

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Lido and Point Lookout Fire District
Held on September 15, 2026**

*****Minutes Subject to Approval*****

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Comm. Steiner

Present: Comm. Steiner, Thompson, Richter (late to meeting), Naham, Wade, P. Dunham, H. Thompson, AM Richter, Chief Geller and Chief Neubert

Not Present: Chief Meyer and Chief Manning

Minutes of meeting held on September 1, 2026, were approved on motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Wade. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).

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

Speakers with appointments:

Ben DiVenti- Accountant

Special Order of Business:

Motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Wade to hire Mary-Anna Baldino as temporary staff to help while the Secretary and Assistant Secretary are out on medical leave, at a rate of \$50 per hour for 2-3 hours per day. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting). For the week of October 19, the District office will be closed since Mary-Anna has a scheduled vacation, Patti will get mail and be at office same days.

Speakers with appointments:

Ben DiVenti

1. Can you forward me the minutes that show how to allocate the 2025 surplus. AM Richter will email.
2. Handed out the proposed 2027 Budget, this year NYS Controller approved a 2% cap increase. Proposed amount raised by taxes will be \$2,271,372.00 plus \$321,800 estimated from the appropriated unreserved fund for a total of \$2,593,172.00. Since EMS Recovery has been in place for over a year, I used an estimate of funds that will be recovered next year to add as revenue for the budget. The EMS Recovery was not designed to reduce the amount raised by taxes but to help Districts not pierce the cap for the budget. Motion by Comm. Thompson, Seconded by Comm. Steiner. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting). Other Districts need to keep a quarterly expenses report, but we use the EMS recovery to cover salary and our salary for EMS Techs is higher than what we receive and the funds are unrestricted funds, per the law. Per P. Dunham we have not received a profit from the EMS recovery.

3. Handed out the profit and loss comparison for August 2025 to August 2026:
 - a. EMS Recovery: is down; Chief Neubert will look into
 - b. Apparatus and Equipment: is up from last year.
 - c. Apparatus Repairs: are down from last year.
 - d. General Maintenance and Repairs: are down from last year.
 - e. Utilities: are up, especially heating due to cold winter and having 24-hour EMS shifts.
 - f. Building and Grounds: is up since we paid for the Dispatcher services earlier this year.
 - g. General & Administrative: is down for last year
 - h. Legal and Audit: is the same but we need quarterly invoices from attorney. H. Thompson will reach out to obtain.
 - i. Inspection Dinner: is up from last year. This is due to change in venue.
- Overall, the budget is in good standing for the rest of the year.

District Employee Reports:

District Treasurer's Report:

1. Abstract #37 totaled 28 checks for \$37,822.37. Motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Steiner. Approved 4-0 (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting). On this abstract we had the following emergency work done:
 - a. Barnwell House of Tires: 2 new tires for 252
 - b. Tierney and Courtney Overhead Doors: HQ overhead door would not close.
2. Abstract # 37B for 1 check totaling \$5,812.93 for TD Credit Card. Motion by Comm. Comm. Steiner Seconded by Comm. Wade. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).
3. Abstract# 38 to Wex Bank for Exxon Mobile for 4 payments totaling \$2,725.94. Motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Naham. Approved (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).
4. The Board members have received all claim vouchers listed on the Warrant of Claims together with their supporting documentation and approve them for payment. Warrant of Claims has been notarized and will be attached to the minutes. A signed and notarized Warrant of Claims is also on file in the District Office.
5. Balances as of tonight's meeting:
 - a. Payroll: \$8,577.17
 - b. General: \$1,735,881.67
 - c. Reserve: \$2,111,620.10
 - d. M & T Bank: \$249,322.80
6. Received ACH on September 14 from FEMA for SAFER Grant reimbursement in the amount of \$63,461.66.

District Secretary Report:

1. EMS Billing:
 - a. YTD Received: \$149,811.47
 - b. For the month of August 2026: \$26,278.90
 - c. As of tonight's meeting: \$13,423.68
 - d. YTD comparison will be reported at the 1st meeting of the month for the prior month.
 - e. Payment to PAB for September was \$788.85 for 21 charts.
2. SCBA Trade in:
 - a. We had 5 units identified by Chief Meyer, they were tagged and picked up by South Shore on Friday, September 11. Inventory was updated.
3. Cassone Trailer picked up the trailer at Rescue House on Wednesday, September 2.
4. Carefree Air:
 - a. On site on Thursday, September 3 to replace condensation pump. They also cleaned the drain pan and coil in Company 1 room.
 - b. I followed up on quote for the master controller. The cost has increased but the owner stated he will honor the quote of \$8,000.
 - c. Does the Board also want to repair the defective control boards in the Radio Room for \$1,850.00? Yes, motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Steiner. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).
5. Tierney and Courtney:
 - a. I called them on Tuesday, September 8 for an emergency call for the east door at HQ. They could not fix the door that night since parts were needed. I called back on Wednesday, September 9 to open the door so we were able to get 258 out of HQ safely. They also returned on Thursday, September 10th to repair the door.
 - b. They also completed the PM on the overhead door at Rescue.
6. Barnwell:
 - a. Replaced the 4 tires on 252 on Tuesday, September 8. Two tires were emergency repairs.
7. Merrick Master Lock:
 - a. Installed the hasp at the training center at the Town Park on Wednesday, September 9. We used one of the master locks to secure property.
8. Antique Flagpole at YOF Lot:
 - a. Vendor asked for pictures for quote, I sent them today.
9. Owl Labs Meeting Device:
 - a. The cost for unit on Amazon is \$1,019.00. Motion by Comm. Naham Seconded by Comm. Wade. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).
 - b. We can also purchase transcription software. H. Thompson will research.
10. CPR class and Loop parkway construction was posted the LED sign.
11. Chief office requested to purchase Milwaukee Battery for 254
 - a. Home Depot: \$169
 - b. Ace hardware: \$169.99
 - c. Amazon: \$66.84Motion by Comm. Naham Seconded by Comm. Wade to purchase 2 batteries from Amazon. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).

12. Adobe PDF Editor:

- a. Purchased a second license per meeting on September 1. The cost for 1 year prorated is \$132.79. The full year is \$312.71. For two licenses for the full year is \$625.42.

Asst. Secretary and Treasurer's Report:

1. Payroll dated September 9 covered August 16 to August 29 for \$32,438.02.
2. CPR class was added to the website and list of attendees was sent to Chief Meyer and Chief Neubert.
3. Website is updated as of tonight's meeting.
4. PDF application is done; I think we should keep on shared drives so the Chief can send out the application.
5. District Election:
 - a. For the upcoming election I think we should stop absentee ballots due to the fact it costs a lot of money and time and we don't get that many back. Motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Wade not to have absentee ballots for the 2026 election. Approved 4-0. (Motion by Comm. Naham Seconded by Comm. Wade to purchase 2 batteries from Amazon. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).
 - b. Since we have 2 open positions, I would like approval from Board that the ballots used will be in different colors. This will help us separate when we need to count ballots. Approved. I will get quote from printer.

Chief's Report:

Chief Gellar:

1. Lido Company cleaned up the Sherman Room.
2. Can we get rid of the old election voting booth? Per Holly, please wait I need to make sure the new ones are good, once done then you can get rid of them.
3. Dock project is on track.
4. Membership filling out Code of Ethics on Fire Rescue Once is ongoing.
5. Patti asked for list of standby with dates and Companies that attended, I will forward list to her.
6. We received the last of hooks and ropes and the invoice can be paid.
7. Was the deposit for Paratech training sent? Per Holly, yes the deposit and insurance accord was sent. The balance will be on the next abstract.

Chief Neubert:

1. EMS Staffing:
 - a. We are still working on filling holes in schedule due to EMTS that are hitting hours for the year.
 - b. Hiring- Civil Service approved Robert Baldino, Board needs to make motion. Motion by Comm. Steiner Seconded by Comm. Wade to hire R. Baldino at a rate of \$25/hour. Approved 3-0 (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting and Comm. Naham went to restroom). Comm. Steiner asked what shift will he be working? Per Chief Neubert, he will be working nights.
 - c. Two interviews are planned for tomorrow and three interviews planned for next week.
 - d. Four candidates are pending hearing test.
 - e. One candidate failed Civil Service review since they don't have enough driving hours.
2. All Zenixes are in service. John Nolan needs to look at the brackets. Comm. Thompson asked what we are doing with the old Lifepack 15? We may need to return to vendor, not sure yet.
3. The Rad 57 is in service in 252, the new Zenixes has a built in CO and pulse oximeter. We may need to purchase a new Rad 57 since it's coming to end of life and the cost for a new one is \$1400. Motion by Comm, Thompson Seconded by Comm. Steiner to not replace the Rad 57 and surplus current one. Approved 4-0 (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting). Comm. Thompson asked if we can sale the RAD 57? Not sure will look into.
4. Emailed Board quotes for electronic tracking system for controlled substances:
 - a. Actavian- Tracking system, CME Module
 - i. Year 1: one time on boarding fee \$1,750.
 - ii. Year 2: \$1,530
 - iii. Year 3: \$1,561
 - iv. Year 4: \$1,592
 - b. Schedule 2- only has tracking system: \$3,250.
5. Motion by Comm. Naham Seconded by Comm. Thompson to purchase Actavian since they offer tracking and CME module. Approved 4-0. (Comm. Richter was late for the meeting).
6. Working with Chief's office to update the EMS Directives 2-6.
7. Red Alert and NERIS updates are in process.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**Comm. Thompson:**

1. Status on Chief's Office reaching out to North Bellmore Dispatch- Chief Manning is working on setting up meeting next week.
2. Fire Museum is asking for ad, the cost is \$150 for half page as we have done in the past with our names and phone numbers. Motion by Comm. Naham Seconded by Comm. Wade. Approved 5-0.
3. Spoke with Willy Sanchez to get quote for him to fix sign at Rescue. He is currently away, will look and send quote when he gets back.

4. Handed Blue Light Cards to Chiefs to hand out to members.
5. I went to Hanse Ave to check on the supplies that were delivered for the Dock project. Currently only Karol Supplies has been delivered I checked packing slip and verified it was correct; I will go back next week also.
6. I receive LENS report from NYSDOT. It mainly is license renewals or driving classes, when something serious pops up I will notify member(s), Chief and District.
7. Paid EMTS have been wearing nonissue uniforms without identification. It's not professional and looks sloppy, we spend a lot of money on uniforms. Chief Neubert will speak with techs.
8. I will attend the Lido Civic Meeting at Lido Firehouse on September 29. I will open and close up the building.
9. Driver policy is done with Chief, and I sent it to VFIS for review. Holly is working on Word document and will send them out to all.
10. Per Nicole at Salerno Insurance no change to insurance for 2027 since our last meeting with her.
11. Rescue Company annual Duck Race will be Saturday, September 19 at 6pm at the Buoy Bar.
12. Will send Chiefs the updated list of members who completed Code of Ethics.
13. Clinical Clean will be here tomorrow at 7am to clean both rigs. Paid techs will stand by at Lido.

Comm. Richter:

1. Inventory company is making good head way. Will be having a meeting with Red Alert about adding inventory to system. Asked Chief Neubert if we can also add to LADDER? Yes, he can arrange a meeting.
2. Still waiting to send the final reimbursement to NYS for water rescue grant. I need canceled checks.
3. What is the status of adding rig checks to LADDER? Per Chief Neubert, both ambulances have been added and working with Chiefs to add other vehicles.
4. Asked Chief if the portable radios been updated? Chief Manning stated that they will need firmware update. He sent quote from Emergency Communications Solutions for \$2,200. Motion by Comm. Steiner Seconded by Comm. Naham Approved 5-0.

Comm. Naham:

1. Was asked who we purchased fence at Rescue house from; it was Rose Fence.
2. Still working with Attorney regarding the variance for Lido Firehouse. We will need to get drawings and permits, the cost is around \$9,500. Comm. Richter thinks we need to find out how long the permit is good for and how much the project will cost before we move forward.

Comm. Wade: No Report

Comm. Steiner:

1. FOIL Request was sent to Joe Frank. He sent me the reply we needed to send to the requestor. Will need to work with our insurance company attorney also.
2. Survey for YOF lot will be done on Friday or Monday.
3. Received report from engineering regarding Lido Firehouse, I forwarded report to Board to review.
4. I spoke with Nicole from Salerno Insurance regarding Lido Civic Association using Lido Firehouse, our insurance policy will cover. We need member(s) from Board to attend meeting. Discussion ensued about the need to have host obtain event insurance. Motion by Comm. Richter Seconded by Comm. Thompson to waive the event insurance. Approved 5-0.
5. I spoke with a Board member from Hicksville Fire District to talk about their By-Laws and policies. They just updated them not that long ago, I asked if we could use them, they will ask Board for approval.
6. Mount Sinai asked for more information regarding physicals, I should have an updated quote next week.
7. Will be working with Patti on the RFP process.
8. I met with the exterminator at Lido today. We still have evidence of rodents in the meeting room, second level and the storage unit outside. He did say based on the color of droppings the rodents are eating the poison. He also added more bait to all traps. Comm. Wade suggested maybe Lido get a cat to help with issue.
9. Would like to enter an Executive Session to discuss personnel issue(s).

Enter into Executive session on Motion by Comm. Thompson Seconded by Comm. Wade at 8:44 PM Approved 5-0.

Enter Back into Regular session at 8:50 PM

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned on motion by Comm. Thompson, Seconded by Comm. Naham to close the meeting at 9:00 PM

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