

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

Minutes of the December 28, 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 McQueeney, Commissioner McManus, Commissioner Moreno, District Manager Michalakopoulos, District Treasurer Cangeleri, and District Clerk Manitta were present at the meeting. Vice Chairman Harrigan, Chief Heller, 1st Assistant Chief Gluck, 2nd Assistant Chief Berg, President Hammer and Attorney Sapienza were absent with prior notice.

Commissioner McManus made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting.

Public Comments:

- Stony Brook Emergency Medical Services MSU Presentation: EMS Coordinator Danowski introduced Dr. David Fiorella, Eileen Conlon and Jason Hoffman from Stony Brook Medicine Emergency Medical Services Mobile Stroke Unit (MSU). The medical team conducted a presentation on the MSU Program available to the Wading River Fire District to address stroke patients and answered questions regarding the benefits of participating in this service. The Board of Fire Commissioners commented that they would like more information including a visit from the MSU vehicle to WRFD for further inspection.

Correspondence: Acting Secretary Michalakopoulos

- The Counsellor Volume 26 Issue 1 January 2021
 - Greeting Cards from
 - Sapienza & Frank PC
 - Calverton National Cemetery
 - Riverhead Town Supervisor Aguiar
 - Legislator Anker
 - Craig, Fitzsimmons & Meyer, LLP
 - Hi Tech Fire & Safety, Inc.

Secretary Report: Acting Secretary Michalakopoulos

- Legal Notice Published for Reorganizations Meeting January 4th 2021 at 6:30pm
- Legal Notice/ Permissive Referendum Published for the Purchase a replacement District Pick-up/Plow Truck
- Legal Notice Published for the sale of 2009 GMC Ambulance

Wading River Fire Department: President Hammer

- WRFD Association Member, Steve Martin, asked a question regarding status of the antique truck involved in an accident several months ago. Chairman Meier has been going to the shop several times over the past few weeks. The owner was not in today but did come to inspect the vehicle when the accident first occurred and has all the information according to Commissioner Meier. The delay in obtaining an estimate has been due to COVID 19 impacting the shop. Once the BOFC receives an estimate of repair, the decision regarding how payment for repair will be made. Chairman Meier will follow up for estimate on 12/29/2020.

Material Requests: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- None

District Manager Report: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- Received the following checks:
 - Check from Signal 5 Fire Apparatus Sale in the amount of \$23,000.00 (Sale of 6-3-6)
All checks turned over to the treasurer's office for deposit
- Heating Project - Phase II - in progress
- Heating Oil 4000-Gal Tank Abandonment Project – 90% Completed, tank pulled, fill dropped, waiting from RCA to be delivered.
- AFG FEMA Award Project – In Progress
- HQ Front Door intercom - Repairs in progress waiting on parts
- Electrical Transfer Switches Project – In progress
- Home Depot Commercial Account Setup

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Cangeleri

- Bills total \$114,309.84
 - Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus, unanimously approved to pay the bills.
- The District is right where we need to be financially. Not including fund in our payroll account, our General Fund has a year-end balance of approximately 18% of our tax revenue. This is within the 10 to 20% range allowed based on our Fund Balance Policy.

Attorneys Report: Attorney Sapienza

- Not Present

Chief's Report:

Chief Heller

- **Material Requests Laserfiche:** None
- **Follow-Up:**
 - Chief's Office will submit via email Chiefs Qualifications as per **Wading River Fire District Policy 6.2 Chief Requirements** in lieu of folders prior to the January 4, 2021 meeting.
- **Informational:**
 - Chief's Directive: Waiver of Percentage Requirements for the calendar year 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic. See attached letter.
 - Chief's Office is working with Suffolk County EMS and NYS Dept. of Health with the Covid-19 vaccine distribution to all active members. To date 22 members are in the process of receiving the vaccine.
 - Chief's Office wants to thank Commissioner Meier for his years of service and assistance as a board member.
 - Chief's Office wishes the Board of Fire Commissioners and District Employees a safe & healthy new year.

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman Meier

- Chairman Meier raised concern over misinformation that was presented during the last election. Motion was made to mail a letter to address inaccurate allegations utilizing the Wading River Fire Department Associations company for the mailing. Letter will be first reviewed by counsel and sent out to community to clarify these allegations as a formal response from the BOFC.
 - Chairman Meier made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McQueeney, approved to mail out response. Commissioner McManus opposed citing cost of mailing.

Vice Chairman Harrigan

- Not Present

Commissioner McManus

- No Report

Commissioner Moreno

- No Report

Commissioner McQueeney

- Commissioner McQueeney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McManus unanimously approved to surplus the excess gear and the damaged snow blower

All Commissioners, District Manager, Treasure and District Clerk thanked Chairman Meier for his service and wished all a Happy New Year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1917 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta
District Clerk
Wading River Fire District