

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
South Farmingdale Board of Fire Commissioners
July 12, 2023

At 6:00 PM Commissioner Suwalski called the meeting to order, Commissioner Purpora recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner Ed Purpora, Commissioner Gary Forry, Commissioner Jeff Tasch, and District Secretary Karen Green were present. Attorney Joseph Pusateri, Esq. was present as well. Dr. Jorge Gardyn was present as well.

New Applicants Dolly Shah and Vincent Grauso entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m. and was sworn in by Commissioner Suwalski. They were escorted by Chief George McFarlane, Lieutenant Sturm, their families, and other department members.

The Board entered into Executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Fred Heffel entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

The Board exited Executive session at 7:00 p.m. and the Chairman conveyed a response to a recent letter from the District Secretary regarding her hours as recorded in Executive Session minutes of January 10, 2023 and confirmed that the BOFC voted to allow her to come in on the second and fourth Wednesdays later using the time she accrued from the meeting the night before.

The Chairman conveyed that the policy states the workday is 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and that the designated lunch hour was 12 noon – 1 p.m. daily.

The District Secretary inquired as to why there is a designated lunch hour (12 -1 p.m.) and that she had been mandated to take lunch at that time. The Chairman answered that is when our District Office is closed for business, and they advised the vendors of that.

The District Secretary reminded the Chairman of a conversation at the January 10th, 2023, meeting about taking an early or late lunch in the event of needing to come in late or leave early in the event of a doctor's appointment. Commissioner Heffel stated that this is not a weekly event, and it has to be requested in advance.

District Secretary questioned the BOFC regarding the BOFC's recent removal of her in-house title and inquired as to the impetus for it.

Additionally, the District Secretary inquired as to why she received a letter requesting that she remove her Master of Public Administration (MPA) designation from her signature line. Commissioner Suwalski related there was a former employee that took the liberty of changing his title to District Manager without asking or receiving board

approval and that District Secretary at the time was very much against that employee doing so.

There was no Treasurer's Report.
The warrant for July 12, 2023, totals \$ 38,300.35.

ATLANTIC PC, INC		1,464.60
CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP CARD		1,461.95
DIALOGUE VOICE LLC		80
FARMINGDALE BEVERAGE		332.87
HI-TECH FIRE & SAFETY, INC.		75.34
IOMR		675
Joseph F. Pusateri, Esq		1,000.00
Mario's Pizzeria of Melville		316.29
New York State Insurance Fund - Employees		117.43
New York State Insurance Fund - Volunteer		8,306.00
NYS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE		69.12
Richard Security		510
South Farmingdale Water - Hydrant Rental		18,725.00
South Farmingdale Water - Sprinkler		260
South Farmingdale Water - Station 2		116.48
South Farmingdale Water District		116.48
South Farmingdale Water District 3 Locust		21.44

Verizon		227.7
Wex Bank		1,147.77
		35,023.47
	NAT GRID	301.66
	PSEG	2821.74
	HENDRICKSON	153.48
		38,300.35

Motion by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Forry to accept the warrant and pay all bills. All in favor. Motion passed.

Legal report – Joseph Pusateri, Esq.:

Attorney Pusateri related a conversation he had with Nassau ADA Jim McGloughlin regarding an accident which required a member to serve as a witness. There are no claims against the fire district. The allegations are against someone who left the scene of the accident.

District Counsel contacted Hendrickson regarding the purchase of one Class A Heavy Rescue Vehicle and two Class A Pumpers. The district needs to pass a resolution for the Installment purchase contracts for one Class A Heavy Rescue Vehicle and 2 Class Pumpers pursuant to a mandatory referendum vote.

Motion By Commissioner Purpora, seconded by Commissioner Forry to purchase one Class A Heavy rescue and 2 Class A Pumpers at a total cost not to exceed 3.5 million, subject to a mandatory referendum.

Commissioner Tasch -abstain.
 Commissioner Forry – yea
 Commissioner Suwalski – yea
 Commissioner Purpora – yea
 Commissioner Heffel – yea
 Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Purpora, seconded by Commissioner Forry to have a special election on Tuesday August 22, 2023, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. as to whether the voters approve of the resolution.

Commissioner Tasch - abstain.
 Commissioner Forry – yea
 Commissioner Suwalski – yea
 Commissioner Purpora – yea

Commissioner Heffel – yea
Motion passed.

Attorney Joe Pusateri provided District Secretary Green with the language for the notice of special election to be placed in the district's paper of record, and website, as follows:

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTIFICATION SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 179 of the Fire District, on Tuesday August 22, 2023, at the Firehouse located at 819 South Main Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Said Special Election will take place between the hours of 6:00PM – 9:00PM to vote on whether to approve the following Resolution adopted by such Board of Fire Commissioners on July 12, 2023, which is subject to a Mandatory Referendum:
Should the:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT DATED JULY 12, 2023, TO ENTER INTO INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS FOR THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES:

- (i) ONE (1) CLASS "A" HEAVY RESCUE VEHICLE; AND
- (ii) TWO (2) CLASS "A" PUMPERS

At a total cost not to exceed \$3.5 Million Dollars be approved?

All persons registered to vote in the Fire District and residing in the Fire District for at least thirty days prior to the day of the election may vote in such Special Election.

Motion by Commissioner Forry, seconded by Commissioner Suwalski to hire election officials for the special election at a cost not to exceed \$100 per election worker.

Commissioner Tasch – abstain.
Commissioner Forry – Yea
Commissioner Suwalski – Yea
Commissioner Purpora – Yea
Commissioner Heffel - yea
Motion passed.

Flooring issue. – Commissioner Suwalski will get back to Attorney Pusateri with changes to the language of the complaint.
Leana, of ACF Gardner, sent paperwork.

Attorney Joe Pusateri exited the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The minutes from June 27th were discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Forry, seconded by Commissioner Purpora to approve the minutes of June 27th All in favor. Motion passed.

The minutes from May 9th were discussed.

District Secretary suggested the addition of language detailing events.

The BOFC decided to wait for the opinion of the attorney.

Communications and Petitions –District Secretary Green

- Received NYSIF 497 First report of Injury for Firefighter Michael Verdi and filed.
- Received Denial of record grant debriefing letter.
- Contacted by NYSIF that the previous secretary is the policy holder. District Secretary Green will be updating the contact information.
- Lieutenant Sturm advised that the name of the EMS apparatus has to be changed on the website from BLS Fly Car 9799 to EMS Company 9799.
- Received OTIS elevator communication.
- Preparing additional documents for the CRP county grant which includes a municipal certification letter, and an attestation as to how we came about finding our vendor.
- Coastal bill
- 9th battalion meeting scheduled for August 1st Hicksville.
- Senator Weik wants to set up a meet and greet meeting.
- 2nd FOIL request for an EMS call from 4/2018.

Apparatus - Commissioner Forry

972: Commander Fleet told me the two pole lights came in.

976: There was a safety recall on the rear HVAC blower motor circuit connectors or cut wires that need to be properly sealed at the left side b-pillar. It was taken today to Van Buren located in Garden City for the safety recall and has been completed.

978: Commander Fleet is checking to see what the status is on the solenoid they ordered.

977: There is an emission recall on this vehicle. It has to do with an improperly functioning onboard diagnostics system that is not meeting regulatory requirements and is equipped with a powertrain calibration that eventually can lead to tailpipe emissions that exceed the standard. I made an appointment for Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 AM at Hassett Ford Truck Service Center in Wantagh.

Building & Grounds - Commissioner Hefel

Housemen are busy painting the lines on apparatus floor.

Communications & Alerting – Commissioner Purpora

Contract with antenna status quo.

Waiting for the Town of Oyster Bay to approve the permits.
Will open a Motorola account to purchase portable radios.

Equipment - Commissioner Suwalski

- The SCBA fill station handle has been repaired.
- The board spoke with Senator Steve Rhodes regarding funding for the EPCR program and thermal imaging cameras.
- There was a question about the AFFF foam it can be used for firefighting purposes but not for training until we can get it replaced.
- Discuss the need to purchase new AED equipment and optional grant details.
- I need the Chiefs shirt sizes for golf shirts.
- Hy tone is our new dry cleaner to be used for uniform alterations.

Legal and Government – Commissioner Suwalski

- I forwarded an email to our counsel regarding the ADA contacting a member.
- I received information from Renu flooring and from the flooring manufacturer.
- We received the return receipt letter from Tim Curley
- Confirmed with District Secretary needed paperwork for the document retention and record keeping grant.

Capital Improvement – Commissioner Purpora

Status Quo.

Insurance and Personnel - Commissioner Tasch

- NYSIF has declined the case of J. Barrow, he has been advised to pursue it through his own insurance.
- D. Shah & V. Grauso have been sworn in this evening and all information has been uploaded to SCM.
- K. Hennigan has resigned and has been removed from SCM and has returned her key fob and badges.
- Waiting on helmet shields to match our inventory of badges.
- The Chief's office is pouring through the list of open badge numbers.
- Discussion of having chest x-rays given at time of application and then followed every five years.
- Firefighter Mike Verdi is out on medical leave.
- Lieutenant Roger Lee has been given authorization following a return to duty exam to come back from medical leave.

LOSAP – no report

Inventory – Commissioner Purpora – no report

Members Meeting Hall- Commissioner Tasch

Nothing for July

August 17th – Blood drive

August 19th – Pancake breakfast

Legal /Government -Commissioner Suwalski

CRP grant Municipal certification letter for MDT project.

Policy & Procedure - Chairman Heffel – no report

District Records – District Secretary/Manager K Green -

no report

IT Computers/Printers/Hardware/ Mgt. System – Comm. Heffel – no report

Everything is working.

Emergency Preparedness – Commissioner Tasch

All is okay.

Fuel – Commissioner Tasch

All topped off.

Quotes coming in for the possibility of removing diesel tank.

Diesel is averaging a top off every 80 days.

All invoices have been paid.

Physicals – Medical Screenings -Commissioner Tasch- no report

Utilities – Gas/Electric – Commissioner Heffel

Paid hydrant rental.

Phone Lines

All good

Audit/Bonds – Treasurer/BOFC — no report

Unfinished Business – BOFC

Motion by Commissioner Suwalski, seconded by Commissioner Forry to hire Pinsky law firm to do HR policy for district. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Suwalski to go ahead with the purchase of dashcams for all district vehicles and the purchase of digital cameras to be put in all district vehicles for district and department business only.

Tasch – yea

Forry – yea

Suwalski - yea

Heffel - yea

Purpora - nay

Motion passed.

Commissioner Suwalski requested from District Secretary the 2022 Installation Dinner guest list.

Motion by Commissioner Purpora, seconded by Commissioner Tasch to move forward with quotes for the removal of the diesel tank. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chief MacFarlane and Chief Fullshire entered the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and gave the Chief's report. Chief Mackie entered the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Personnel

1 new member being sworn in at the next meeting member was unavailable tonight.

Training and Preparedness

EVOG Part 2 has been completed.

Vehicles and Equipment

971 has multiple items repaired.

976 will be going out for repairs for recall work.

We need to replace the ID tags on the back of SCBA's Harnesses. We have some quotes for them.

1 Fiberglass 6' Pikepole from 972 is OOS is on Shelf. Run number and incident to what happen is attached to equipment. 1 MSA Multi Meter is OOS won't calibrate.

Radio and Communications

Permit is being secured for the Tower Project and we will be moving forward.

Buildings and Grounds

Got a request to host a Blood Drive on August 17th.

Miscellaneous

We held the meeting with Lawyer on Policy and Procedures. We found it to be productive and he sent us the updates to move forward.

Motion by Commissioner Forry to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Purpora 9:15 p.m.

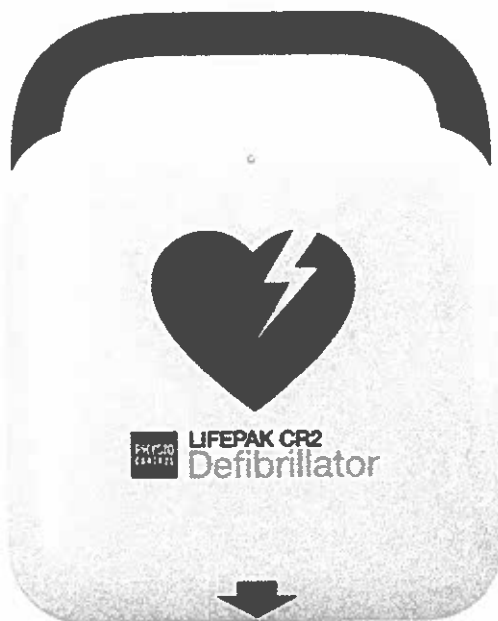
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District Secretary

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CR2 AED Features & Benefits

- Simple design allows for easy operation by lifting the lid and following prompts
- 4-year pad/battery life (while connected to device)
- Child mode to deliver appropriate shocks for younger victims with the push of a button (no separate pediatric pads needed)
- The ONLY AED that allows you to perform uninterrupted CPR while AED analyzes heart rhythm, saving you precious seconds with CPRInsight technology
- Detects background noise and adjusts audio and voice prompts to ensure they can be heard clearly in noisy environments with ClearVoice technology
- Single or dual language capability - Choose a primary and secondary language from 30 options: Arabic, Cantonese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English (International), English (United States), Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese- Brazil, Portuguese-Iberian, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish
- Delivers escalating energy up to 360 Joules
- Continuous self-monitoring to ensure your device is always rescue-ready
- Wi-Fi connectivity

What's Included

- Physio-Control LIFEPAK CR2 AED (in your choice of semi-automatic or fully-automatic)
- Handle & Case option
- QUICK-STEP adult/child pacing/ECG/defibrillation electrodes (with 4-year warranty)
- LIFEPAK CR2 AED Lithium Battery
- Owner's Manual
- USB Cable
- 8-Year Warranty from Physio-Control

Physical Description & Characteristics

- (H x W x D) 3.8" x 8.9" x 10.8"
- Weight 4.5 lbs.
- Dust/Water: IP55
- Battery Life: 4 years
- Battery Capacity: (166) 200 Joule shocks or (103) 360 Joule shocks (with 1 min of CPR)
- Pads Life: 4 years
- CPR Support: Adult & Pediatric CPR Rate and Depth guidance, instructions on hand placement
- Energy Delivery for Adults (Joules): 200-300-360
- ECG Display: None
- Shock Delivery: Semi or Fully Auto option
- Pediatric Method: Child Mode Button

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