# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners Lido and Point Lookout Fire District Held January 16, 2013

## \*\*\*Minutes Subject to Approval\*\*\*

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

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

### **Not Present:**

Speakers without appointments: None present

Speakers with appointments: Rabbi Paul Hoffman

Father Chris Costigan

George Lee, DiVenti & Lee CPAs Dan Wiener, LOSAP Statistician

Harold Wondsel, LOSAP Administrator

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#### **Communications:**

1. Three (3) Tri-Party Collateral Agreement Statements from Bank of New York.

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

None present.

## **Speakers with appointments**:

George Lee, DiVenti & Lee CPAs

- 1. Asked about the hurricane account. Discussion followed. There should not be too much more to be recorded to this account.
- 2. Discussed the diesel project and Building and Grounds Capital Reserve account. District Secretary will send her spreadsheet with all diesel project expenses to George.
- 3. Coming in on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month. Need all bills for 2012 posted and charged to the account before January 30, 2013.

#### Dan Wiener, LOSAP Statistician

- 1. Discussion of LOSAP year end stats. Motion by Comm. Richter that all members who worked the Stand-by Monday October 29th, 2012 to Sunday November 18th, 2012 will be awarded 70 silent alarms for that period and 4 drills for the month of December. Seconded by Comm. Weitz. Accepted 5-0. Dan Wiener was instructed to adjust the Annual LOSAP report to reflect these changes.
- 2. Presented preliminary 2012 year end stats. Has to make one correction, Josh Riskin has not been a member for a full year, therefore, his stats must be adjusted. Asked Board to review and call if you see any discrepancies.

### Harold Wondsel, LOSAP Administrator

- 1. Received an e-mail from VFIS about a resolution the Board passed a few months ago for signing members up as soon as they come into the department. She sent a form which must be signed by a Board member. Given to Chairman for signing.
- 2. Received another e-mail from VFIS on the proposals made. Would like a decision on any changes to be made. Discussion followed. Changes to the plan would have to be a referendum and vote of the residents. Therefore, would have to be done later this year for the 2014 year plan.

## **Chief's Report:**

- 1. Introduced the Board to Rabbi Paul Hoffman and Father Chris Costigan who will be the new Department Chaplains. Father Costigan is a member of the Oceanside Fire Department and known by several of our members. Rabbi Hoffman was introduced to us by Zach Grunther. He is Zach's Rabbi. Motion made by Comm. Weitz to name Rabbi Paul Hoffman and Father Chris Costigan as Department Chaplains, seconded by Comm. Richter. Accepted 5-0.
- 2. Presented paperwork for Clare Boyle and asked that she be sworn in on February 6, 2013. Board reviewed the paperwork and motion was made by Comm. Richter to accept Clare Boyle as a member in Lido Company. Seconded by Comm. Paz. Accepted 5-0.
- 3. Asked that Lisa Wolff be reinstated as a member of Lido Company. Lisa had resigned a year ago due to her college schedule. Discussion followed. Motion by Comm. Weitz to reinstate Lisa Wolff into the Department as a member of Lido Company subject to her passing a Class "A" physical with IOMR. Seconded by Comm. Paz. Accepted 5-0. Lisa should fill out current application and new LOSAP papers are needed to be reinstated in that program.
- 4. The Sherman Room does not have heat. The District Secretary was instructed to call MacDonald Plumbing.
- 5. Asked about Class A uniforms. Discussion followed. Will get list of names for next meeting.
- 6. Presented a letter received fro Hyland Hose Company No. 1. Thanked the fire service, and named the Meyer family, especially Ursala and Ludwig; Ryan and Gus Garcia; the many multi-generational families and expressly the Board of Fire Commissioners for all their work after the storm for communicating with the residents and for getting electricity back in the District.
- 7. Presented FireCom report for December. Reported that we had 596 calls in 2012.
- 8. Thanked the Board and Pat O'Neill for the pictures from the George Grant fire.
- 9. Comm. Thompson asked for the list of the stand-by crews during Sandy. Chief reported that John Priest said he will get the list.
- 10. Comm. Thompson thanked the Chief for having Rabbi Thompson and Father Costigan here.
- 11. Comm. Richter asked Dan Wiener about inventory being entered into RedAlert. Dan said he is working on itl.
- 12. Comm. Richter asked about rope training and cleaning. Was told that four sets still have to go back into service and that three more members has been trained.
- 13. Comm. Richter asked about drill schedules. Chief reported there was a drill on the new Long Beach hydrants last week and stated that we received the tools necessary for the new hydrants. Comm. Richter stated that we need drill schedules from each company in writing.
- 14. Comm. Richter discussed the by-laws and stated that the By-Law Committee should meet soon to discuss needed changes and/or additions.

- 15. Comm. Richter discussed problem with 255 and that no one knows how the on-spots damaged the truck.
- 16. Comm. Richter asked about shelving in the POD. Was told that Oceanside Steel is closed since the storm and that Comm. Weitz is looking for another steel company.
- 17. Comm. Weitz asked the Chief about the year end fire reports. Chief will speak with Dan about this.
- 18. Comm. Weitz. Discussion about PM on base station. Was told it was done after the storm.
- 19. Comm. Weitz stated that the balance of the ropes that have been inventoried should be stored in the Chiefs storage room, not in the POD.
- 20. Comm. Weitz reported that Warren Jaffe has ordered guy wire and base station radio from Integrated Wireless.
- 21. Comm. Weitz discussed radios given us by the County. Received 2 XTS2500 radios, I charger and impress battery. Comm. Weitz and Warren will have a report for next meeting.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

### **Comm. Manning:**

1. Discussed that Rescue house is in extremely bad condition.

#### Comm. Paz:

- 1. Registered for Commissioner's Class February 16, 2013.
- 2. Received District credit card on January 11th.

#### Comm. Richter:

- 1. Stated that the two bond counsels who submitted proposals are both well known in their field and both come highly recommended. The proposals are: Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, \$6,175.00, no incidental charges or expenses whatsoever. Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, \$8,150.00 if additional time needed would be billed at a rate of \$175.00 per hour. Discussion followed. Motion by Comm. Richter to accept proposal of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, \$6,175.00, no incidental charges or expenses whatsoever. Seconded by Comm. Weitz. Accepted 5-0. Our attorney and Frank Relf will be e-mailed tonight.
- 2. Requested a letter be written to the Chief and members of the Department that everyone must take a department physical in 2013. When a date is selected to have physicals held in the department, a member will have 60 days after that date to have the physical. If it is not done in that time frame, the member will not be permitted to respond. Also, a member can get a purchase order for a physical from the District Secretary and get a physical at any time during the year by making an appointment and going to IOMR.
- 3. Copies of the letter to the DOH should go to the Governor and local politicians.

## **Comm. Thompson:**

- 1. Spoke with Tommy he will call with a time when we can inspect the stand-pipes at 2 Richmond Road.
- 2. Will have a QA/QI meeting on January 28 and will set dates for 2013 meetings.
- 3. Letter has been written regarding wait time at SNCH, however it has not been sent. Letter should be going to the DOH and the hospital, not just the hospital. It will be edited and sent.
- 4. 252 should be back in service tomorrow.
- 5. The number of cars at Lido West has been reduced by about 40%.
- 6. Storm Sandy t-shirt design has been chosen and we are awaiting the proof.
- 7. Letter was sent to Carolyn McCarthy asking her to meet with the Board.

- 8. Thanked the Board. The EMT class has been going very well at Lido. There are 31 people in the class.
- 9. Called Vinnie to tell him that the hardware is here for the on-spots for 252.
- 10. Working with Comm. Weitz and Minerva Cleaners about getting credit for gear cleaning bills if they are not covered by insurance.
- 11. Have information regarding the Hurricane Conference being held in New Orleans this year. Will review and report at next meeting.

### Comm. Weitz:

- 1. Reported that a meeting was held with VFIS Adjuster, Mike William's, and Nicole Morton of Salerno Brokerage on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Proposed settlement was presented to the Board. Motion by Comm. Weitz to accept VFIS' proposal, seconded by Comm. Richter. Accepted 5-0. The board is aware that any proposed settlement must be approved by the insurance carrier and also that we may make adjustments. Discussion followed regarding buildings and insurance money. It was noted that funds to be received are only for the cost of bringing YOF up to code as it was before the storm.
- 2. Received a letter from Bill Hill of ServPro. Discussion followed. Letter should be sent to Glatfelter and Salerno.

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

- 1. Reported that December PCRs were sent to REMSCO.
- 2. Received a letter from David Ward, District Clerk of the North Merrick Fire Department (1/8/2013) stating that a donation for the use of the smokehouse trailer for Fire Prevention was not necessary. They destroyed the check. It should be voided from the account. Comm. Weitz voided the check from QuickBooks.
- 3. Contract was signed for maintenance agreement with TC Communications for 2/1/2013 through 1/31/2014 for \$1,110.00, which is the same fee as last year.
- 4. Verizon will be here tomorrow to get phone lines set up for installation.
- 5. County meeting Friday, January 25 in Jericho, 411 North Broadway, at 7 pm.
- 6. Board decided on a \$100 donation to the Nassau County Burn Center Foundation in memory of Barbara Cittadino's grandmother, Gladys C. Sharp.

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

- 1. Bank reconciliation for Chase checking account was performed for period ending December 31, 2012. The account is fully reconciled.
- 2. After bills tonight, balance in checking is \$45,719.71.
- 3. All old uncashed checks have been voided.
- 4. All W-2s have been given out.
- 5. Discussed Cablevision accounts not being able to be closed because they are showing that we still have the cable boxes. Discussion followed. Comm. Thompson will give District Treasurer the copies of receipts he received when boxes were returned.
- 6. Discussion of Schloss Exterminating bill. Comm. Thompson will call them. Abstract of bills was presented and approved on motion by the Comm. Weitz, seconded by Comm. Paz, accepted 5-0 and notarized by the District Secretary. Abstract will be attached to file copy of minutes.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:55 p.m. on motion by Comm. Weitz, seconded by Comm. Thompson. Accepted 5-0.

Next Meeting Date: February 6, 2013

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by T. Ryan