

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**South Farmingdale Board of Fire Commissioners**  
**April 8, 2025**

At approximately 7:02 pm, Commissioner Forry called the meeting to order and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner J. Tasch, Commissioner P. Fullshire, Commissioner M. Mackie, and the District Secretary were also in attendance. Commissioner M. Suwalski was absent.

The minutes from March 18, 2025, were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Fullshire to approve the minutes with all changes, seconded by Commissioner Tasch.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski				X
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Chiefs entered at approximately 7:05 pm.

**Chief's Report:**

**1. Personnel**

A. According to our records, there are currently five members on medical leave and one member on personal leave. The ex-chief on medical leave has reported that he will be going for his physical this month.

**2. Training and Preparedness**

A. The training committee has been working hard to provide the membership with better training to ensure they can learn and improve their craft.

B. Chief McFarlane completed the Hazardous Incident Command Course on March 23, 2025.

C. Is there a date for the Train the Trainer EVOC course?

**3. Vehicles and Equipment**

A. Vehicle 975 has an issue and is being looked at for repair. A second preventive maintenance was completed this week on vehicle 971.

B. Inspections and oil changes have been completed on vehicles 9701 and 9703. We are requesting the purchase of two high-visibility jackets for our deputy chiefs.

#### **4. Radio and Communications**

A. Dispatch policies have been sent to Massapequa. I will ask Commissioner Mackie to follow up with them on what their status is on being our backup dispatcher.

#### **5. Buildings and Grounds**

A. Nothing to report

#### **6. Miscellaneous**

A. When will the house inspection take place?

B. Members were informed at the last department meeting that uniform inspection will be held at 16:00 on the day of the dinner. What time will the bus arrive at headquarters to transport members to the installation dinner?

#### **Treasurer's report:**

All of the transfers have been made to fund the downpayment of \$1.3 M for the trucks.

Total warrants for April 8, 2025 are \$97,155.25

4imprint	\$ 2,535.34
Ace Hardware	\$ 91.86
APPRAISAL AFFILIATES, INC.	\$ 1,800.00
AT&T MOBILITY	\$ 535.22
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	\$ 727.50
Carr Business Systems	\$ 118.27
CHRISTOPHER WITT	\$ 150.00
CRUISE AUTO AC	\$ 750.00
EDWARD MOJICA INSTALLATIONS, INC.	\$ 285.00
EFFICIENT MECHANICAL CORP.	\$ 15,558.03
Firefighters Equipment of NY	\$ 158.25
Gary Forry	\$ 150.00
George McFarlane	\$ 150.00
GR FARMINGDALE II LLC	\$ 30.00
HY-TONE	\$ 313.00
JARP Auto Works Inc	\$ 328.82
Jeffrey Tasch	\$ 150.00
Keriaki Psorakis	\$ 193.22
Kevin Daly	\$ 150.00

MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	\$ 546.37
MES SERVICES COMPANY, LLC	\$ 471.45
Michael Mackie	\$ 150.00
Michael Suwalski	\$ 150.00
MORRIS - CROKER, LLC	\$ 30,239.30
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	\$ 128.70
NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS	\$ 276.00
NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION	\$ 150.00
Patrick Fullshire	\$ 246.52
Pinsky Law Group, PLLC	\$ 27,710.00
Richard Security	\$ 535.50
Schneps Media	\$ 135.20
SIOBHAN DOMINGO	\$ 150.00
South Farmingdale Fire Dept	\$ 185.20
South Shore Fire Equip. Dist.	\$ 839.43
VERIZON	\$ 371.72
Wex Bank	\$ 1,451.99
Xerox Corporation	\$ 364.98
NYSHIP	\$ 1,479.53
ELAN FINANCIAL	\$ 4,489.98
NATIONAL GRID	\$ 178.40
PSEG	\$ 2,730.47
	\$ 97,155.25

Motion by Commissioner Fullshire, seconded by Commissioner Tasch to accept the warrant and pay all bills.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski				X
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

#### **Apparatus – Commissioner Forry**

**971:** Commander Fleet picked up 971 today to do a PM inspection on it.

**975:** Commander Fleet picked up the Fire Police vehicle to check the left rear tire area for a burning smell. They found a leaking axle seal and repaired it.

**976:** Transmission fluid dip stick and/or tube needs to be replaced.

**978:** Left rear outer tire dismounted from the rim. Had road service come and remount the tire at headquarters.

**9701:** Had a New York State Inspection, oil and filter change done on March 31.

**9703:** Had an oil and filter change done on March 14.

**9711:** The left rear tire was unrepairable because the sidewall was damaged.

Commissioner Fullshire, Commissioner Mackie, and Commissioner Forry went to Brandon, South Dakota to do a final inspection of the heavy rescue vehicle.

The change order resulting from the final inspection on the heavy rescue vehicle will cost an additional \$4,162.32. There are six additional items to be done and one item to be deleted.

Commissioner Forry received a proposal from Red Truck Sales for the three vehicles. Their proposal is to broker these units at a 10% commission calculated on the final sale price.

### **Audit & Bonds**

Status quo.

### **Buildings & Grounds – Commissioner Fullshire**

I am also working on obtaining project proposals for the fence and parking lot.

Richard Security sent over their quote for the CO Meters. I suggest we do it ourselves because they are battery-operated and are not tied to the alarm system. The CO meters need to be in a few spots in common hallways. They cannot be in any room that has gas appliances.

### **Capital Improvements – Commissioner Fullshire**

Another roofing company will be calling me back for a quote.

### **Communications & Alerting – Commissioner Mackie**

Timmy Mooney will be installing radios on the new apparatus vehicles when they arrive. Commissioner Forry recommended that Timmy go out to Hendrickson to see what wires were run into the L1 compartment for radio mic. I met with our radio vendors last Wednesday at Station 2 regarding our backup repeater. I am obtaining quotes in the instance that Headquarters loses power or we have radio failure. We will put policies into place for this type of situation.

### **District Reports, Communications & Petitions – District Secretary**

The records management grant was submitted on March 31, 2025.

The special election to establish reserve funds will take place April 15, 2025 from 6pm to 9pm.

We received invitations to East Farmingdale, North Massapequa, Hicksville, and Plainview's annual inspection dinners.

### **Emergency Preparedness – Commissioner Tasch**

The house maintainer is going to pick up 10 cases of water. We will be stocked up for county school next month.

### **Equipment – Commissioner Suwalski**

Members must follow the proper protocol for uniform alterations.

The EMS gear has arrived and has been distributed to the members.

Single gas disposable meters have been placed in service. The new apparatus vehicles 971, 973, and 979 will need some updated equipment. Some of our vehicle equipment is outdated and needs repair. Commissioner Fullshire has offered to assist in tool mounting to save funds.

### **Fuel – Commissioner Tasch**

Invoices submitted for March. Receipts are coming in. The chiefs need to be submitting their receipts on time.

### **IT Computers / Printers / Cable – Commissioner Mackie**

Atlantic PC was here this past week to go through our computers to see which devices were compatible with Windows 11. They also created a new master list of all our computers. It was suggested by Atlantic PC that we replace the treasurer's laptop for a newer model as his current machine is out of warranty.

### **Insurance & Personnel – Commissioner Tasch**

Terrorism and Natural Disaster Refund checks have come in: \$1,833.26 & \$36,305.01.

The board of fire commissioners has requested applicant 2025C to come in for an interview on April 22, 2025.

### **Legal / Government – Commissioner Suwalski**

Nothing to report.

### **LOSAP – Commissioner Tasch**

Members have been fidgeting in for more meetings and trainings than they are attending. This matter has been addressed with the Chief of Department. One member is now receiving LOSAP. I spoke with Tony Hill in regards to increasing the defined benefit from \$700 to \$1200 max threshold. I feel that even with the extra funds I have been putting into

the Defined Contribution Plan (old plan), we would still have enough in the budget to cover this. This matter will be discussed in further detail at a later date.

**Miscellaneous:**

The planning for the installation dinner is coming along nicely. Thanks again to the district manager and secretary for all their help with the preparations.

We will be having a follow-up meeting with the Long Island Railroad about the recruitment banner. They have approved the banner and have provided us with specific measurements. Once it is completed, we will work together to have it installed in a designated area.

Farmingdale Summit for recruitment and community involvement will take place April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 2:30 pm. Commissioner Tasch has asked the chief for a truck and a crew.

**Physicals / Medical Screenings – Commissioner Tasch**

There are three (3) members on leave who have not completed their physicals. One (1) has an appointment set up, but the other two (2) will need to have their physical before returning to active duty.

**Policy & Procedure – Commissioner Suwalski**

Nothing to report.

**Trainings – Commissioner Mackie**

EVOC Train the Trainer Class will be held Friday, May 9, 2025 in Baldwin for the classroom portion and Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Farmingdale High School for the hands-on portion of the course.

Eddie Pullen advised me that he would be getting to the bailout window as soon as possible.

The OSHA/PESH trainings were due on April 1, 2025. Those members who have not completed these trainings have had their key fobs deactivated and will not be allowed on district property until this requirement is complete.

**Utilities / Gas / Electric – Commissioner Mackie**

The sprinklers will be turned on in a few weeks. South Farmingdale Water District is doing hydrant testing throughout our district.

**Unfinished Business**

Motion by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire to approve applicants 2025 A & B

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski				X

Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

### **New Business**

Motion by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Mackie to approve applicant 2025H pending the results of the DMV and background checks.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski				X
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Fullshire, seconded by Commissioner Mackie to accept the contract change order for vehicle 979 in the amount of \$4,162.32

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry	X			
Commissioner Suwalski				X
Commissioner Tasch			X	
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire to hire the law offices of Robert McLaughlin as an independent council to investigate the workplace violence claim.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski				X
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed

Motion by Commissioner Tasch to enter executive session at 8:36 pm to discuss personnel matters. Meeting resumed at 9:03 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire at 9:08 pm.

Siobhan Domingo  
District Secretary