

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

Minutes of November 8, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner McManus 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 McManus, Commissioner Moreno, Commissioner Deveny, District Manager Michalakopoulos, District Treasurer Cangeleri, District Secretary Manitta, 1st Assistant Chief Gluck and Attorney Ring were present at the meeting. Vice Chairman Harrigan, Commissioner McQueeney, Chief Heller, Assistant Chief Berg and President Hammer were absent with prior notice.

Commissioner Deveny made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Moreno, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2021 meeting.

Public Comments:

- None

Correspondence:

Secretary Manitta

- The Flu and COVID: A Conversation with Your County Health Commissioner
- Town of Riverhead Public Hearing: Island Water Park Corp.
- Fire Service Occupational Cancer Seminar

Secretary Report:

Secretary Manitta

- Election preparation progress update

Wading River Fire Department:

President Hammer

- Not Present

Material Requests:

District Manager Michalakopoulos

- None

District Manager Report:**District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Received the following checks which were turned over to the treasurer's office for deposit:
 - ✓ Check from Canon Financials in the amount of \$401.95
 - ✓ Check from Mattituck Plumbing in the amount of \$84.96
- 6-3-2
 - ✓ Currently Out of Service due to brake system issues, waiting on parts
- 6-3-5
 - ✓ Repairs to vehicle in progress, replacement safe-stop needed, district mechanic bypassed till parts arrive.
 - ✓ Side steps issue has been resolved and working properly
- 6-3-10
 - ✓ Currently being repaired, charging issue. Parts ordered by district mechanic and repairs should be completed by 11/9, vehicle remains in service.
- 6-3-32
 - ✓ Scheduled to go to Otis Ford for November 10th to address remaining open issues.
- Annual SCBA Flow Testing was completed on November 3rd
- Annual Service & repairs completed to vehicle exhaust System at HQ
- Annual Gear cleaning was completed on Oct 21st & 22nd
- Repairs to Apparatus bay 1 were completed
- FRES/SCM Interface went offline, contacted FRES & SCM. Issue received over the weekend. Working with Chief staff to confirm all data populated correctly.
- Annual Physicals Scheduled for Sunday November 21st, working with Chief staff to post signup schedule.
- Fire prevention Trailer – Safety Service completed at Wading River Auto working with Commissioner McQueeney to schedule delivery.
- UTV – Vehicle – in progress, Received new delivery date, 12/6/21 – 1/17/22. Trailer ordered from Tony's Ticonderoga Sports. Expected delivery will be next week.
- HQ Apparatus Floor Project – In progress, received flooring product however delays in adhesive delivery has pushed the start date back. Working with vendor for new date.
 - ✓ Would like to thank the chief & district staff for the cleaned up of the apparatus bay and other areas of the facilities.
- HQ Garage Doors – In progress, on hold due to delays in apparatus floor installation.
- Brush Truck AFG 2020 Award – In progress, still working with counsel and chief staff on final bid package notice to bidders and instruction to bidders' package.
- Working with Commissioner Deveny on obtaining proposal from architect for Station 2 storage building.
- Requesting Executive Session for possible pending litigation

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Cangeleri

- Bills total \$119,442.56
 - Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved to pay the bills.
- Reported on status of electronic approval software trial.

Attorneys Report:

Attorney Ring

- Reported on recent Comptroller's reports
- Update on Annual Election
- Update on pending litigation

Chief's Report:

Assistant Chief Gluck

- **21-25** Firefighter Julio Prendergast Suspended effective November 4, 2021
- **Material Requests Laserfiche:**
 - ✓ None
- **Follow-Up:**
 - ✓ **20-02** Ex Chief Anthony Bitalvo returning to active status from Fire District Personal Leave Status (**Leave Policy 5.0**) pending District Physical Examination. See attached letter.
- **Informational:**
 - ✓ 1st Assistant Chief Denise Gluck successfully completed the EMT CC to Paramedic bridge program.
 - ✓ Department Medicals Sunday November 21st.
 - ✓ Department Uniform & Vehicle Inspection Thursday December 9th.
 - ✓ Probationary Member Monthly Progress Report. See attached paperwork.

Executive Session was requested by District Manager Michalakopoulos to discuss pending litigation and personnel.

- Commissioner Moreno made a motion to move to executive session, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.

Adjournment for Executive Session 1838
Reconvene from Executive Session 1859

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman McManus

- Discussion regarding suspension of firefighter until November 19th.

Vice Chairman Harrigan

- Not Present

Commissioner Moreno

- Requested motion to approve the dedication plaque for 6-3-4 in the amount of \$428.00
 - Commissioner Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Deveny to purchase a dedication plaque in the amount of \$428.00
- Requested update on Chief Berg's car computer.
- Requested Commissioners' Office be cleaned after remodeling.

Commissioner McQueeney

- Not Present

Commissioner Deveny

- Update on progress with dredging request
- Reported on visit to Majestic Gardens for 3/26/2021 Annual Installation Dinner

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

Meeting adjourned at **1903** hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District