

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

Minutes of the August 27, 2018 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Colitti at 1900 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our first responders and military who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as Ex-Chief / Ex-Commissioner Randy Hintze with the passing of his mother.

Chairman Colitti, Vice-Chairman Meier, Commissioner Erick, Commissioner McManus and Commissioner Harrigan, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Treasurer Bushell, Secretary Donnelly, Attorney Sapienza. Chief McQueeney absent due to work.

Vice Chairman Meier made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting.

Public Comments: **Secretary Donnelly**

- None

Correspondence: **Secretary Donnelly**

- Letter from the Wading River Fire Department regarding the membership application packet of Peder Foss.

Secretary Report: **Secretary Donnelly**

- Nothing to report

Wading River Fire Department: **President Hammer**

- Requested the use of the hall on September 22, for a family function. Estimated 60 people. Will complete required paperwork with the District Manager.
- After discussion regarding the soda system at Station Two, Vice-Chairman Meir made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to upgrade the Station Two soda system for an amount not to exceed \$1800.00, with the Chief's approval of storing the tanks in the Officer's room and lines run through the ceiling.

Material Requests: **District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Nothing to report.

District Manager Report: **District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Headquarters

- Cell Tower – Counsel will provide update.
- Fuel Tank – progressing. County inspections passed to date. Change made to more commonly used dispensing system which will result in a credit. Project meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 29. After discussion Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harrigan, unanimously approved to upgrade the electric from 60 to 200 amp.
- Walkway – waiting on a quote from the vendor installing the fuel tank as additional sidewalk work will need to be replaced due to the tank installation.
- Vehicle exhaust system – walkthrough has been completed with H2M. Electrical problem has been identified at Station Two and will be repaired. Chief has been notified of issues with layout at Station Two. Start up at Headquarters up to be completed by Clean Air.
- Retaining wall – have received 1 quote for design phase, expecting a second.
- Station Two
 - Shed / garage. Anticipate response in October.
 - Installation of interlocking floors scheduled to begin September 5. Not expected to disrupt the operation.
- Chief's replacement vehicle is 95% complete.
- After discussion Chairman Colitti made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to surplus the 2007 Chevy Tahoe (old Chief vehicle).
- Exterior doors – Installation expected to begin August 31 on Station Two – 2 doors to the truck bay, 1 to the parking lot. Headquarters 3 exterior doors to the truck bay and generator door.
- 6-3-4 – scheduled to be picked up by vendor Signal Five tomorrow.
- 6-3-9 - Commissioner Erick requested review of the vehicle exhaust on 6-3-9 to prevent damage when used in the woods.
- 6-3-16 – air conditioning has been repaired.
- 6-3-17 – electrical locks no longer an issue.
- Requested executive session for personnel.
- Chairman Colitti requested that as the district mechanic services vehicles, the vehicles are evaluated for their expected future usage.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Bushell

- Bills total \$38,118.66. Commissioner Harrigan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to pay the bills.
- Requested to make the following budget adjustment. +\$5,000.00 from ambulance supply, - \$5,000.00 from NYS Unemployment tax. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Meier, unanimously approved to make the adjustment.

Attorney's Report:

Attorney Sapienza

- Forwarded documents to the Insurance Company attorneys regarding the lawsuit for an alarm that the Wading River Fire Department did not respond to (incident occurred in Ridge Fire District).

- Statement of charges have been prepared.
- NYS Governor has signed legislation to exempt the cost of the cancer bill from the spending limitation.
- Has been communicating with Cell Site Service.

Chief's Report: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- Submitted the following memos:
 - 18-70 resignation of Joseph Cracco. District Secretary will verify the Chief staff received all district equipment.
 - 18-71 new member application for Peder Foss.
 - 18-72 physical classifications as requested.
 - 18-73 request for follow up on the ladder truck purchase.

Chairman Colitti made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harrigan, unanimously approved to break for executive session for personnel.

Adjournment for Executive Session 1928
Reconvene from Executive Session 1945

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner McManus

- Nothing to report

Commissioner Erick

- In preparation for the LOSAP meeting in the fall, and meeting with VFIS he has submitted documentation for the Boards review. Also has identified members who may have expired physicals.
- Thanked the District Manager for providing the LOSAP report.
- He is making arrangement with the photographer to complete the Ex-Commissioner, Ex-Chief pictures before the 2nd Board meeting in September.
- District Manager verified that proposed November 15 meeting date with VFIS was ok with the Board.

Vice Chairman Meier

- Nothing to report

Commissioner Harrigan

- Nothing to report.

Chairman Colitti

- Chairman Colitti made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Erick, unanimously approved to accept the bid for the 2003 Tahoe from the August 13, 2018 meeting of \$3,336.00 from Mitchel LaShier, as the highest bidder and met bid requirements.
- Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Erick, unanimously approved to surplus the fire prevention trailer with all equipment removed. Requested the Chief is notified.
- Chairman Colitti made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Erick, approved by Commissioner McManus and Harrigan, opposed by Vice-Chairman Meier to have applicant Peder Foss complete the district class A physical. Motion passed 4 – 1. Requested the Chief is notified.
- After discussion the Board agreed that they support the Chief's plan for consolidating vehicles. But, the Board could not approve the purchase of the Quint that was submitted by the Chief's. The Board would like vehicle specs prepared and submitted to the Board, so that the vehicle can be put out for bid. They would also like the Chief's plan for this vehicle, roll pattern, expected qualified drivers, etc.
- Requested an update to the Chief's rules at the next Board meeting. It was anticipated that this would be completed by September.
- Requested an update on the fire fighter classifications A – D. Classification D had been returned to the Chiefs for follow up.
- Requested an update on the walkthrough for the replacement/repair of the paging system. Requested that the District Manager have IWT review the pager in the rec room for repair.
- Discussion regarding the 2019 budget. Vice-Chairman Meier suggested that the budget include funds for the possible purchase of property.
- District Manager requested clarification of what the Board wanted from the Chief staff regarding the antique vehicle. Board is requesting the qualified drivers, roll pattern, process of Chief notification of use. District Manager is working with the vendor on the vehicle appraisal.

Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Meier and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2014 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Donnelly
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District