

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

Minutes of September 18, 2022, Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chairman McQueeney 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 McQueeney, Vice Chairman Moreno, Commissioner Deveny, Commissioner Wallace, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Treasurer Cangeleri, Secretary Manitta, Chief Gluck, 1st Assistant Chief Berg, 2nd Assistant Chief Donnelly and 3rd Assistant Chief Whelan were present. President Hammer and Attorney Ring were absent with prior notice.

Treasurers Report: District Treasurer Cangeleri

- Treasurer Cangeleri presented proposed budget
- Commissioner Deveny asked about the impact on residents
- WRFD 5 Year Plan for capital projects was reviewed
- Adjustments in current costs discussed
- Discussion regarding piercing the 2% cap
- Reserved fund was discussed

District Manager Report: District Manager Michalakopoulos

- Presented possible upcoming capital project plans to be considered for budgeting
 - Camera systems
 - Upgrading recreational room
 - Replacement of equipment and trucks
- Current purchase requests have been cancelled by Ford
- Discussion regarding costs associated with STA2 expansion
- Discussed 5-year plan moving forward

Chief's Report: Chief Gluck, Chief Berg, Chief Donnelly, Chief Whelan

- Anticipated costs
 - Replacing hydraulic tools
 - Hand tools, Bunker Gear and MDTs replacement
 - Replacement of vehicles 6-3-1, 6-3-10, 6-3-11
 - Repower boat

Chairman McQueeney made a motion for executive session, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.

Adjournment for Executive Session: **0951**

Reconvene from Executive Session: **1026**

Chairman McQueeney

- Opposed to large increase 16%
- After discussion, BOFC Agreed upon 11.8% increase
- Consolidation of vehicles 6-3-1, 6-3-10
- Going out for District Pumper
- Not purchasing tools – new pumper will come equipped

Vice Chairman Moreno

- No comment

Commissioner Deveny

- Commented that the district needs to keep up with infrastructure maintenance
- Reported on findings presented at a recent SCFDOA meeting regarding a move to eliminate Diesel trucks. Stressed the need to plan for the future of possible electric trucks.
- Propose a committee to be formed to address consolidation of vehicles
- Requested to see Vehicle Capital Plan (Funding Plan for Vehicle Replacements)

Commissioner Wallace

- Cautioned about delaying expenditures to keep 0% increase which may cause a tremendous cost increase for the future

Chairman McQueeney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at **1038** hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta
District Secretary
Wading River Fire District