

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

Minutes of the November 26, 2018 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Vice Chairman Meier 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.

Vice-Chairman Meier, Commissioner Erick, Commissioner McManus, Commissioner Harrigan District Manager Michalakopoulos, Treasurer Bushell, Secretary Donnelly, Attorney Sapienza, Chief McQueeney were present at the meeting.

Commissioner Erick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Public Comments: Secretary Donnelly

- None

Correspondence: Secretary Donnelly

- Letter from the Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Council regarding foam for the foam bank.

Secretary Report: Secretary Donnelly

- Annual Election:
 - Legal notice has been forwarded to both towns and posted on the District sign.
 - Acceptance of designating petitions has closed. Received are the following:
 - 1 year term ending 12/31/2019 – Joseph Moreno, and Robert Donnelly.
 - 5 year term ending 12/31/2023 – Glenn Erick, and Kevin McQueeney.
 - Registered list of voters has been received and will be matched up with the designating petitions.
 - District Manager has updated both laptops and ordered the ballot cards.

Material Requests: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- None

District Manager Report: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- Headquarters
 - Elevator – replacement control board has been installed, but due to needing a replacement of the power supply the elevator will not elevate. Thyssenkrupp Elevator has reported that the elevator will not be serviceable within 5 yrs due to lack of

availability of parts. Commissioner Harrigan requested that the District Manager start planning on refurbishing the elevator.

- Fuel Tank – fire suppression is expected to be completed this week. Waiting on the completion of the punch list items including the fire alarm system. The project has also reached the 180 day completion date as per contract.
- Day tank – working with temporary pump. District Manager will register the tank with the County.
- Iced machine has been repaired.
- Walkway – has been completed.
- Retaining wall – BOFC reviewing the quotes.
- Station Two
 - Shed / garage. Awaiting a response from NYS.
 - Fuel dispensing system has been installed. Until the system goes live, it will be operated manually.
- Surplus of fire prevention trailer – no change.
- Exterior doors – in progress.
- 6-3-6 – District Mechanic has identified and repaired cause of leak.
- Firefighter cancer bill - VFIS and District physician have stated that anyone who wears a respirator can be covered.
 - Provided update that per the November 15 meeting with VFIS and Neefus Stype that as of December 1 the universal life policy will no longer be available and explained the options. Counsel further explained the above. After discussion Commissioner Harrigan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to divest from the universal life plan and investigate options. Have also discussed the 2 outstanding death benefits with VIFS.
- Annual pump testing is scheduled for November 28.
- Received an invitation to attend the Coastal Fire Systems, November 28, seminar in Farmingdale regarding cleaning and maintaining bunker gear. The Board requested that he attend the seminar.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Bushell

- Bills total \$105,745.14. Commissioner Harrigan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to pay the bills.
- Requested to transfer \$175,000 from the general funds account (insurance recovery of the access control system) to building reserves. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Erick, unanimously approved.
- Requested to make the following budget adjustments:
 - Plus \$6,000.00 gasoline & oils
 - Minus \$5,000.00 legal
 - Plus \$30,000.00 apparatus repair
Plus \$21,000.00 building maintenance (main)
 - Minus \$16,000.00 social security
\$25,000.00 workers compensation

\$6,000.00 LOSAP
\$5,000.00 electric
\$10,000.00 wages

- Plus \$10,000.00 insurance

Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harrigan, unanimously approved.

Attorney's Report: Attorney Sapienza

- Update and clarification on the eligibility for the volunteer firefighter cancer bill. Council will follow up with the District Doctor / Insurance broker regarding eligibility.
- Has received and forwarded to the District Manager the revised agreement from the cell tower vendor.
- Requested litigation regarding potential litigation.

Chief's Report: Chief McQueeney

- Submitted the following memos:
 - 18-95 – Accident investigation report regarding 6-3-16.
 - 18-96 – Accident investigation report regarding a deer hit with 6-3-30.
 - 18-97 – Brookhaven Town Chiefs Council request for 10 gallons of foam for the foam bank. Material request will be submitted.
 - 18-98 – Safety issue regarding the safety eye or pressure rejection of the bay doors.
 - 18-99 – Milk for Headquarters and Station Two. After discussion Commissioner Erick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, approved by Vice Chairman Meir, opposed by Commissioner Harrigan, for the District Manager to investigate delivery of milk to the fire houses. Motion passed 3 – 1.

Vice Chairman Meir made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Erick, unanimously approved to break for executive session for possible litigation.

Adjournment for Executive Session 1934
Reconvene from us Session 2004

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Erick reported that the Board accepts the accident investigation reports submitted by the Chief.

Vice Chairman Meier

- Requested to reserve rooms with the understanding that the reservations can be cancelled if necessary, for those planning on attending the INDY Conference, April 2019, as the rooms do sell out.

Commissioner Erick

- Requested if the Chiefs are ok with the District maps that he will request to have the map laminated.
- He may be attending a presentation at Firematics with the committee on November 27 to review an aerial ladder.

Commissioner McManus

- Nothing to report

Commissioner Harrigan

- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Erick made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Donnelly
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District