

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

Minutes of December 4, 2022, Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Commissioner Deveny at 0900 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 Cangelieri, District Manager Michalakopoulos, Secretary Manitta, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Berg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Donnelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Whelan, EMS Supervisor Andracchi, President Kuzloski and Vice President Hammer were present. Attorney Ring and Chief Gluck and were absent with prior notice.

**Chairman McQueeney stated the purpose of this meeting was for various discussions concerning WRFD.**

**Public Comments/Presentations:**

- Presentation by James Small, Hometown Insurance Agency of Long Island, Inc. (ESIP)
  - Current levels of coverage and policy coverage recommendations were reviewed
  - Members of the group asked questions regarding extent of proposed changes and implications for coverage/costs
  - Will follow up with BOFC questions at next meeting, 12/12/2022

**Wading River Fire Department:                      President Kuzloski**

- Requested the BOFC identify protocols in terms of responsibility regarding the Antique Fire Truck. District Manager explained the vehicle is covered up to \$100K. President Kuzloski requested that a structure for repair costs that are not covered by insurance and/or insurance is not accessed for repairs. The Department requested clarification as to dollar amount or percentage the District would cover along with the Department. The BOFC would consider as a case by case basis. District Manager will follow up with the district's attorney and insurance company to see if they recommend a threshold when considering insurance claims.

**District Manager:    District Manager Michalakopoulos**

- Discussion regarding the request by WRFD Association's request to renovate the recreation room. Discussion items to renovate, repair and replace.

**EMS Supervisor:    EMS Supervisor Andracchi**

- Thanked BOFC for promotion to EMS Supervisor.
- Contacted Suffolk County identifying herself as the point person.
- Reviewed action steps restructuring EMS department.
- Discussion of responsibilities and workflow. Requested a point person in Chief's Office – Chief Donnelly was identified.
- Scheduling and shifts were discussed. Quarterly reviews and individual meetings will be implemented.
- BOFC requested they be notified of any incidents immediately – copied to District manager.
- Requested access to ADP system. Approved by BOFC.
- Scheduled to attend future videoconferencing meetings for EMS/Medical billing.
- Presented check sheets that will be implemented with medics and EMTs. BOFC requested re-checks be implemented in the first hour. Supervisor Andracchi will be added to emails.
- Recruitment strategies were discussed. Asked BOFC to consider raising pay rate to \$32.50.

- Reviewed ordering procedures and cost-effective measures to be considered.
- Discussed EMT Training.
- Discussion regarding responder vehicles - location/purpose. Proposed ideas and methods for assigning Medics/EMTs at STA2 and HQ.
- BOFC directed District Manager to replace her Tablet and add a stipend for her cellphone.
- Discussion regarding EMS Supervisor badge/uniform.
- Suggested paramedic students ride with the Medics as means of increased recruitment.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Berg**

- Proposed some ideas of organizing responders, utilizing EMTs for hands-on training and scheduling.
- Raised concern regarding paid staff going on calls and member perception of roles.
- Discussion regarding response times.
- District radios being found around district from 6-3-3 and 6-3-5
- Requested update on PSTrax

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Donnelly**

- Requested clarification for moving forward without Chief Gluck present. BOFC requested that a letter from Chief Gluck relinquishing control to assistant Chiefs would need to be submitted.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Whelan**

- Requested information regarding EMT scheduling.

**Chairman McQueeney**

- Recommended a follow up meeting to further discuss system for scheduling volunteers and paid EMTs.

**Treasurer Cangelari**

- Discussion regarding Hometown Insurance rate quotes presentation and impact on budget.

**Commissioner Deveny**

- Discussion regarding adoption of medic badges.

**Commissioner Wallace**

- Discussion regarding ALS

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

Meeting adjourned at 1118 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta, District Secretary  
Wading River Fire District