

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

Minutes of the July 08, 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, Treasurer Bushell, Secretary Donnelly, Attorney Sapienza, Chief Bitalvo, Assistant Chief's Heller, Gluck and Berg were present at the meeting. Vice-Chairman Harrigan, and Commissioner McQueeney absent with prior notice.

Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the June 24, 2019.

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

- Firefighter Jamie Pirnak present to request use of the hall on September 22, 2019, 1200-1700 for a baptism for his daughter. Approved.

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

- Notification of the Leadership Summit at Niagara Falls, October 3 – 5, 2019.

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

- Reminder Riverhead Town Fire Districts meeting July 31, at Jamesport.

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

- None.

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

- Headquarters
  - Main entrance double doors have been ordered.
  - Awnings over the First Responders and Chief's office doors have been delivered.
  - Retaining wall caulking – meeting with vendor scheduled for July 9.
  - Retaining wall – met with Commissioner McQueeney and R&W engineering, and submitted updated proposal to the BOFC for review.
  - Ceiling tiles for radio room - progressing.
- Station Two
  - Shed / garage. Waiting for a response from NYS.

- Fire prevention trailer – no update.
- Access control system – progressing. Discussion.
- Old 6-3-16 – Signal 5 has presented a counter offer of \$35,000.00. Chairman Meier suggested the District contact a fire district in upstate NY that recently lost equipment due to a fire to see if they are interested in purchasing. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno and unanimously approved to go out for permissive referendum for the sale of the old 6-3-16. Counsel will prepare the legal notice.
- Shelving for Headquarters and Station Two has been delivered.
- Passenger side of 6-3-6 windshield is cracked and will be repaired.
- Boat trailer will be sent to Wes Trailers for review of brakes locking.
- Houseman Pirnak has requested battery powered lawn tools. BOFC agreed.
- Chairman Meier requested an update on 6-3-33 door.
- Chairman Meier verified that the dumpster will be picked up from Station Two.
- Requested executive for personnel.

**Treasurers Report:**

**Treasurer Bushell**

- Bills total \$30,513.20. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved to pay the bills.
- Checks received for deposit from the Town of Riverhead in the amount of \$17,881.56, and \$71,526.23.
- Received the check submitted in the June 24, 2019 from the Brookhaven IDA

**Chief's Report:**

**Chief Bitalvo**

- Submitted the following memos:
- 19-65 – regarding 6-3-20 vehicle accident.
- 19-66 – regarding 6-3-16 vehicle accident.
- 19-67 – certificates of completion of NYS ICS 400 for Chief's Bitalvo and Heller.
- Working with the District Manager on the 2020 Installation Dinner
- Requested an update on Dr Fowler.
- Chief's staff continues to work with the District Manager on the access control project.
- Chiefs will be attending the Riverhead Town Chiefs meeting on July 17.
- Chairman Meier inquired on the rubber rails on the boat wearing. Discussion.
- Chairman Meier inquired on the search and rescue jet skis.

**Attorney's Report:**

**Attorney Sapienza**

- Requested executive session for pending litigation.

**Wading River Fire Department:**

**President Hammer**

- Not present

**Adjournment for Executive Session                      1921**

**Reconvene from us Session                                      1937**

## **Commissioner Reports**

### **Chairman Meier**

- Inquired if lighting will be installed with the siren at headquarters. District Manager is researching with the electrician.

### **Commissioner McManus**

- Nothing to report.

### **Commissioner Moreno**

- Siren project is complete.
- Inquired on the lawn spraying. Discussion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Donnelly  
District Secretary  
Wading River Fire District