

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

Minutes of the May 28, 2019 Meeting

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

Chairman Meier, Commissioner McManus, Commissioner Moreno, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Secretary Donnelly, Attorney Sapienza, Chief Bitalvo were present at the meeting. Vice-Chairman Harrigan, Commissioner McQueeney, and Treasurer Bushell absent with prior notice.

Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting.

**Public Comments:** **Secretary Donnelly**

- N/A

**Correspondence:** **Secretary Donnelly**

- Notification of free paper shredding event at Tuthill-Mangano Funeral Home in Riverhead on June 23, 9am -12pm.
- Legal documents regarding the lawsuit for an alarm that the Wading River Fire Department did not respond to (incident occurred in Ridge Fire District).
- Notification from the Town of Brookhaven regarding a recent issue with the Opticom traffic system, as well as necessary steps needed to resolve the problem. Chief has a copy.

**Secretary Report:** **Secretary Donnelly**

- Nothing to report.

**Treasurers Report:** **Secretary Donnelly**

- Bills total \$27,960.49. Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to pay the bills.

**Wading River Fire Department:** **President Hammer**

- Not present.

**Material Requests:** **District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- None

**District Manager Report:****District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Headquarters
  - Retaining wall – on hold.
  - Convection oven - repaired.
  - As the ceiling tiles in the radio room and server room are falling apart contractor Mark Hanson was contacted regarding repair. Quote received for \$2,500.00 for both rooms, \$3,300.00 for both rooms and hallway. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved.
- Station Two
  - Shed / garage – waiting on response from NYS.
  - Flag pole has been repaired by Northville Flag. It was recommended that the flag pole is replaced at a cost of \$4,340.00.
- Fire prevention trailer – no change.
- Access control and video camera project. – progressing.
- New ambulance – discussion regarding transfer of radios from 6-3-16 to the new ambulance and vehicle inspection. On hold until the next meeting.
- Town of Riverhead STOP date is June 1.
- Signs are in and will be posted.
- Submitted three checks to the District Secretary for the District Treasurer: Neefus Stype - \$1,480.00, Town of Riverhead \$23,842.08, and \$59,605.20.
- On behalf of EMS Coordinator Brian Danowski the District Manager requested to hire Eric Ramirez as per diem paramedic to replace recently resigned per diem paramedic Scotti. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved.
- Requested executive session.

**Attorney's Report:****Attorney Sapienza**

- Discussed the legal documents regarding the lawsuit for an alarm that the Wading River Fire Department did not respond to (incident occurred in Ridge Fire District).
- Reviewed proposal by the Chief for the purchase of a Quint. Discussed need for a bid packet for similar vehicle, mandatory referendum at a special election or annual election, and financing options. Chairman Meier requested to hold for review by the full Board.
- Requested executive session for possible litigation and personnel.

**Chief's Report:****Chief Bitalvo**

- Submitted the following memos:
  - 19-54 - application for new member Alexander Csorny.
  - 19-55 - Sabrina Santiago successfully completed firefighter one.
  - 19-56 - Peder Foss successfully completed firefighter one.
  - 19-57 - proposal for a rescue jet ski.
- Discussion regarding boat launch area.
- Discussion regarding Firehouse Grants packet submitted to the Board for review. Board requested the Secretary research Board approval for a grant writer in 2018.

- Discussion regarding the estimate submitted for vehicle damage during a MVA on 11-24-2018. Board agreed to have the work completed and to have the district billed directly.
- Submitted proposals for the 2019 Installation Dinner from Giorgio's and Lombardi's.
- Working with the District Manager to secure the Ladies Auxiliary room for both the district and the auxiliary.
- Training continues with the Rocky Point Fire Department as well as independent training in compliance with NFPA, OSHA and PESCH.
- Firefighter Alex Rosini submitted a request to use the hall for a friend baby shower July 13. Request was denied as the hall is for members and member's family only.

**Adjournment for Executive Session                    1945**  
**Reconvene from us Session                            2032**

**Commissioner Reports**

Chairman Meier advised that the Board approved the letter to be sent to Bill Schiebel.

**Chairman Meier**

- Discussion regarding the building of Tractor Supply at 4331 Middle Country Rd and requested that the Chief work with the Fire Marshall regarding installing the Opticom system at the proposed light.

**Commissioner McManus**

- Nothing to report.

**Commissioner Moreno**

- The electrician for the Headquarters alarm requested a 50 amp breaker and 3 phase starter motor. Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved for an amount not to exceed \$1000.00.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2038 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Donnelly  
 District Secretary  
 Wading River Fire District