

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

Minutes of the November 23, 2020 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Meier at 1830 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our First Responders, EMS, Police, Fire and Military who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Chairman Meier, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner McManus, District Manager Michalakopoulos, District Treasurer Cangelari, District Clerk Manitta, Chief Heller, 1st Assistant Chief Gluck and Attorney Sapienza were present at the meeting. Vice Chairman Harrigan, Commissioner McQueeney, 2nd Assistant Chief Berg and President Hammer were absent with prior notice.

Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2020 meeting.

Public Comments:

- None

Correspondence: Acting Secretary Michalakopoulos

- None

Secretary Report: Acting Secretary Michalakopoulos

- Legal Notice for \$65,000.00 Permissive Referendum for the replacement of the First Responder vehicle submitted.
- Received Voter Registration listing from Suffolk County Board of Elections - both electronic and paper.
- Working on four election inspectors for the election.
- Received two candidate petitions letter for the 2020 elections.

Wading River Fire Department: President Hammer

- Not present

Material Requests:**District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- 77 – On Hold
- 78 – Training - HazMat Operations Refresher 2021 in the amount of \$190.00
 - Commissioner McManus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved.
- 79 – FF Equip /Wearing Apparel - EMS Jackets (EMS Staff) in the amount of \$4,690.40
 - Commissioner McManus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved.

District Manager Report:**District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Received the following checks:
 - Check from the Arthur Messina in the amount of \$855.90 & \$7,703.10 - Total \$8,889.00
 - All checks turned over to the treasurer's office for deposit
- 6-3-10 – Tires Replaced
- 6-3-11 – Tires Replaced
- 6-3-2 – Rear tires schedule to be replaced onsite tomorrow 11/24/2020.
- 6-3-80 – Going to Barnwell Tires tomorrow 11/24/2020 for tires and wheel alignment.
- 6-3-20 – Returned from Wading River Auto, new battery needed ready from delivery to
- 6-3-/81 – Vehicle repaired and back in service
- New 6-3-17 – Received on Friday 11/20/2020, put into service today 11/23/2020; small list of items to be addressed, working with vendor and Chief.
- Annual SCBA Flow Testing Completed for 2020.
- Annual Gear Washing – working with chief staff to set date for remaining turnout gear.
- Heating Project - Phase II in progress, Unit heaters operational, building online, several items on backorder but system is operational.
- Heating Oil 4000-Gal Tank Abandonment Project – In Progress, all available fuel was transferred to station 2, received ok from Dept. of Health Office of Pollution Control, working on start date with vendor.
- AFG FEMA Award Project – Equipment ordered, several items arrived, ETA on remaining items Q1 of 2021

Treasurers Report:**Treasurer Cangelieri**

- Bills total \$23,991.21
 - Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to pay the bills.

Attorneys Report:

Attorney Sapienza

- Governor signed another Executive Order extending through December 3rd of this year allowing boards to conduct Zoom Meetings if they so desire.
- Two bills signed into law
 - Increase the threshold to external audits from 300-400
 - Directs Office of Fire Prevention and Control to create a task force for recruitment and retention of volunteers
- Requested Executive Session to discuss Real Property and Personnel.

Chief's Report:

Chief Heller

- 20-00 None
- The Office of the Chief puts forth material requests through the District Manager entered into Laserfiche:
 - SCFA Hazmat Refresher Class (Unable to acquire the class for no cost due to limited class availability due to recent Suffolk County Budget Cuts.)
- Follow-Up:
 - Chiefs, Officers, & Members would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for the recent purchase and delivery of the new Ambulance.
- Informational:
 - Stuff A Bus Food Drive (Thanksgiving – New Year's Day)
 - Mobile Santa Sunday December 6th. Rain Date Sunday December 13th
 - Probationary Firefighter Kevin Brayer, Probationary Firefighter Cathy Geiger-Ortega, & Probationary Firefighter Mary Ortega Training Request Forms Approved by the Chiefs Office to attend Suffolk County Fire Academy Firefighter 1 Course 01/6/21-04/10/21.
 - 1st Assistant Chief Denise Gluck Training Request Form Approved by the Chiefs Office to attend Suffolk County Fire Academy Engine Company Operations Class 01/09/21-02/02/21.

Adjournment for Executive Session 1838
Reconvene from Executive Session 1846

Commissioner Reports

Chairman Meier

- Discussed need for parking lot lights. Made a motion to change all the lights.
 - Chairman Meier made a motion seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Harrigan

- Not present.

Commissioner McManus

- Requested review of BOFC motion to purchase a new board room table. Upon examining the table, replacement is not needed at this time in his opinion. Chairman Meier, Commissioner Moreno and Commissioner McManus agreed the motion will be reviewed and discussed further when the full BOFC is in attendance.
- Motion to approve the Stipulation of Settlement relating to the disciplinary proceedings involving firefighter, Anthony Van Bommel. Requested a copy of the Stipulation be placed in his personnel file. Advised Chief Heller that Firefighter Van Bommel is restored to active duty upon completion of any required medical examination as provided for under the Fire District's medical policy.
 - Commissioner McManus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved.

Commissioner Moreno

- Asked if the power is shut off to the siren at the power plant. The District Manager said the power did not shut off but in fact the motor seized. The District Manager will call tomorrow to verify. Commissioner is looking to get the Rocky Point Ladder truck to get the siren down and fixed.

Commissioner McQueeney

- Not present.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1851 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta
District Clerk
Wading River Fire District