

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

Minutes of the December 23, 2019 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner McManus 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 Anthony Bitalvo and Dan Zaveski.

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

Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the December 09, 2019 meeting.

Public Comments: Secretary Donnelly

- None.

Correspondence: Secretary Donnelly

- Notification from Pinsky Law regarding the following training:
 - HR101 Training for emergency services.
 - Commissioner training
 - Fire & EMS Conference
- Brookhaven Town Fire District Officers Association meeting schedule.

Secretary Report: Secretary Donnelly

- Annual Fire District election results:
 - Fire Commissioner: Joe Moreno 112, write in 8
 - Proposition: In favor 53, against 73.

Wading River Fire Department: President Hammer

- Not present

Material Requests: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- 2019-0089 – End of year office supplies. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved to purchase.

District Manager Report:**District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Headquarters
 - Heating system – completed, engineers reviewed and Friday and will complete a punch list. Call has been made to have the portable heaters picked up.
 - Retaining wall – expected start date 01/06/2020. Expected completion in 3 weeks.
- Working with the Chief staff on providing the cancer bill requirements.
- Wished Treasurer Bushell good luck.

Treasurers Report:**Treasurer Bushell**

- Bills total \$53,083.15. Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to pay the bills.
- Treasurer Bushell welcomed Tim Cangelieri to the Wading River Fire District. Thanked the BOFC for their support as she looks forward to the next chapter in her life. Chairman Meier presented Treasurer Bushell with flowers and a plaque in appreciation of her years of service.

Attorneys Report:**Attorney Sapienza**

- Wished Treasurer Bushell the best in her future endeavors.
- He is working with the Suffolk County DA regarding NYS legislation to be effective 01/01/2020 as it relates to the fire services.
- Requested executive session for pending litigation.

Chief's Report:**Assistant Chief Heller**

- Chief Bitalvo apologized for not attending due to illness.
- Thanked the Board for completing the boat repair.
- Thanked Treasurer Bushell for her services to the fire district.

Adjournment for Executive Session 1909**Reconvene from Executive Session 1919**

District Manager Michalakopoulos reported that First Responder Dan Sicilliano has requested to go from full time to per diem status effective 01/06/2020. Based upon the EMS Coordinators recommendation the District Manager recommends hiring Hank Messana for the full time position pending civil service approval. Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Chairman Meier, unanimously approved to accept Hank Messana based upon the EMS Coordinators recommendation.

Commissioner Reports**Chairman Meier**

- Inquired if the thermostats will be reviewed for the accuracy of the timers with the completion of the heating project.

Commissioner McManus

- Requested the list of all active fireman from the Chief.

Commissioner Moreno

- Nothing to report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1923 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Donnelly
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District