

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

Minutes of November 14, 2022 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Deveny 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 and for an end to the war in Ukraine.

Chairman McQueeney, Vice Chairman Moreno, Commissioner Deveny, Commissioner Wallace, Treasurer Cangeleri, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Secretary Manitta, 1st Assistant Chief Berg, 2nd Assistant Chief Donnelly, 3rd Assistant Chief Whelan and Attorney Ring were present. Chief Gluck and President Kuzloski were absent with prior notice.

Vice Chairman Moreno made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2022, Budget Hearing and BOFC meeting.

Public Comments:

- No comments

Correspondence:

Secretary Manitta

- Nothing to report

Secretary Report:

Secretary Manitta

- Permissive Referendums published on 11/03/2022
- Election Update:
 - Received Inspector List from Suffolk County BOE
 - Petitions available in District Secretary's Office 11/10/2022-11/23/2022

Wading River Fire Department:

President Kuzloski

- Not present

Material Requests:

District Manager Michalakopoulos

- None

District Manager Report:

District Manager Michalakopoulos

- Received the following checks:
 - None
- 6-3-1
 - Driver side auxiliary intake valve reported to be not working correctly, repaired 10/21/22 by district mechanic
 - Reported that primer oil low, priming oil added on 11/11/22 by district mechanic
 - Reported water leak, front intake valve adjusted on 11/11/22 by district mechanic, will monitor
 - Reported OIC hand light not charging, wiring repaired on 11/11/22 by district mechanic.
- 6-3-2
 - Pump discharge #4 reported to be leaking between the pump and right-side panel, replaced rotted pipe on 11/07/22 by district mechanic.
 - Drivers side compartment #1 reported to have an issue, replaced door shocks on 10/18/22 by district mechanic
- 6-3-4
 - Rear hose tray issues – vendor scheduled to come onsite Wednesday 10/19 to look at problem.
- 6-3-80
 - NYS Inspection completed, replacement TPS ordered and will be installed at next oil change
- 6-3-30
 - Oil change – Completed
 - Rear tire leak – Repaired
 - NYS Inspection – Completed
- 6-3-31
 - Oil change – Completed
- Annual Pump Testing – Completed
- Annual Gear Cleaning – Completed 11/14/22 vendor report to follow
- Water Tower Radio Communication Site – repeater power supply repair, no ETA. Quote for replacement batteries on hold
- HQ Communications Tower – Vendor moving forward, ordered zoning drawings for application. Requested specs for existing generator, working with vendor to provide information.
- Replacement Brush Truck – Vendor requesting a mid-point video conference within the next 2 weeks, once we have a date we will send out. Tentative completion and delivery set for Mid-January 2023
- BOFC Office ceiling tile replacement – on hold
- EMS Recovery Billing – In Progress, Onboarding Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 11/16/22

- Station 2 Generator Project

- As per terms and conditions of sale and cancelation clause the district will be required to pay the 25% cancellation fee, requesting guidance on how to proceed.
- District and Responder Vehicle Purchase – District vehicle delivered on 11/3, vehicle insurance and registration in process. The vendor has begun working on the second vehicle, waiting for update on delivery.
- Outdoor Awing soffit and Lighting Project – In progress, aluminum capping being completed.
- Powerplant Siren – Completed, siren installed, electrical repaired and radio vendor verified programming.
- Phone System – In progress, ISP installing new SIP service which will eliminate the hardware replacement needed. Some reprogramming is required which will be done in 2 phases. Phase I SIP installation on 11/18 Friday. Phase II final cutover, date TBD
- DOH inspection Completed on 11/7 no issues found
- LCBS Heating System – Honeywell contacted as requested, requested forwarded, waiting to hear back on a date.
- Request by Association President Kuzloski to meet at the next District workshop to discuss Department Antique.
- Full-time EMT-P positions – Received list from SC Civil Service, canvass letters sent to all candidates with a score of 95. Reply period expired, interview phase next requesting BOFC availability to set up interviews.
- Annual Vehicle Exhaust System PMP Contract, requesting approval to execute contract for 2023 amount \$2,099.50
 - Chairman McQueeney made a motion to execute the Contract, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- Annual HVAC Maintenance Contract, requesting approval to execute contract for 2023 amount \$4,800.00
- Requesting Executive Session for personnel and litigation

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Cangeleri

- **Bills total: \$214,577.60**
 - Vice Chairman Moreno made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- Reviewed proposed budget adjustments

Attorneys Report:

Attorney Ring

- Requesting Executive Session for personnel and litigation
- Petitions due by 11/23/2022
- Organizational Meeting Date – BOFC discussed Organizational Meeting for January. After discussion, adopted January 9, 2023 for Organizational Meeting 6:30 pm, to be immediately followed by first regular meeting of 2023.

Chief's Report:

1st Assistant Chief Berg

➤ **Submitting the Following Items:**

- **22-19** Resignation letter from EMS Member C. Cox dated 10/31/2022. All district issued equipment has been returned.
- **22-20** Resignation letter from Member J. Prendergast dated 11/7/2022. All district issued equipment has been returned.
- **22-21** Medical approval for Membership Candidate Dominick Cardinale
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve member physical for D. Cardinale on Sunday, 11/20/2022, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.

➤ **Material Requests Laserfiche:**

- None

➤ **Follow-Up:**

- Request follow-up on Chiefs SOG for Use of UTV (6-3-26) as submitted at September 26, 2022 meeting.
- Request follow-up to Chiefs Recommendations for District Staff Response that was submitted at October 17, 2022 meeting.
- Seeking follow-up on information on the EMS program as requested at the October 17, 2022 meeting.
- BOFC will wait for follow up items for when Chief Gluck is in attendance.

➤ **Informational:**

- Bailout training was held on November 6, 2022. Fifteen members attended.
- Firefighters M. Wallace and J. Pirnak both requested to change to exterior firefighter status. Same was approved by the Chiefs Office.

Executive session requested by District Manager Michalakopoulos to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

- Chairman McQueeney made a motion to move to executive session, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.

Adjournment for Executive Session: 1849

Reconvene from Executive Session: 2033

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman McQueeney

- Chairman McQueeney made a motion for a Permissive Referendum for \$55,000 to purchase a generator, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- Surplus of 2012 Tahoe and 2014 Ford Explorer
 - Commissioner Deveny made a motion to surplus the two vehicles, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- 209 L Hearing
 - Chairman McQueeney made a motion to adopt hearing officer finding and facts for the recently held 209 L Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- Asked District Manager to follow up on Boat repair bids and heating company RFP
- BOFC will tentatively hold a Work Session on December 4th.

Vice Chairman Moreno

- WRFD Policy 4.2 paragraph H – only by chief only Nassau or Suffolk any other area pre-approved – change within Suffolk County and Mutual Aid – pre-approved. Remove Nassau County. Travel outside of Suffolk County will now need to be approved.
 - Vice Chairman Moreno made a motion to change the Policy 4.2 language to exclude Nassau County, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.

Commissioner Deveny

- District Signs - \$140
- Requested support from BOFC Letters
- Notified District Manager BOFC will move forward with STA 2 new bays

Commissioner Wallace

- Commissioner Wallace made a motion to hire EMT, D. Craft, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.
- Requested letter from BOFC in support for Brookhaven Officer Association FD – Director and Sergeant at Arms or Director

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

Meeting adjourned at
2054 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta, District Secretary
Wading River Fire District