

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Lido and Point Lookout Fire District  
Held January 22, 2014**

**\*\*\*Approved Minutes\*\*\***

**Meeting** was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Weitz

**Present:** Comm. Weitz, Comm. Richter, Comm. Thompson, Comm. Paz, Comm. Naham, Chief Walsh, District Treasurer Kelly Fitzsimons, and District Secretary Terri Ryan.

**Not Present:** Chief Guerin, Out of State; Chief Wiener, Battalion Meeting

Speakers without appointments: None present

Speakers with appointments: Ben DiVenti, DiVenti & Lee, CPAs

**Minutes** of the Organizational Meeting held January 8, 2014, were approved with the following addition to #27, "There were no changes to the By-Laws during the 2013 calendar year", on Motion by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Paz. Accepted 5-0.

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**Communications:**

1. Two (2) Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Statements from BNY Mellon.

**Speakers without appointments:** (Time allotted three (3) minutes)

None present.

**Speakers with appointments:**

Ben DiVenti, DiVenti & Lee, CPAs

1. Need the un-categorized expenses marked correctly as soon as possible. Report due to the state 2/28.
2. Do not have Citibank statements since July.
3. George will be in the office on 1/29 to do 4<sup>th</sup> quarter audit.
4. Presented preliminary Balance Sheet and Income Statement for 2012 versus 2013. Under Maintenance and Repair, preventive maintenance, emergency and equipment repairs are higher than previous years. Discussion followed. Ben was informed that we are doing a major repair/upgrade on 255.
5. Asked about RedAlert maintenance contract. Was told we will look into this renewal.
6. Asked if there was anything for Fire Prevention. Board will check.
7. Under Workers Comp, there are two numbers which look relatively large, a lot of that is for next year. What will happen is that about \$31,000 under general insurance and about \$12,000 will not hit the current year.
8. Discussion about NC Grant for gear, helmets and rope systems. Copy of Grant agreement will be given to George when he is here Wednesday..
9. Outside services look larger than normal. It was stated that Failsafe had not been paid for 2012 testing, therefore they were paid in 2013 for two testings. (2012 hose testing was done the week before Sandy and the bill was not taken care of until 2013.)
10. Otherwise things are in good shape.

### **Chief's Report:**

1. We had a good crew for the snow stand-by last night.
2. Department received an award from TD Bank for Sandy.
3. Spoke with John Frasier about mutual aid for 9 calls. Long Beach has put on another bus which should help. Discussion followed.
4. Training Center needs repair on top of unit. Comms. Weitz and Richter will look into this. Comm. Richter said that we also need a welder.
5. Members with under five years in the Department will have to take a "Below Grade Course" before we attend Fire School in June or they may not participate.
6. Comm. Richter asked about pump test for 255 and was told it is scheduled for Friday.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

#### **Comm. Naham:**

1. Stated that he will be attending the NCAFD meeting on Friday. Asked how the Board wanted him to vote in the County and State elections. Information was given.
2. Asked for a further breakdown for the Long Beach mutual aid calls. Information will be given to Board.

#### **Comm. Paz:**

1. Have a bill for MacDonald Plumbing for \$766.00 for shutting off one water valve at YOF.
2. Discussion of Water Dept. and MacDonald and shutting off water to YOF. John has to file permits with the Water and Highway Depts. The recommendation was for the plumber to do the cut off right at the main, and not at the house, in case something else has to be done. We have a quote of \$4,175. Discussion followed. The Board feels that the quote is to high and quote should be more detailed.
3. Regarding FP vests, got 2 prices. The best price is one received by Bob Main. However we have not seen it. It is a class 3. Would like to purchase 12 vests at a cost of \$346.20. Motion by Comm. Weitz to allow purchase of 12 vests at a cost of \$346.20 upon the approval of the Chief and Comm. Paz after seeing vests. Seconded by Comm. Richter. Accepted 5-0.
4. Regarding the fuel system, Walter Wagner is sending a letter to Walden requesting a meeting with all parties . Another problem was water in the pump. While pumping out, a switch was hit and we could not pump. Island Pump and Tank was called.

#### **Comm. Richter:**

1. Nothing further to report.

#### **Comm. Thompson:**

1. Working off Dan Wiener's list and will get a letter together regarding which members have to pay for the Installation Dinner.
2. All Civics have been notified about the date change for the meeting regarding proposals for building project. Signs have been ordered and the LB lighted sign will be changed in a few days.
3. Awaiting information about buildings in Long Beach, Oceanside and Baldwin. Should have information by the end of the week.
4. Fifteen members will be taking the CPR test. Class went well.
5. Thanked the stand-by crew for the 1/21 and 22 snow stand-by.
6. Receipts turned in for food stand-by and glucose strips.
7. Asked if Rob Prince completed the rope class. Was told they are working on this.
8. Sagamore will be putting 2500 in the buff show. They will pick it up on Thursday and do detailing. We have been told not to have more than 1/4 tank of gas in the vehicle.

### **Comm. Weitz:**

1. Requested that a letter be sent to the Chief to thank members for the second snow stand-by in three weeks. In particular, thanking the members who shopped for food and prepared it and to Lt. Chris Guerin for clearing the ramps and Capt Josh Siegelman for clearing older member's properties.
2. Made a motion to purchase 15 uniforms from Charles Greenblatt. Discussion followed. Stated he had a telephone conversation with Elite Uniforms in which "I was very direct and very harsh and read him the riot act about his pricing over the years." Discussion followed. Motion was rescinded. Samples of both companies uniforms are on hand for inspection by the Board.
3. Received three quotes of prices for a new stove for Company 2 room. Should check PC Richards also.
4. We have some new equipment which should be labeled and put into inventory.
5. Effective March 1, 2014 would like to roll out Department wise use of Department issued e-mail accounts. Discussion followed. Information should come from Chiefs' office. We will try it.
6. Please remind the companies that mutual aid to headquarters is, signal 12 - no lights or sirens.
7. Regarding NC Grant. Boots have arrived, helmets will be delivered in two weeks and have been speaking with Karen at Hi Tech and will call Morning Pride to try to speed up manufacture of the gear.
8. Will be working on a new grant application for a new communication system. Will share it with the Board before submitting it. It will be to replace pagers and portable radios. Comm Paz asked the life expectancy of the pagers. Was told that we purchase them with an extended warranty so we are good for five years.

### **District Secretary's Report:**

1. Reported that PCRs were sent to REMSCO January 9, 2014.
2. AFDNC Meeting Friday, January 24, 7PM, 120 Gardiners Ave., Levittown. Vote for State: 2 Directors: Ralph Esposito; Fred Senti or Nick Paolucci. County: Joel Bearman, President; Robert Hockenjos, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Paul Cartier, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ralph Esposito, Treasurer and Ralph Raymond, Secretary.
3. Weather permitting Brian Sherwood will be here tomorrow to review certification papers for ambulances. Only EMT not put on list was Peter Rooney his card expired; however, he is in his refresher course at the present time.
4. George Grant Mass will be 3/2 at 11:30 not 10:15 am.
5. Will have log sheets within the next week.
6. We received form for 2014 PILOT monies from NC. They were signed by Chairman Weitz and returned to the Budget Office. Usually received 4-6 weeks after we send paperwork back.
7. Getting paperwork ready for Civil Service. Need new password for paperwork on-line but no one was at the office today to give one to me. They asked me to call tomorrow.

### **District Treasurer's Report:**

1. Bank reconciliation for Chase checking account was performed for period ending December 31, 2013. The account is fully reconciled.
2. After bills tonight, balance in checking is \$101,936.78.
3. Have requested a credit card for Comm. Naham.
4. Received a check from Glatfelter Insurance for repairs to 255 in the amount of \$1,192.50.

5. Comm. Weitz mentioned a bill for Hendrickson for additional work needed in the amount of \$4,000 plus. Motion by Comm. Richter to pay the aforementioned bill. Seconded by Comm. Thompson. Accepted 5-0.

Abstract of bills was presented and approved on motion by the Comm. Richter, seconded by Comm. Thompson, accepted 5-0 and notarized by the District Secretary. Abstract will be attached to file copy of minutes.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Comm. Paz, seconded by Comm. Thompson. Accepted 5-0.

**Next Meeting Date: February 5, 2014**

**Scheduled for next regular meeting: Nothing scheduled at this time.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by T. Ryan