Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Board of Fire Commissioners
Lido and Point Lookout Fire District
Held on November 3, 2026

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

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

Present: Commissioners Steiner, Thompson, Naham, Wade; Treasurer P. Dunham; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer AM Richter; Chiefs Geller and Neubert and M. Baldino

Not Present: Commissioner Richter, Chief Meyer, Chief Manning and H. Thompson

Minutes of Budget meeting held on October 20, 2026, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Naham. Seconded by Commissioner Wade. Approved 4-0.

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Speakers without appointments
None
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None

Special Business:
Chief of Department is asking for apparatus to be decontaminated and cleaned after Fire School. The cost is $2,280.00. Motion by Commissioner Wade. Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Approved 4-0.

District Employees:

District Treasurer's Report

1. Abstract #45 for 16 checks totaling $31,915.38. Motion by Commissioner Thompson. Seconded by Commissioner Steiner. Approved 4-0.
2. The Board has received all claim vouchers listed on the Warrant of Claims, together with their supporting documentation and had approved them for Payment 4-0. 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.
3. Bank Balances as of tonight's meeting:
   General: $1,447,379.84
   Reserve: $2,118,953.47
   Payroll: $22,825.28 (after tomorrow's payroll)
   M & T Bank: $272,413.75
4. Interest for October totaled $6,755.33:

General: $2,808.40
Payroll: $84.72
Reserve: $3,862.21

5. The NYS Comptroller's Office has recommended that, when we send staff or Department members to conferences and/or training and a personal vehicle will be used, the Board should include an item for mileage reimbursement in the total cost of the conference or training session when voting to approve the expenditure.
6. When on District/Department business District vehicles should be used as the preferred means of transportation. The use of personal vehicles should only be as a last resort.
7. Ben was here last Monday for the quarterly review. No issues were found.

Asst. Secretary and Treasurer's Report:

1. Payroll dated October 11- October 24 will be paid on November 4 for $34,164.00.
2. Retroactive pay calculations for September and October were sent to Commissioner Steiner for review. Once approved I will add to the next payroll.
3. We received payroll questionnaire for one of our EMT's. It will be forwarded to Treasurer Dunham for follow up.
4. For the election on December 8,2026 we currently have five petitions distributed to prospective nominees. The due date is November 18, 2026.
5. Currently we have five people scheduled to work on the project evening of the election. An additional person is needed at Lido. By a vote of 4-0 hiring of a sixth person is approved. Follow up will be given at the next BOFC meeting.
   Andrea Richter- Lido
   Charlene Manning- Lido
   Donna Walsh- HQ
   Patti Dunham-HQ
   Elieen Breenan- HQ
6. ZOOM account subscription has been purchased for the District at an annual cost of $. An additional adapter is needed for the computer to interface with the OWL. The cost of the adapter on Amazon is approximately $20.00. A purchase of up to $. Is approved 4-0.
7. After the last meeting there were issues with the website. A ticket was opened with our web host, who found that the issue was the need for a system upgrade. We maintain a lot of minutes and notices on the website. The web host asked if we can move some off site. We are required to retain the minutes of all public meetings permanently. It is unclear how long we they must be kept on the website. Commissioner Steiner will ask the District's attorney for clarification.

Chiefs' Report:

Chief Meyer:

1. Commissioner Richter has asked about radio testing. Chief Manning did a 650-radio check. When they tone out, it's tough to hear. When we transmit, it's good. But then Warren brought to our attention that we needed to test with the repeater down. So, we have to do another set of tests. But at the present time we can hear fine when we're communicating. So, the testing is ongoing. It's tough to do because we have to notify Firecom, and we must also notify 650 and our members. It is in process.

2. Re: gear cleaning after Fire School: we have a short list of necessary gear repairs. Cleaning should be done by November 17. Typically, we just send everybody to Frankie Lau the list of needed repairs and then he bills us. Commissioner Thompson stated that he should send list to Frankie, so we can work on the repairs and come down to HQ to make the repairs. Per Chief Meyer yes, but that's when we have a lot of items. This time we only have five members whose gear needs to be repaired Do we need to get another quote for repairs? No, he is the only vendor on Long Island that is an authorized dealer for Morning Pride.
3. We gave out our last 2 PPE hoods and now need to purchase 10-15 additional hoods to replenish stock. I have 3 quotes:
   Southshore- $160 each
   The Fire Store- $134 each
   All Hands Fire- $156.70 each
   Motion by Commissioner Thompson to purchase 10 hoods from The Fire Store at a cost of $134 per hood, Seconded by Commissioner Wade. Approved 4-0.
4. Handed in receipts for food to cover Fire Dchool, stand by, and Officer meeting:
   Chief Manning- $582
   Chief Meyer- $207
   Deli in Point Lookout- $172
   Motion by Commissioner Thompson. Seconded by Commissioner Wade to reimburse,members minus any tax paid. Approved 4-0.
5. Chris Russo purchased items for the water rescue program from ACE Hardware for $104.00. Motion by Commissioner Thompson. Seconded by Commissioner Wade to reimburse
   Members, minus any tax paid. Approved 4-0.
6. The Chiefs discussed the Indianapolis conference (FDIC), and decided that the cost versus benefit did not make sense, unless a Commissioner wants to go. We would like to go to smaller, less remote conferences like the New York State Fire Chiefs Association Conference.
7. The dock project at Rescue looks great. We need to install a gate in the fence for security, and also put up signs and install dock caps.
8. Commissioner Steiner asked for the following questions to Chiefs:
   - Where will C. Lyons keep his gear? Currently in his car.
   - Did you find new chairs for Sherman Room? Not yet. We ordered a sample to see if it will meet our needs. We need to put chair together.
9. Commissioner Thompson asked how Chiefs will recognize Jake Jacoby, ex-Chief of Long Beach, head of the LB Water Rescue Team for all his help with the jet skis? We're going to be taking some photos of our equipment with the dock soon and he will be included.

Chief Neubert:

1. EMS Staffing:
   - Currently onboarding four new techs.
   - We're still waiting to hear back on two for the hearing test. Mary-Anna Baldino reached out to them today.
   - We have one tech approved by Civil Service. He need to be considered and voted on by the Board tonight. Motion by Commissioner Thompson. Seconded

by Commissioner Steiner to approve the hire of Patrick Schower as an EMT at $25/hour. Approved 4-0.
    - Two applicants were not approved by Civil Service due to insufficient driving hours.
    - Out of the thirteen we interviewed six were held by Civil Service due to insufficient driving hours.
    - All techs that are active have completed the Ethics training. It's now included in the onboarding package.
2. I reached out to Northwell for an updated quote on physicals. I have not heard back from them but, if you remember, it was a third party who would perform their physicals and return to work assessments, and they would only do it off-site, so it doesn't really match up with what we're looking for.
3. We're working on the uniforms. We came up with an idea: We're going to go into a generic uniform with just EMT or paramedic screen printed on the shirt to save money. We are hoping to have a portal with the vendor through which we can give our District staff uniform options. At Commack we keep generic options at the firehouse for techs to use in different sizes. Chief Gellar also found a lower-end raincoat, like a PVC model, that we can keep on hand.
4. NYS made changes to Schematron, and out charts were failing even if the charts were correct in ImageTrend. The issue has been resolved on our end, and I was able to resubmit to the State. Because of this we had a delay with EMS billing. Forty-five charts have now been submitted to the billing company for processing.
5. Regarding the Zoll batteries that we talked about at the last meeting, I think at this point, we should just call them missing. We have new ones on order, and this task has been added to the daily checklist.
6. NY State has approved our controlled substance plan. It now needs to be re-filed with them in a different manner. Actavian is currently being onboarded, and should be fully up and running by the end of this year. Going forward, everyone will be tracked for renewal in the system.
7. We have been having issues with covering weekends. Other Districts are also having the same issue and now are offering differential pay to work the weekends. This may be something we need to look into in order to stay competitive.. If ok with the Board, I would like to reach out to other Districts and work up a plan. Approved by the Board 4-0.
8. We just opened the scheduled for December. Per Mary-Anna for November we have five or six fully open shifts and a few shifts that have some time open in the shift.
9. Chief Geller stated that he noticed that the new techs have training shifts at night, and wondered why this is. It's a function of their availability. We maintain a standard checklist that they need to complete, both daytime and at night. We can work on the list and refine the onboarding protocol. it's been a work in progress, and we been a little lax with policies but, now that we have Mary-Anna, we are hoping to tighten up these areas.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson:

1. Handed out the Code of Ethic status.

2. Commissioners Wade, Richter and I met with Len Camporeale, a potential Commissioner candidate, a week ago Sunday. He is a very knowledgable man, is very interested, and I think he was surprised to see the knowledge that Bill, Andrew, and I possess, and learn more about what we do. He is experienced being on a Board similar to this, since he was on a school board in England when he worked there for four years.
3. Still working on the Rescue façade. I have been busy the last two weeks. I will reach out to the vendor this week.
4. Still no reschedule date from Lido Civic for using the Lido Firehouse.
5. I met with Rose fence at Rescue. The quote to add a gate is $2500; do we need another quote? Yes. Chiefs asked if we need gate since we already have a gate to get onto property? Commissioner Naham believes we do but will reach out to the insurance company to verify. Discussion followed and Board and Chiefs believe a gate is important for security.

Commissioner Richter: (Not Present- Report via AM Richter)

1. Hi-water vehicle 2561 needs four new batteries. This is an emergency purchase since the vehicle will not turn on. The cost per battery is $373, for a total of $1,492.00 and John Nolan will install the batteries on site. Per Chief Meyer the batteries currently in the vehicle exploded since they were not the correct batteries. Motion by Commissioner Steiner. Seconded by Commissioner Naham to purchase emergency batteries at a total cost of $1,492.00. Approved 4-0.
2. Inventory is ongoing.
3. NYS Water grant reimbursement is ongoing; Patti has helped a lot to get all of the information they need.

Commissioner Naham:

1. I spoke with Nicole at Salerno Insurance regarding the ride along request for a nonmember. The applicant would need to sign a release form. A question regarding HIPAA because of patients in the ambulance was asked. Commissioner Naham will ask for the next meeting.

Commissioner Wade:

1. Met with Len Camporeale at Lido on Sunday for about an hour.

Commissioner Steiner:

1. Bank reconciliation for October 2026 was completed and sent to the Board today.
2. Working with Joe Frank on the multifaceted FOIL response that ex-Commissioner Weitz had sent us. We need to prepare the final written response by Friday.
3. I met yesterday with the gentleman who owns the security company down the street to talk about securing the firehouses, as well as the ambulances, because of the vandalism problems we've been having. The cost is over $100k for both firehouse and ambulances. I sent the proposal to Board to review. Discussion followed regrading using dash cameras or another such system. Will do more research and get back to the Board.

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned on motion by Commissioner Thompson. Seconded by Commissioner Naham to close the meeting at 7:54 PM.

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