

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Chairman Ofenloch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Merk, Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Dwyer, Pat Gashonia, District Clerk, Robert Cabano, Superintendent, Joe Frank, Legal Counsel and Ana Stephens, District Secretary.

Chairman Ofenloch led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all military members serving home and abroad and continued prayers for Ed Hope and Robert Niemczyk.

Pat Gashonia Report

- PO#23750 dated November 15th in the amount of \$2,787.45 to Power Pro for repair of generator at Station 2. PO # 23749 dated November 15th in the amount of \$1,020.26 to Dell for Gina Marie's new computer and arrived November 28th. PO # 23756 to Quality duct repairs for Station 1 and Station 4 repairs completed November 20th. PO # 23757 dated November 17th to Goldman Bros for 24 short and 12 long sleeve white uniform shirts and 24 belts in various sizes were ordered, PO # 23769 to East Coast Lighting in the amount of \$1,205.12 dated November 27th for the lights on the new Ford Rangers. PO # 23789 dated November 29th in the amount of \$2,001.00 to South Shore for the Husqvarna rescue saw and straps requested by Company One and received today. PO # 23794 dated November 30th for \$592.00 to All Hands Fire for the pro bars and roof hooks for Company One. An honorary chief badge was ordered for Gary Fippinger through Bill Fox, PO #23651. The name plate was ordered through Goldman Bros PO #23665 and we have received the name plate. The badge was mailed out on Friday. The Fellowes shredder was ordered from Staples PO # 23798 in the amount of \$1,907.07 through state contract prices and arrive yesterday.
- Received quotes from Sunset Printing for the helmets and from Viking previously Colorfully Yours for the coloring books. For 1,000 red helmets and 1,000 black helmets the total comes to \$2,560.00. The two safety coloring books. 1,000 of pre-k and 1,000 of grades 2-6 come to \$2,070.00. Please advise if these items can be ordered.
- The six APX8500 radios from Motorola have been received and district mechanic was notified. The radios are for the new trucks.
- The Drager X-Dock 6600 with 6 test gas connections were delivered on November 30th.
- Our fuel system contract which is with Gasboy is up for renewal. They provide the software for our reports for the unleaded and diesel fuel for all of our vehicles and the Hicksville Water District. The Water District will be billed half of the price for the renewal which is \$1,551.00.
- Would like to order the flu vaccine for next year. Spoke to Kathie Keller and she would like to order 120 doses like in the past few years. Please advise if we can reserve this amount with GSK.
- Validated the Fire Police registry with New York State and there were no changes made. Once the validation process is completed will print it out and give it Dennis Mulligan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to order 24 short sleeve and 12 long sleeve white uniform shirts as well as 24 belts in various sizes from Goldman Bros. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the Sunset Printing quote for 1000 Red Fire Hats and 1000 Black Fire Hats for a total of amount \$2,560 for Open House. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the Viking ESP Corp. quote for 2,000 coloring books PreK-K and Grade 2-6 in the amount of \$2,070 for Open House. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the annual Gasboy Support Agreement for the fuel software in the amount of \$1,551. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Michael Scanlon badge was discussed.

At 6:12 pm Pat Gashonia exited the board room

Legal Report

Joe Frank handed out and discussed the Volunteer Firefighter Training Stipend Program Regulations proposed by OFPC. On November 29, 2023 OFPC published the proposed regulations and starts a sixty day comment period for the public to comment on the regulations. OFPC would pay the stipend directly to the member and would get a 1099. Qualifying course must have been completed on or after August 31 2023 and can only receive the stipend of the course one time. No update on the Jeff Mullally case.

Commissioner Merk thanked Joe Frank for the last 5 years and it was a pleasure to work with him.

At 6:35 pm Joe Frank exited the board room

At 6:37 pm Erin Bernaudo entered the board room

Treasurers Report: A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the treasurer's report. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Erin spoke on the Employee training and one paramedic not being in compliance. Rob will have Tim Mooney reach out to the employee.

The Salary adjustments/increases were discussed as follows: Full-time employees (excludes employees less than six months of employment) increase of 4% for 2024 and 3% increases for 2025, 2026 and 2027. Part-time employees hourly adjustments/increase range from \$2-\$5.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the salary adjustments/increases for full time employees 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027.

The Board approved awarding all Full-time employees a half day holiday preceding the observed Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the half day holiday preceding the observed Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the following checks. All were in favor and the motion carried.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ABSTRACT #</u>	<u>CHECK DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #'S</u>	<u>AMOUNT PAID</u>	<u>BANK</u>
GENERAL	12-05-23A	12/06/23	12170-12212	\$126,314.95	FNBLI
FIREMATIC	12-05-23F	12/06/23	162-163	\$906,454.46	FNBLI

At 6:47 pm Erin Bernaudo exited the board room

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the invoice from M. Norris & Sons. Inc. in the amount of \$11,500 each for the new 934 and 937 graphics. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Rob Cabano Report

Buildings and Grounds:

- Letter sent to Island Wide Building Services about cancelation of services.
- Blacktop Repairs: Completed
- Sta 2 Generator Battery Charger: 12/13 installation date.
- Sta 2 Mice Issue: Progress update

Info Tech:

- NVR System replacement began today.
- Phone system problems @ HQ. Tech onsite today. The module has gone bad on the system which is causing static and phone errors. Tech is submitting the work order for a new module unknown time frame for delivery.

Equipment:

- Broadway Mall Radio Com's Update: Tim Mooney and Patrick McGeough meeting with Mall administrators.
- Purchase a saw dedicated for metal fabrication for mechanic Approx \$1,000.
- Purchase Submersible Pump for stock Approx \$300
- Spoke with Karen from HiTech, Sentinel system is not on NYS Bid or sole source
- Air purification Demo from Firematic is available 12/19 @ 5:30pm if ok.
- New shredder is in, employees advised that the shredder fails at times and has broken draw. Board instructed Rob to throw the old shredder in the dumpster.

Vehicles:

- New 934 is in the process of being outfitted, will be completed by the end of this week,
- New 934 Graphics are in progress @ Maintenance building.
- Fire prevention Trailer: Waiting on date from vendor to drop off.

Personnel:

- Met with custodial staff re: cleaning company suspension of services. Will be meeting with them again in the future to discuss the future of their services.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the purchase of a saw for metal fabrication for district mechanic in the amount of \$1,000. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the purchase of a submersible pump for stock in the amount of \$300. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The old 934 was discussed and Rob will check with Erik if we need the brackets on it before Lake Ozark picks up and have Erik took off the deck gun nozzle.

Chairman Ofenloch asked for an update on the leather chairs for the lounge. Rob reached out to a company and will have information for next Board meeting. Commissioner Mulligan asked if 934 graphic was complete and Rob gave an update that it was not. Commissioner Chiz spoke about having Rob review the Employee Manual and giving the Board any feedback he may have.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz at 7:00 pm to go into Executive Session to discuss personal matters. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ana Stephens exited the board room

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer at 7:10 pm to end Executive Session. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:11 pm Chief DiFronzo, Chief Wright, Chief Murphy and Ana Stephens entered the board room. Chief Moskos was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief DiFronzo Report

Chief DiFronzo suggested January 20 and 27 for the Department Inspection with a brunch. Dates will not work for scheduling with vendors and Board asked for dates in February. The Chief discussed possibly getting a second laptop for the meeting room at Sta. 1 so that the one in the case is not taken out.

Chief Wright Report

Chief Wright would like to bring in the Milwaukee representative to do a demonstration January 22-26. PCR patient signature required and letting the Department know was discussed.

Chief Murphy Report

Chief Murphy handed in the October SCBA sheets and discussed SCBA display and Bill Dammes charging batteries. The Sta. 4 fire pit status was discussed and after investigating the Board has decided not to install a fire pit at Sta. 4. Chief Murphy wished everyone a happy holiday.

Commissioner Merk wished the Chiefs luck in the Department Election and thanked them for their services during his term as Commissioner.

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Commissioner Chiz discussed saws jamming and the need for training on their use. OSHA member training status Chief Wright spoke to Pete Keller and approximately 100 members in process of completing their training. Also discussed was the dispatcher incident report from officers. Commissioner Chiz wished the Chiefs the best in the Department election.

Commissioner Mulligan updated the Chiefs on the Training Stipend Program

Commissioner Dwyer and Chairman Ofenloch wished the Chiefs good luck on the election

The request from Dan Ricaurte was discussed and was denied.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer that no district vehicles will be used for family events/transportation. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Hat badges for Sean Lee and Michael Hoit were discussed. Letter to come in the Department Correspondence.

Commissioner Dwyer discussed the boot list and members on the list not needing new boots.

Rob Cabano updated the Chiefs on the telephone system and waiting on a new module to replace the old one.

At 8:05 pm Chief DiFronzo, Chief Wright and Chief Murphy exited the board room

Patrick McGeough submitted the November 2023 Pre-Plan Update

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the commission on sale of three (3) Hicksville Sutphen Custom Pumpers 933, 934 and 937 in to Michael Myers in the amount of \$15,000. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Only Co. 7 officers, Erik Johnson and Commissioners to going to Sutphen to inspect the new 937.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the request from Co. 5 to use Sta. 3 on December 16, 2023 for the Kids Christmas Party. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Firefighter Krista Meyer forwarded her December 2023/January 2024 college schedule

Letter to Alpine Software regarding Caleb Eldridge professionalism and exceptional work during the latest project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz approve sending a letter for Alpine Software regarding Caleb Eldridge exceptional work. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the November 2023 minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Report

Will call Gina Allegretta to come and get and complete her additional paperwork we will need before she starts December 18, 2023. Chris Mercadante Civil Service paperwork in progress. Election ballot went to printer, Rich Baldwin compared the list of registered voters provided by the Board of Election to last year's list and checked that all laptops are working. On the EMS Cost Recovery Tim Mooney gave ProClaim access to ESO, Test deposit will be sent to our account in preparation for billing, Website on December 8th Carlos Cerros and I have a zoom training with First Arriving, all emails have been created by Tyler Gibb, single sign in is now working and Carloe and the Chiefs will be doing a member enrollment on December 19th and 20th. Tyler to send Carlos a training document. Hubbinette Cowel has the VFIS Retention and we have received the reimbursement for Chief Murphy's expenses to receive the award. Rich Baldwin and I will do the IT Disaster Plan next week.

Chairman Ofenloch discussed the plaque for Sta. 1 lounge for original brick wall. All American sent quote for a bronze plaque but no need. Rob Cabano to put together the wording for a commemorate plaque.

A letter from Commissioner Dwyer was received giving permission to display his picture on the LED signs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to have Commissioner Dwyer's picture on the LED signs for his 50 years of service. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the Chief cars, 99 car and Fire Inspector's car be washed at Cottage Car Wash in Bethpage between December and April. All were in favor and the motion carried.

As was done last year Cottage Car Wash in Bethpage will send a voucher to the District monthly for payment.

Commissioner Chiz Report

Poster Contest was discussed, furniture in Sta. 1 lounge Commissioner Merk and Chairman Ofenloch to speak to the Companies. The 9/11 statue was in the backroom and other items should be displayed. Rob Cabano will have employee put shelf to display in board room. Scheduled a policy review for December 10th at 9:00 a.m. Reviewed next 3 months meetings and events: January 1st swear in if Chief request, January 9th Reorganization and Board meeting, conference in Arizona.

At 9:05 pm Chief DiFronzo entered the board room

Board asked Chief DiFronzo when the Chief wants to do the swear in and Chief DiFronzo would like to go back to having it on January 1st @ 1:00 pm.

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At 9:08 Chief DiFronzo exited the board room.

Commissioner Mulligan Report

Commissioner Mulligan discussed the Commissioner Election and the Inspection.

At 9:10 pm Commissioner Merk exited the board room

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve ordering refreshments for the swear in on January 1, 2024 for 75 people. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer at 9:20 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to end executive session at 9:30 p.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Being no other business at 9:35 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and seconded by Commissioner Chiz to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Chairman Ofenloch called the employee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Merk, Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Dwyer and District Secretary, Ana Stephens.

The following employees were present:

Pat Gashonia	Edith Nolan	Jane DeSimone
Tom Sullivan	Patrick Mc Geough	Dennis Espadas
Erin Bernaudo	John O'Reilly	Robert Cabano
Jack Kelly	Owen Magee	Chris Valeo
Tim Olson	William Hirtzel	Erik Johnson
Christian Mercadante	Michael Gelbein	Scott DiPino

Chairman Ofenloch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our troops serving at home and abroad and a pray for Robert Niemczyk and Ed Hope.

Chairman Ofenloch thanked all the employees for their hard work throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Billy Hirtzel thanked Tim Olson, Jack Kelly and Jane DeSimone for stepping up in the last couple of months while Ed has been out.

Commissioner Merk thanked all the employees for all their hard work the last 5 years while he was commissioner. Billy Hirtzel let Commissioner Merk know it was a pleasure working with him.

Pat Gashonia and Erin Bernaudo thanked Rob Cabano for his help since he started.

Commissioner Chiz let the employees know it was a pleasure working with them and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Commissioner Dwyer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Mulligan thanked everyone and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

A discussion took place regarding the upcoming year and expectations for 2024.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman Ofenloch suggested the meeting be continued at a local restaurant since it will extend through dinner hour.

At 6:35 p.m. all present exited the board room.

At 6:50 p.m. the employee meeting continued at a nearby restaurant with all present.

Being no other business, at 9:30 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Sunday, December 10, 2023

Chairman Ofenloch called the meeting to order a 9:00 a.m. with the following present: Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Merk, Commissioner Chiz and Commissioner Dwyer.

All draft policies were reviewed and no decisions were made.

At 11:45 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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General Correspondence:

- 12.04.23 State of New York Division of Homeland Security submitted reimbursement. Check 9620681 in the amount of \$34,080.89 was deposited into the general fund.
- 12.04.23 Glatfelter Insurance Group submitted reimbursement for Chief Murphy's trip for Retention Award. Check #0319022 in the amount of \$990.45 was deposited into the general fund.
- 12.05.23 Combined Life Insurance submitted refund of premium. Check #332725 in the amount of \$8.84 was deposited into the general fund.
- 12.14.23 Subpoena received from the Justice Center for medical records for incident on September 17, 2023
- 12.18.23 Lake Ozark Fire Protection District submitted payment for old 934 Pumper. Cashier's Check 297751 in the amount of \$100,000 was deposited into the general fund
- 12.18.23 Hicksville Wate District submitted payment for November Fuel Usage. Check #26371 in the amount of \$1,820.06 was deposited into the general fund.
- 12.25.23 VFIS Glatfelter Claims Management, Inc. submitted Repair Payments for 2019 Chevy Suburban VIN# ending in 0117. Check 68432 in the amount of \$11,776.08 was deposited into the general fund.
- 12.26.23 Hayden Karn Consulting Inc. sent a FOIL request for a fire report at 108 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville on December 22, 2023.
- 12.26.23 Principal submitted Dividend Payment. Check 14743136 in the amount of \$125.29 was deposited in the general fund.

Department Correspondence

- 12.19.23 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding 2024 Chief's Assignments
- 12.19.23 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding desk pen sets
- 12.19.23 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding 50 year ex chief's pictures
- 12.19.23 Chief forwarded correspondence regarding Hicksville Fire District Uniform Policy Change
- 12.19.23 Co. 3 forwarded correspondence regarding Honorary Chief Frank Lombardi requesting a six month leave of absence
- 12.19.23 Co. 4 forwarded correspondence regarding resignation letter from probationary firefighter Sean Lee
- 12.19.23 Co. 5 forwarded correspondence regarding the use of Sta. 3 for the annual kids Christmas party on December 16, 2023
- 12.19.23 Co. 5 forwarded correspondence regarding request the use of Sta. 3 on March 9, 2024 for the 50 years of service dinner of Firefighter Robert Dwyer
- 12.19.23 Co. 5 forwarded correspondence regarding letter for 50 years of service recognition of Firefighter Robert Dwyer
- 12.19.23 Co. 7 forwarded correspondence regarding 2024 Line and Administrative officer
- 12.19.23 Co. 8 forwarded correspondence regarding Honorary Status for Ex Captain Michael Scanlon
- 12.19.23 Co. 3 and Co. 8 forwarded correspondence regarding the use of Sta. basement for the Holiday Party on December 22, 2023

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Department Correspondence Continued

- 12.19.23 Co. 1, 4 and 7 forwarded correspondence regarding to move the vending machine
12.19.23 Co. 1, 4 and 7 forwarded correspondence regarding requesting a replacement television for the lounge
12.19.23 Fire Police Squad forwarded correspondence regarding the use of Sta. 1 on December 29, 2023 for the annual holiday party

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Chairman Ofenloch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Mulligan, Commissioner Merk, Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Dwyer, Rob Cabano, Superintendent, Carlos Cerros, Commissioner elect Gerard Mulholland and Ana Stephens, District Secretary.

Chairman Ofenloch led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all military members serving home and abroad, on the passing of Co. 5 Honorary Chief Robert Niemczyk and continued prays for Ed Hope.

At 6:01 p.m. Chief DiFronzo, Chief Wright and Chief Murphy entered the board room

Chief DiFronzo handed in the Chiefs committee list.

Carlos Cerro addressed the Chiefs and the Board on the creation of the new website logins and Rich Baldwin checking all the passwords making sure they work. Carlos also discussed having a district

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employee add or remove members. For the training sessions he would like to use the training room and district computers. He requested access to the training room. The Board will have Pat Gashonia grant Carlos access to the training room and approved the use of district computers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the use of district computers for website training. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 6:15 pm Carlos Cerros exited the board room

Arch detail, Sta. 3 use and services for Robert Niemczyk was discussed.

Chief DiFronzo Sean Sackman district needs proof he passed his course. Chief Murphy wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and looking forward to next year.

Commissioner Dwyer asked Chief DiFronzo if he discussed the tax break form that needs to be filed by January 2, 2024 at the Department meeting. Chief DiFronzo did let the members know.

Commissioner Merk thanked the Chiefs for their cooperation during his term as Commissioner.

Commissioner Chiz discussed the fire call that 6 members got tar on their gear but only 3 were turned in. Rob Cabano arranged for a cleaning company to clean the tar. Status of OSHA classes was discussed and he wished the Chiefs a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Mulligan discussed Department Inspection scheduled for February 24 @ 10:00 a.m. Also looking forward to working with Chief office next year

Commissioner Dwyer and Chairman Ofenloch wished the Chiefs a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chief DiFronzo asked about the bunting and all other items for Robert Niemczyk's services. Board confirmed all was done. The Chief submitted an old quote from Alpine Software on the Red Alert Election Module. Will have to get a new quote from Alpine Software.

Commissioner Dwyer reported on the drill team using the arch at Syosset and leaving a bolted drum. Rob Cabano went and took it off and put in storage. Drill team needs to take everything with them when done. Commissioner Dwyer also discussed the process of members resignation and return of Department and District equipment. Amanda Pizzo's gear is still on the rack, no letter has come up to the board but she resigned.

District Secretary read the Department correspondence.

Robert Cabano will take care of the request from Co. 1, 4 and 7 to move the vending machine and will look into the request for a replacement television.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve Co. 8 request for Honorary Status of Ex Captain Michael Scanlon as of December 11, 2023. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve Honorary Chief Frank Lombardi request for a six month leave of absence effective September 3, 2023. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the resignation letter from probationary firefighter Sean Lee effective December 3, 2023. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the request from Co. 5 to use Sta. 3 on March 9, 2024 for Firefighter Robert Dwyer's 50 years of service dinner. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the request from Co. 5 for 50 years of service recognition of Firefighter Robert Dwyer. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan approve the request from Companies 1, 4 and 7 to move their vending machine. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve ordering desk pen sets for all four Chiefs. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the Chiefs request to move all the pictures of the 50 year Ex Chiefs to the right of the Department Banner. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:00 pm Chief DiFronzo, Chief Wright and Chief Murphy exited the board room

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the 2023 Proposed Budget Amendment below. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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		EXPENSES	REVENUES		AMENDED ACCOUNT BUDGET
ACCOUNT		DEBIT (CREDIT)	CREDIT (DEBIT)	INCREASE / DECREASE	
A1110	TREASURER/SECRETARY	1,000.00		INCREASE	164,000.00
A1210	LEGAL & AUDIT	15,000.00		INCREASE	70,000.00
A1410	PERSONAL SERVICES	10,000.00		INCREASE	22,000.00
A2210	FIRE HOSE	25,000.00		INCREASE	35,000.00
A2610	BUILDING EQUIPMENT	75,000.00		INCREASE	275,000.00
A2710	EDUCATION/TRAINING EQP.	10,000.00		INCREASE	15,000.00
A2810	HOMELAND SEC/HAZ-MAT EQP.	15,000.00		INCREASE	30,000.00
A4100	COMPUTER EXPENSES	90,000.00		INCREASE	300,000.00
A4110	OFFICE SUPPLY/POSTAGE/PRINTING	2,000.00		INCREASE	27,000.00
A4210	CONVENTIONS	8,000.00		INCREASE	28,000.00
A4220	FIRE TRAINING	10,000.00		INCREASE	80,000.00
A4300	FIREFIGHTER UNIFORMS	5,000.00		INCREASE	34,000.00
A4310	PUBLIC DRILLS/PARADES/INSPECTIONS	5,000.00		INCREASE	125,000.00
A4520	BLDG MAINT SERVICES & SUPPLY	40,000.00		INCREASE	330,000.00
A4720	FIRE ALARM MAINT.	10,000.00		INCREASE	35,000.00
A4930	PUBLIC LIAB/PROP DAMAGE INS.	20,000.00		INCREASE	250,000.00
A9011	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOTS)		291,000.00	INCREASE	453,000.00
A9020	INTEREST INCOME		50,000.00	INCREASE	50,000.00
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT:		341,000.00	341,000.00		

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the following checks. All were in favor and the motion carried.

FUND	ABSTRACT #	CHECK DATE	CHECK #'S	AMOUNT PAID	BANK
GENERAL	12-13-23A	12/13/23	12213*	\$11,555.45	FNBLI
GENERAL	12-19-23A	12/20/23	12214-12271	\$95,697.86	FNBLI
FIREMATIC	12-19-23F	12/20/23	164-167	\$3,632.38	FNBLI

*Check #12213 was payment for the district's PSEG electric bill. The Office of the State Comptroller permits utility bills to be paid before official board meeting approval.

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Superintendent Report

Soda issues Stas. 2 & 3 parts will be in between December 22-26th, Sta. 2 generator battery charger completed on December 13. NVR system replacement installed and working well, telephone system problems at Sta. 1 in progress, Broadway Mall radio com in progress, custodial supplies ordered, new 934 in service and old one being picked up for delivery to Lake Ozark Fire Protection District on December 20th. Lake Ozark Fire Protection District let us know the old 933 responded to the first working fire. First Ford Ranger should be ready by early February and second no scheduled date. Fire prevention trailer will drop off week of January 8th. Insurance adjuster came to look at the damage on 9301 and will bring to get repaired with OEM parts.

Commissioner Mulligan discussed letting company officers know when the trucks are out of service. Report is on Red Alert via the computer not available using the app.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the quote from Polar Blast II in the amount of \$2,500 to update lines, clean and rerun/organize the soda system at Sta. 3. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the quote from Frenchy to repair the bad controller on the freezer at Sta. 2 in the amount of \$1,800. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the quote from Frenchy for low pressure control repair on the freezer at Sta. 1 in the amount of \$795. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the proposal from Otis to replace the broken Sta. 3 elevator door sensors in the amount of \$6,250. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the Quality Air Conditioning & Heating Inc. 2024 HVAC Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$25,705. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Rob Cabano was able to find two companies that do inventory control and requested quotes. Asset Services submitted a quote of \$6,400 and Industrial Appraisal Co. submitted a quote for \$8,710.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the lower quote from Asset Services in the amount of \$6,400. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board discussing contracting Joseph Sperber to do all the Department/District photography since Chuck Coutieri is not available to do the Hicksville Fire Department Annual Installation Dinners. Chairman Ofenloch will contact Chuck Coutieri to explain and let him know his contract will not be renewed as of January 1, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the quote from Joseph Sperber for photography services at the Hicksville Fire Department

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Annual Installation Dinner June 1, 2024 in the amount of \$1,300. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the proposal from Joseph Sperber for 2024 photography services at various events and calls in the amount of \$600 per quarter. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulligan and was seconded by Commissioner Merk to approve the title change for Christian Mercadante to Senior Firehouse Maintainer with a salary adjustment of \$4,000. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Merk and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the bid option for 2023 audit from Cullen & Danowski in the amount of \$13,800. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to adopt the Hicksville Fire District Resolution to Bill Patients for Emergency Ambulance Services. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Report

Reached out to All American Uniforms and Hi-Tech to their availability for the Department Inspection and they can do February 17th or 24th. Board and Chiefs discussed to do and will schedule for February 24th. Gina Allegretta started Monday, Commissioner Election went well no machine issues this year. Had a zoom meeting on the new website with Carlos Cerro and First Arriving and they are working on the backup of the District file at this time. Will be working with Tim Mooney on the paperwork for the EMS Cost Recover ambulance certification, Keith Metz delivered the VFIS Retention Award and Chief Murphy was going to show at the Department meeting, Reorg meeting January 9, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Wished Commissioner Merk all the best on his next adventure and it was a pleasure working with him the last 4 years and Commissioner Elect Mulholland looking forward to working with you the next 5 years.

Chairman Ofenloch Report

Chairman Ofenloch asked Rob if he had any information or quote for future replacement chairs and Rob did not. AeroClave parts on order.

Commissioner Chiz Report

Commissioner Chiz let Rob know that the television in the Commissioners office is not working, Draeger packs washing machine Rob to call Joe Beltrani to discuss, and policies were discussed.

Commissioner Mulligan Report

Commissioner Mulligan discussed the Recruitment and Retention flyer and will come to see Ana during the week with additional information, status on the lounge furniture and wished luck to Commissioner Merk and Commissioner Elect Mulholland.

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Commissioner Dwyer Report

Commissioner Dwyer discussed ordering door hangers for a recruitment campaign. The board approve researching it further and getting a quote. Commissioner Dwyer let Commissioner Merk know it was a pleasure working with him during his term as Commissioner.

The board discussed purchasing a 55" television for the board room since more presentations and zoom meetings are being done.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve the purchase of a 55" television for the board room. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to approve getting a quote for door hangers as a recruitment campaign. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Merk Report

Commissioner Merk let the board know that in the last 5 years a lot was accomplished and thanked them for their friendship and support. The Commissioner also let Ana Stephens and Rob Cabano know it was a pleasure working with them.

Being no other business at 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Merk and seconded by Commissioner Mulligan to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION TO BILL PATIENTS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES

WHEREAS, under Chapter 55 Part KK of the Laws of 2022 the authority having jurisdiction over a volunteer fire department which provides emergency ambulance service to its community is now empowered to provide for billing of patients receiving such services, and

WHEREAS, the Hicksville Fire District and its Board of Fire Commissioners is the authority having jurisdiction over the Hicksville Fire Department which provides emergency ambulance service to its community as that term is defined in such enactment, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District has determined that it is in the best interests of its real property taxpayers and the people provided with fire protection, emergency ambulance service and related emergency services, that the Hicksville Fire District adopt, authorize and provide for a system of billing patients for emergency ambulance services at the point of service in said fire district, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners further finds that the complexity of the billing process and the regulatory requirements of same demand that it enter into an agreement with a firm that specializes in providing billing services to emergency ambulance service providers, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 Part KK of the Laws of 2022 further requires that before the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District can commence billing patients for emergency ambulance services that it must enter into a written agreement with the Hicksville Fire Department concerning such ambulance cost recovery, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 55 Part KK of the Laws of 2022 further requires that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District as the authority having jurisdiction over the Fire Department is the entity which must adopt and issue a schedule of fees and charges for the services which will be billed for under this new system of ambulance cost recovery [a schedule of fees and charges to be paid by persons requesting and/ or receiving such service or services], and which must seek participation in and reimbursement from the medical assistance programs involved and adhere to any medical assistance enrollment and billing requirements applicable to such services prior to receiving reimbursement, and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED;

1. The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District hereby adopts, and authorizes the imposition of a system for billing patients for emergency ambulance services provided under the ambulance certificate of need of the Fire District and/or Fire Department at the point of service for such services rendered in said Fire District.
2. The Board of Fire Commissioners has entered into an agreement with a firm that specializes in providing billing services to emergency ambulance service providers in accordance with a procurement process that involved review of requests for proposals and any proposals obtained by county or regional fire service organizations which agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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3. The Board of Fire Commissioners has entered into an agreement under General Municipal Law § 209-b with the Hicksville Fire Department in reference to how the fees and charges collected shall be disbursed prior to the imposition of any fees and charges which agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. The Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted and issued a schedule of charges for the services which will be imposed under this new system of ambulance cost recovery [a schedule of fees and charges to be paid by persons requesting and/ or receiving such service or services], and will seek participation in and reimbursement from the medical assistance programs involved and adhere to any medical assistance enrollment and billing requirements applicable to such services prior to receiving reimbursement which schedule is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Thomas B. Ofenloch)
Commissioner Dennis G. Mulligan)
Commissioner Albert M. Merk) AYES
Commissioner Robert Chiz)
Commissioner Robert Dwyer)

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Dated: Hicksville, New York
December 19, 2023

SCHEDULE A

AMBULANCE BILLING COMPANY AGREEMENT

SCHEDULE B

AGREEMENT WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCHEDULE C

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE