

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

Minutes of December 12, 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 Cangelari, 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 November 28, 2022, BOFC Meeting.

Public Comments:

- No comments

Correspondence:

Secretary Manitta

- Holiday Greeting Cards

Secretary Report:

Secretary Manitta

- Report on Election Preparation
- Annual Installation dinner 03/25/23 at Majestic Gardens
- Shared results of WRFD Association 2023 election sent by Secretary Meier:
 - Kevin Berg as Chief (6-3-30)
 - 1st Assistant Chief remains vacant (6-3-31)
 - Mark Donnelly as 2nd Assistant Chief (6-3-32)
 - Thomas Whelan as 3rd Assistant Chief (6-3-33)

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
- Requesting approval to host a SCBA Scott Field Tech Training Class for district staff and four department members not to exceed \$2,500.00

- Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- Requesting approval for miscellaneous tool allowance not to exceed \$800.00
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- 6-3-2 – Serviced by district mechanic
- 6-3-80 - PM/Oil change postponed and rescheduled for 12/13/22
- 6-3-96 – Tires replaced, and PM/Oil Change scheduled for 12/14/22
- Chiefs Vehicle – Submitting graphics for board approval, working with chief Berg and vendor to complete command box drawings. Remaining items are radio installation and command box fabrication and installation.
- HQ Communications Tower – Vendor scheduled for Wednesday 12/14/22 to complete utilities mark out and soil boring for tower location. Owners Endorsement and Construction Activity Agreement forwarded to special counsel for review and approval. Requesting approval for Chairman to sign once counsel has reviewed and approved.
- Replacement Brush Truck – Mid-point video conference completed on 12/7/22, vehicle in paint. Vehicle completion and delivery on schedule.
- EMS Recovery Billing – In Progress, working with ems supervisor and district treasurer to complete paperwork for NPI and Medicaid/Medicare applications. Working with general counsel as well. Need to set service rate for BLS, ALS, ALS2, and mileage to move to the next phase. Rate recommendations forwarded to BOFC for review.
- Station 2 Generator Project – In progress, working with concrete vendor and district staff to complete prior to installation. If the weather becomes a problem, we will work with the manufacturer on a new delivery date.
- Building Generator Load Test – Contacted vendor to perform load test on both generators last week, headquarters was found to be in proper working order, however station is generator is not producing the correct voltage to properly supply the building. Working with the current vendor to try and provide a temporary repair till the new generator is installed. Recommend current permissive referendum be amended to the original amount \$15,000. to cover the installation of the generator.
 - Commissioner Deveny made a motion to raise to 75K, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- Full-time EMT-P positions – Interviews completed recommendation for hire submitted to BOFC for review and appointment approval. Also requesting approval to request new canvass list for second position.
- Requesting approval to switch from Healthplex/Dentcare Delivery Systems to MetLife/Corporate Synergies Dental/Vision Package
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- Would like to thank Chief Gluck for her year of service as chief of department and wish her the best of luck on all future endeavors.
- Requesting Executive Session for personnel and possible litigation

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Cangeleri

- Bills total: \$136, 548.85

- Vice Chairman Moreno made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.
- NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Resolution to participate
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to participate pending Attorney Ring review, seconded by Commissioner Deveny.
- Update on LIPA PILOT payments

Attorneys Report: Attorney Ring

- Boat Bid published and in process
- Reported that letter to respondent regarding termination
- Discussion regarding taking ownership of Antique Truck

Chief's Report: Chief Berg

➤ **Submitting the Following Items:**

- 22-22 Medical Approval for Membership Candidate Matthew Yakobowski

➤ **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.
- Requesting an update on hose bed covers as requested at September 12, 2022 meeting.
- Requesting an update on scene light bulbs for units 6-3-2 and 6-3-11.

➤ **Informational:**

- Mobile Santa is scheduled for Sunday December 18, 2022.
- Bailout refresher make-up training will be Thursday December 15, 2022 at HQ.
- Assistant Chief Donnelly will be out of town and unable to attend the Organizational meeting on January 9, 2022.
- Letter from Chief Gluck requesting that assistant Chiefs be allowed to discuss items with BOFC but the Chief will make any final decisions.
- Reported that First Responder Mike Dennehy is to be commended for his performance at recent structure fire.

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: 1847

Reconvene from Executive Session: 1946

Commissioner Reports:

Chairman McQueeney

- Switching insurance from Glatfelter/VFIS to Hometown/ESIP
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion to change insurance carriers, seconded by Vice Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.
 - Chairman McQueeney made a motion to hire four new EMTS (T. Morello, N. Qaderi, N. Murcott, A. Jacowsky) seconded by Commissioner Deveny, unanimously approved.
- Requested motion to hire Dan Manzella as a full-time medic
 - Vice Chairman Moreno made motion, seconded by Deveny to hire Dan Manzella, unanimously approved.
- Last BOFC regular meeting changed to December 27th
 - Chief Donnelly will be sworn in for 2023 2nd Assistant Chief as he cannot attend the organizational meeting on 01/09/2023
- Requested information regarding heating system controls

Vice Chairman Moreno

- Vice Chairman made a motion to send Matthew Yakobowski for physical, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, unanimously approved.

Commissioner Deveny

- Requested an update on vehicles
- Requested update on architect on STA2 bay construction
- Thank District Staff for installing recruitment signs

Commissioner Wallace

- Per diems starting January – motion to increase pay to \$32/hr.
 - Commissioner Wallace made a motion, seconded by Chairman Moreno, unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at **1954** hours

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen F. Manitta, District Secretary
Wading River Fire District