

Minutes

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

In attendance:

- Chairman Andrew Magerle
- Commissioner Brad Gaito
- Commissioner Rick Oh
- Chief Dom Spada
- District Manager Larry Northcote (via FaceTime)
- District Secretary/Treasurer Denise Spada
- Commissioner Craig Lanigan and Commissioner Schondebare were excused

Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Spada informed the Board that a member received a red-light ticket while on fire department business. The Board indicated that the ticket should be paid out of the department's Chief's account. Chief Spada inquired about payment for a training competition with Huntington Fire Department with a request for \$200.00 from Huntington to go towards food and refreshments; Chairman Magerle stated that is a District cost. Chief Spada requested a leg press for the gym at a cost of approximately \$3,600.00 (from the Wellness and Fitness line item of the Chief's budget); the Board did not oppose. The Chief informed the Board that he was working with Firehouse Attendant Nelson to build a member compliance report and will be sending it SCM for an estimate. Chief Spada reported that he consulted with Dr. Geffken on the Lucas machine, according to Chief Spada, Dr. Geffken indicated that he had no opinion on the matter so Chief Spada will be bringing Zole in for an additional demonstration. Commissioner Oh interjected that there was a recent report about damage to the aorta with the Lucas machine. Chief Spada asked if the District would agree to pay for individual department member pictures. Chairman Magerle asked Chief Spada to get an estimate of cost. Lastly, Chief Spada informed the Board that he was contacted by the Huntington High School Boys Lacrosse team asking if they could hold a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, September 16, 2023, the Board did not object.

District Manager's Report:

- Fire District Manager Northcote video-conferenced in to present his report as he was out sick.
 - Apparatus: Vehicles 2211, 2215, 222, 223 and 225 had preventative maintenance along with oil changes and NY State inspections where necessary. Annual ladder

testing was completed on truck 223 and truck 221 had pump issues addressed, it is now back in service.

- Equipment: Five lengths of 2 ½ hose were ordered for the Juniors and Drill Team and hose testing has been completed. Three sets of replacement boots have been received.
- Communications: After the internet router was replaced, connectivity problems persisted, and a technician has been working on getting the internet back up and running. Cablevision provided a proposal for an upgrade to our current service as we currently have the bare minimum. District Manager Northcote suggested upgrading to 500 mb per second at a cost of \$245.00 per month. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to move forward with the upgrade, seconded by Commissioner Gaito, unanimous. The sonic firewall for the computers has been renewed and Firehouse Attendant Nelson submitted an application to the FCC for renewal of our low-band frequency. The application was approved and expires in October 2033. Greg Minutti from FRES has been contacted for assistance in programming the portable radios acquired from Syosset Fire Department to be used for multi-agency water emergencies. The radios will be distributed to our members as well as members in our neighboring agencies. A quote has been submitted for eight APX8500 radios for the AFGP grant.
- Building and Grounds: A replacement part for the kitchen ice machine has been installed. A quote from \$ 2,200.00 from Homestead Window Treatments was presented to replace the shades in the Training room. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to move forward with the new window treatments, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous. Evolution Epoxy provided several quotes to prep and coat the tunnel floor once the ramp replacement project is complete. Chairman Magerle suggested we go with the lowest of the quotes. Commissioner Oh put forth a motion to move forward with the quote for \$10, 640.00 to prep and coat the tunnel floor, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous. District Manager Northcote presented a quote in the amount of \$86,500.00 from TKE to modernize and upgrade the elevator. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that while this is something that will have to get done, it should be incorporated into the 10 Year Plan. A quote in the amount of \$2,575.00 was presented from Centerport Sealcoat Company to reseal the parking lot. Commissioner Gaito put forth a motion to move forward with the resealing of the parking lot, seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous. District Manager Northcote informed the Board that he is currently getting estimates to have the downstairs men's bathroom floor redone and that the ramp and tunnel project has been completed and a final inspection will be set up in the coming days. The late summer lawn treatment has been completed and the Nathan Hale Garden Club has been notified that the planting box is available for plantings.
- Personnel: District Manger Northcote informed the Board that he and Commissioner Gaito conducted an interview with Cody Carberry and agreed to hire him for the EMT position as of October 2, 2023. Replacement uniform shirts for the Firehouse Attendants and the new EMT have been ordered.

District Secretary/Treasurer Spada presented her report:

- The minutes from the August 2023 meeting and the August 2023 Budget Workshop were approved on a motion by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Gaito; unanimous.
- District Secretary/Treasurer Spada informed the Board that the last day to adopt the Proposed Budget for 2024 is September 24, 2024. After reviewing the 2024 Proposed Budget, a motion to adopt the Proposed Budget for 2024 was put forth by Commissioner Oh, seconded by Commissioner Gaito and unanimous.
- Correspondence:
 - Notification from the Fire Chiefs’ Council of Suffolk County, NY that their membership voted to increase membership dues \$100.00 for one year; bringing dues for 2024 to \$300.00.
 - Request for Facility Use from Department member Justin Chermak to host an engagement party on September 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.; approved.
 - Request for Facility Use from ex-member Sarah Montalbano to host a family birthday party on November 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.; denied.
 - Proposal for \$780.00 from Tesori Digital Marketing to update the information on the District tab of the website as well as create two additional pages for District minutes and legal notices. Commissioner Gaito put forth a motion to move forward with the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Oh and unanimous.
 - Email/phone correspondence from Kevin Mulrooney of Grant Guys informing us that our 2022 AFGP grant for the washer/dryer is still under review and wanted to know if it is denied, would we be resubmitting. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to wait until AFGP decides on our current application.
 - District Secretary/Treasurer Spada informed the Board that the List of Eligibles for an EMT Basic position was completed requesting Cody Carberry with a start date of October 2, 2023 at a starting salary of \$55,451.26.

- Bills:

PAID BEFORE THE MEETING:

AT&T Mobility	\$ 677.48
Met Life	\$ 1,616.56
National Grid	\$ 189.34
NYSHIP	\$ 18,963.94
Optimum	\$ 246.92
Premier Building & Renovations Corp.	\$ 68,637.50
PSEG LI	\$ 4,161.04
PSEG Long Island	\$ 22.10
Verizon	\$ 835.20
Wex Bank/Sunoco	\$ 944.50

Medicare Part B Reimbursements

Betty Reddy	\$ 164.90
Bonnie Sammis	\$ 164.90
Doug Anthonsen	\$ 164.90
John McKenna	\$ 329.80
William Kaiser	\$ 164.90

PAID AFTER THE MEETING:

Adept Technology	\$ 1,475.60
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All Weather	\$ 69.95
CARR Business Systems	\$ 71.25
Centerport Fire District	\$ 24,853.00
Chase/INK	\$ 2,387.00
Corporate Coffee Inc.	\$ 163.78
Diversified Mechanical	\$ 412.12
Edmer Sanitary Supply Co.	\$ 638.50
Electronix Systems	\$ 335.00
Firematic Supply Co. Inc.	\$ 1,804.87
Home Depot	\$ 84.63
Huntington Fire Department	\$ 200.00
Jack Geffken D.O.	\$ 2,900.00
John P. Brown Ladder Co.	\$ 1,689.66
Kenneth Anna	\$ 192.28
Konica Minolta	\$ 48.87
Long Islander	\$ 55.44
McKesson Medical-Surgical	\$ 478.75
Mr. Suds	\$ 87.00
New Era Technology	\$ 98.32
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NFPA	\$ 175.00
Robinson's Industrial Gas	\$ 119.76
Savasta Medical Services	\$ 280.00
SCM Products Inc.	\$ 292.80
South Shore Fire & Safety	\$ 462.00
Terminix	\$ 50.00
Tesori Digital Marketing	\$ 260.00
Verizon	\$ 1,156.58
Village Power Tools	\$ 64.86
Waterway	\$ 6701.70
Waterway	\$ 1300.00
W.B. Mason	\$ 665.74
West Marine	\$ 1.46
William Glass	\$ 546.00
William Wieck Lawn & Tree	\$ 187.20

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

- Chairman Magerle:
 - Old Business:
 - Chairman Magerle informed the Board that he attended a presentation from Proclaim Billing on EMS billing and asked the Board their thoughts on setting up a zoom presentation for Halesite. After some discussion, the Board agreed to schedule a presentation.
- Apparatus:
 - No report.

- Buildings and Grounds:
 - No report.
- Communications:
 - Commissioner Oh reported that with the ongoing internet issues, faxes for EPCRs are not going through. ESO has confirmed that the issue is not on their end and the Rescue Captain is looking into it further.
- Personnel:
 - Commissioner Gaito stated that he would like to start discussions on a District Manager replacement in the upcoming months. He also notified the Board that he distributed the Worker's Compensation cards to membership at the last Department meeting.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:45 p.m. by Commissioner Gaito, seconded by Commissioner Oh; unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Spada
District Secretary/Treasurer