

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Lido and Point Lookout Fire District
Held August 19, 2021**

*****Minutes Approved*****

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Thompson

Present: Chairman Thompson, Comm. Richter, Comm. Naham, Comm. Pogue- Steiner, T. Ryan Secretary, A. Richter Asst. Secretary and Treasurer, Treasurer Dunham, H. Thompson, Chief Guerin, Chief Wade and Chief Neubert via phone

Not Present: Comm. Paz

Speakers without appointments: None
Speakers with appointments: Ben DiVenti, Diventi & Lee, CPAs
 Daniel Wiener, LOSAP
 Ed Haran, LOSAP
 Brian Guerin, Social Media

The Board of Fire Commissioners
would like to extend their condolences
to the family
of
Honorary Captain of CO#2, and
Life Member
Dennis Crimmins

Minutes of meeting held on July 15, 2021 were approved on motion by Comm. Richter and seconded by Comm. Naham Approved 3-0. Comm. Pogue- Steiner was late to meeting and missed the vote on minutes.

Speakers without appointments: (Time allotted three (3) minutes)
None present.

Speakers with appointments:

Ben DiVenti, DiVenti & Lee, CPAs:

1. Had a successful budget meeting. Successful budget meeting a few weeks ago, the inflation rate will change waiting on New York State to issue number. For salaries added more under EMT and other salary category. LIPA pilot funds is not included in budget. The estimate budget for 2022 is \$1.5 million. Comm. Naham asked about if we should add more to the miscellaneous account line, not recommended.

2. Still waiting on the 2nd tax check, once we receive, we can move funds back to capital.
3. Under payroll process fee account notice that the last payroll was not reclassified. AM Richter will reclass before next meeting.
4. Emergency maintenance is higher than regular maintenance. Per Comm. Richter unfortunately we have had some issues with the Trucks that need to get fixed asap.
5. Will be reaching out to Auditors to set up a meeting in October for the upcoming audit.
6. Chief Guerin asked if Accountant could help us set up PayPal and other online payment for the new website. Per Board ok to work on.
7. Comm. Thompson thanked Ben and group for all their help during the year.

Daniel Wiener, LOSAP:

1. Verizon text message service is up and running and no issues.
2. Stats submitted to District on August 2.

Ed Haran- LOSAP

1. Enrolled new members.
2. Have one-member last month that came of age.
3. Spoke with VFIS regarding Dennis Crimmins

Brian Guerin, Social Media

1. Meet with webmaster regarding the new website, the website will be linked to all 3 social media accounts. Would like to launch new website in October for Fire Prevention month.
2. Would like to have PayPal and other online payments for donations. Will work with Accountants.

Chief's Report:

1. Thank you to Board for everything for Dennis Crimmins.
2. Recruitment committee had their first meeting, once committee has some ideas will report to Board. Comm. Pogue- Steiner applied for the Safer grant, that we can use for requirement.
3. Has transfer request from Jake Kritzberg from Lido to Co#2. Been approved by Company, Council and Department. Approved by Board.
4. Town of Hempstead will be having a firework with Big Shot event on Sunday, September 4. Would like to have a stand-by crew. Approved.
5. Helmet shields received and will be handed out to all members who requested.
6. Water Rescue team will be having training with Long Beach. The wetsuits are in and with vendor about getting logo added to.
7. Would like to look into ordering jet ski for water rescue, would like to have separate meeting with Board.
8. Recommends Board to purchase thermal imaging cameras from MSA. We currently have 4 cameras from MSA. The current cameras are working but the batteries are no good. Will reach out to vendor to get quote and see if we can get credit on old units.
9. Has the following stand by request:
 - a. 8/21 for 258 at Commack from 11am-12am
 - b. 8/21 for 253 at Lynbrook from 4p-11pWill make sure we are out of service for mutual aid and make sure we have full cover.
10. PLO Civic Association's Children Day will be Sunday, 9/4 they will be having a carnival on Ocean Drive. Department okay request. Per Comm. Richter make sure no hydrants are blocked. Comm. Thompson asked about Lido Civic, hasn't heard anything will reach out.
11. Auditable at HQ are not going off, Paul Grim was done yesterday, will follow up.

12. DAAS inventory is being done, working with Dan Weiner to change format.
13. Handed in receipts from EMS BBQ and firework standby for the amount of \$362.26 and 417.36
14. We ordered 6 hand lights and chargers for 255 but we received 6 lights and 7 chargers would like to order 1 more red light, per Board get quote and we will issue PO.
15. Need to order 6 new batteries for the radios that will be reissued by Fire Police, per Board get quote and we will issue PO.
16. 2561 needs new Tow straps and we need to replace tow strap for C. Guerin. The cost for new set and replacement will be \$235.85 plus shipping and handling. Approved
17. Company 2 and Fire Police would like to use Company allotment funds to purchase 5 bar stools and refrigerator. Both companies has \$2000 each and the cost will be split evenly between companies. Approved.
18. Wantagh Fire District is purchasing a new boat and would like to have access to Districts frequencies. Approved.
19. Comm. Naham thanked Chief's office for letter written about Ocean Blvd in Lido.
20. Comm. Richter asked about status on inventory from Companies waiting on 252, 258 and 255. Board wants the inventory done ASAP.
21. Per Comm. Richter the build date for new pickup truck was scheduled for August 22, will reach out to dealer, if the date has been pushed again will cancel the order and look into other dealerships.
22. Comm. Richter asked about status on By-Laws, Committee is still working on the changes. Should have at next meeting.
23. Comm. Richter stated he was very unhappy to hear about what happened with the M Cylinder on 252 this should never happen again. We currently have loaner from Southshore. Terri will reach out to vendor regarding cylinder that was labeled incorrect.
24. Need to send Harmless letter to Besnik Gonlekaj regarding reprogramming radios. Comm. Thompson will sign letter.
25. Chief Wade's car has had issue with lights, will take to sagamore lighting.
26. 259 will be going to vendor to have window fix
27. 253 has an airbag leak for the suspension, Vinnie will have a will have a suspension shop do the work since he does not have the appropriate tools. Jimmy Walsh will bring both vehicles to vendor.
28. Comm. Thompson would like to thank the Chief office and Department for service done for Dennis Crimmins.
29. Department Physicals will be the 1st weekend in October, or members can go to Dr anytime.
30. LUCAS on 258 is back in service.

Chief Neubert via phone

1. Working on PPE inventory will place order this weekend.
2. EPCR program up and running, still need to go over program with drivers only.
3. Working with Dan Weiner to make sure all calls are being recorded into EPCR system.
4. Will reach out to vendor about upgrading the EPCR program.
5. Working on policy and producer for the new EMT hires.
6. Department COVID is good, and we should keep the current standards in place.
7. After 8th months from the 1st shot it is recommended that you get a boost shot. The 3rd shot must be the same brand.
8. Comm. Pogue- Steiner asked about why the hospitals are on diversion so much. Per Dr its do to staffing and tracking.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Chairman Thompson:

1. Ex-Chief Frank Dubins had a medical condition and requested to have transport from hospital to rehab done by Department. Approved by Board.
2. Signed service contract with Stryker.
3. Sold old 259 for \$5,000 on 8/10. District office has all information.
4. Recommends hiring the following nine (9) employees are District EMTS:

Blazo, Kyle

Cavanagh, Michael

Cook, John

Cullen, Bryan

Epple, Matthew

Fowler, Timothy

Ochtera, Andrew

Romero, Jason

Warner, Jeffrey

All are currently FDNY FF or EMTS, each employee has been approved by Dr. Neubert. Motion by Comm. Richter, seconded by Comm. Thompson to hire the above employees. Approved 4-0. Will be having a special meeting to discuss details of new hires.

Comm. Richter:

1. Would like to discuss about getting a temporary tent for Ye Olde fire house lot similar to the tent that North Massapequa Fire District it is using. A. M. Richter will take a photo and send to Board.
2. Will start working on the reimbursement paperwork for the new 255.
3. Will reach out to Senator Kaminsky's office about getting a grant to purchase jet skis for Water Rescue program.
4. NY State thruway asked to get access to our frequency. H. Thompson reached out to department asking what they actual need. We sent the information to Integrated Wireless Technologies they sent over report stating we should say no since the request could interfere with our radios. Motion by Comm. Richter, seconded by Comm. Naham. Approved 4-0 to reply saying we will not give access. H. Thompson will send email.
5. Received the new service contract from Island Tech for the next year the cost per month will be \$2,316.25 for an increase of \$300. Motion by Comm. Richter to accept new service contract, seconded by Comm. Pogue- Steiner. Approved 4-0. Office will send PO.
6. Regarding the email from Kevin the Grant Guy, he feels we should reach out to our Senators office directly. Spoke with Senator Kaminsky's office and they gave the information to Schumer's office, Comm. Pogue-Steiner sent email and waiting reply.
7. In the past we used LoJack to track all vehicles, we haven't used in a long time since most of our new vehicles have GPS. Asked Chief's office to reach out to Fire Marshalls Office to see what they recommend.
8. Would like to have all overheads doors at both locations have preventive maintenance done. Comm. Naham will reach out to vendor.

Comm. Naham:

1. AC unit for Lido Commissioners room has been order and will be installed by PC Richards.
2. Title Company and lawyers are working on all paperwork for Lido Firehouse expansion project. If no answer is reported by Labor Day, they will file with Supreme Court.

3. Town of Hempstead hearing regrading closing Ocean Blvd in Lido Beach has been rescheduled again.

Comm. Paz: (Not Present)

Comm. Pogue- Steiner:

1. Applied for the Safer grant should have follow up with 3-4 weeks.
2. FEMA grant for Covid Reimbursement should have status within the next month.
3. Reconciliation for July has been done.
4. We placed our first reorder of the peroxide solution for the foggers. The last order lasted about a year, this time we order enough for about 4 months. Steve and Jimmy has a great system to fog the buildings weekly.
5. The family of Raymond Hanratty who passed away over the weekend, would like to thank the Department of all they hard work at call.
6. Thank you to Steve Angel for the gardening he did at the Ye Olde Fire House lot.

District Secretary's Report:

1. Have fully executed Bill of Sale with Fire Command for sale of 1989 Hahn pumper for \$5,000.00. Vehicle was taken 8/10/2021.
2. Billing straightened out with Emergency Responder Products. All billing correct after next abstract. After discussion, Emergency Responder will be notified that all orders must be submitted with a District purchase order.
3. Gary was here to check the diesel fuel system. After the probe was changed, it was discovered that there were errors in the office reporting. Gary has print outs and will be back in two weeks to re-check all reports.
4. Stats and log sheets for July were received August 2nd.
5. Donation will be made to NC Burn Center in memory of Life member and Honorary Captain Dennis Crimmins.
6. Sutphen annual inspections of 253 and 254 have been paid for; Shipman will be contacted for scheduling.
7. **DUE TO YOM KIPPUR, NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

Asst. Secretary and Treasurer

1. Payroll #8 for pay period 7/17, 7 checks totaling \$4,954.16
2. Payroll #9 for pay period 7/31, 7 checks totaling \$5,434.16
3. Payroll #10 for pay period 8/7, 7 checks totaling \$3,007.08, 1st lag payroll.
4. Counite testing with EPO, had question for Accountant regarding how the accounts will be linked from PO to voucher for payment. Question was answered and will match up going forward. Once testing the flow is done will have a training day.
5. Board approved the use of the electronic member application.

District Treasurer's Report:

1. On tonight's abstract, there are 25 checks for payment totaling \$42,489.04. After bills tonight, balance in checking is \$137,056.63. The balance in the capital reserve account is \$1,618,401.63. Abstract of bills was presented and approved on motion by Comm. Pogue- Steiner seconded by Comm. Thompson, accepted 4-0 and notarized by Secretary. Abstract will be attached to minutes and put on website. Signed and notarized abstract is on file in the District Office.
2. On July 22, 2021, issued a total of 28 checks for payment totaling \$22,441.65. Abstract

of bills was presented and approved on motion by Comm. Richter, seconded by Comm. Pogue- Steiner accepted 4-0 and notarized by the Secretary. Abstract will be attached to minutes and put on website. Signed and notarized abstract is on file in the District Office.

3. On August 5,2021 issued a total of 16 checks for payment totaling \$42,869.70. Abstract of bills was presented and approved on motion by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Pogue- Steiner accepted 4-0 and notarized by the Secretary. Abstract will be attached to minutes and put on website. Signed and notarized abstract is on file in the District Office.
4. Town of Hempstead Pilot payment was received on July 26,2021 totaling \$10,336.21.

District Clerk:

1. Asked about the status of the Foam reimbursement from call at Lawrence-Cedhurst. Per the Chief office the company has 45 days window to pay or go to court, the window is still open.
2. Started the webinar about security, seems like mostly a sales class.
3. Weed wrecker has been ordered and received. Will purchase backup batteries.
4. New lockbox ordered and received for log sheets. Asked Chief's where they would like it installed.
5. Have 2 more life packs to be installed at Lido. Chief Guerin will handle.

Motion by Comm. Thompson, seconded by Comm. Richter to enter Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues at 9:40pm. Accepted 4-0.

Motion by Comm. Richter, seconded by Comm. Pogue- Steiner to end Executive session and go back into Regular session at 10:05pm. Accepted 4-0.

Next Meeting Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06PM on motion by Comm. Richter, seconded by Comm. Thompson. Accepted 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by A. Richter, Asst. District Secretary/Treasurer