,587.03
Green Grass Guy	\$ 175.00
Hendrickson Emergency Service	\$ 1,400.00
Home Depot	\$ 171.74
James Magerle	\$ 55.92
Konica Minolta	\$ 53.88
Ladder Suite LLC	\$ 2626.50
Long Islander	\$ 14.63
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Michael Conforti	\$ 144.80
Mr. Suds	\$ 15.00
New Era Technology LI, Inc.	\$ 98.32
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Newsday	\$ 319.92
New York State Assoc. of Fire Chiefs	\$ 200.00
Olivarez Home Improvement	\$ 3,800.00
Peloton Interactive Inc.	\$ 528.00
Primo Brands	\$ 157.79

ProClaim	\$ 986.70
ProClaim	\$ 1,138.66
Robinson's Industrial Gas	\$ 88.51
Savasta Medical Service	\$ 585.00
Schufire LLC	\$ 1,400.00
SCM Products Inc.	\$ 296.40
Sean Flanagan CPA	\$ 1,725.00
South Shore Fire & Safety	\$ 462.00
String-It-Up	\$ 2,337.00
Suffolk County Water	\$ 401.41
Terminix	\$ 64.95
Tesori Digital Marketing	\$ 3,075.00
TK Elevator Corp.	\$ 1,471.83
Town of Huntington Chief's Council	\$ 1,500.00
Town of Huntington Chief's Council	\$ 350.00
VISO Life/Hometown	\$ 8,112.01
William Glass	\$ 568.00
Zoll Medical Corp.	\$ 12,010.63

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

- Chairman Magerle:

- Resolution – 2026 Annual Budget
Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution to approve the final budget for 2026 within the real property tax levy limit in the amount of \$ 3,309,391.00; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Schondebare. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.
- Resolution – Amendment of Length of Service Award Program
Commissioner Martin put forth a Resolution, subject to Mandatory Referendum of qualified voters of the Halesite Fire District and for said Referendum to be held on December 9, 2025, to make the following amendments to the Length of Service Award Program: to provide that the maximum number of years that may be earned in the plan by a plan participant be increased from 40 to 50 years and the monthly benefit be increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month. The Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
- Resolution – Authorizing the Opening of an EMS Billing Money Market Account
Commissioner Oh put forth a Resolution to open an EMS Billing Money Market Account with the following individuals authorized to be signatories:
Denise Spada – Secretary/Treasurer
Janine Eckstein – Deputy Treasurer
Andrew Magerle – Chairman Bd. Of Fire Commissioners
Richard Oh – Vice-Chairman Bd. Of Fire Commissioners
Brad Gaito – Commissioner
Kurt Martin – Commissioner
Jeffrey Schondebare – Commissioners

The Resolution was seconded by Commissioner Martin and unanimous.

- Apparatus:

- Discussion to relocate the sled.

- Discussion on the old 226 – Commissioner Schondebare would like to display the doors in the downstairs training room.
 - Discussion on the hovercraft – engine is having issues and the Huntington mechanic indicated the engine needed to be run.
- Buildings and Grounds:
 - Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to have the gym painted at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.
- Communications:
 - No report.
- Personnel:
 - Commissioner Martin put forth a motion to supply a cell phone and cell service to any active Commissioner who requests one; seconded by Commissioner Schondebare and unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:41 p.m. by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Schondebare; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Spada
District Secretary/Treasurer