

**WADING RIVER FIRE DISTRICT
1503 North Country Road
Wading River, NY 11792**

Minutes of the April 30, 2018 Work Session

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Colitti at 1800 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our first responders and military who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Chairman Colitti, Vice-Chairman Meier, Commissioner Erick, Commissioner McManus and Commissioner Harrigan, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Treasurer Bushell, Secretary Donnelly, Assistant Chief's Heller and Gluck were present at the meeting.

- Philip Schram (AT&T FirstNet Program), Navin Rajcoomar (AT&T Account Executive) were present to discuss the FirstNet program, rate plans (under state contract), devices and mobility applications for the District and Department. District Manager will request and compare rates to the Districts current plan with Verizon for the Boards review.
- Dennis Kenter of Long Island Communications and Electronic Services, Doug Nopper and Andrew Hintze from IWT were present to discuss the Districts current communications system and project. Dennis provided and reviewed an evaluation of the Districts current communication systems and the proposed system. Recommendations were:
 - That the District continue to use IWT as a communications vendor. Due to lack of marking/labelling of equipment and IWT's knowledge of what is here, it would require another vendor a lot of work and time to identify. And the service provided by IWT has been reliable. Chairman Colitti requested that IWT begin labelling equipment.
 - Identified the tower at Headquarters as not serving the future communications needs due to the height of the tower.
 - Station Two monopole communications testing was shown to have reliable coverage. If combined with the water tower, the tower west of the power plant and Headquarters, the District would have an excellent simulcast system.
 - Chairman Colitti requested the Chiefs office input. The Chief's office requested to research a dispatcher within the District opposed to going through the county or outside the district.
 - Discussion regarding adding the ability to be notified if the systems(s) are down.
 - Discussion regarding lack of communication coverage for EMT's within structures.

After discussion regarding a system that will provide point to point, simulcast, and redundancy it was agreed to review transmit and receive sites at the water tower, Station

Two, and the tower west of PSEG, while the Board continues to work to resolve the tower issue at Headquarters. Long Island Communications and Electronic Services and IWT work together on an updated proposal and estimated cost.

Meeting adjourned at 2025 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Donnelly
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District