

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Dwyer, Erin Bernaudo, Treasurer, Robert Cabano, Superintendent, and Ana Stephens, District Secretary. Commissioner Ofenloch and Commissioner Mulholland were unable to attend the board meeting.

Chairman Mulligan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all military members serving home and abroad and for all those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton.

Erin Bernaudo gave her Treasurer report and discussed the Corrective Action Plan for 2023 financial statement audit, mandatory employee training five employees have not completed their assignments, Tim Alt's probation period, 6G capital reserve planning and amount to be transferred to the 6G reserve funds before year end.

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

At 6:25 pm Erin Bernaudo exited the board room

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer 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	09-27-24A	9/27/24	13364-13365	\$68,747.89	FNBLI
GENERAL	10-08-24A	10/9/24	13366-13429	\$314,579.04	FNBLI
FIREMATIC	10-08-24F	10/9/24	174	\$286,993.82	FNBLI

* The following checks were issued between board meetings:

- Check #13364: Payment for new 9327. Payment was due upon delivery and verbally approved by 3 commissioners.
- Check #13365: Payment was for a member's travel reimbursement. The voucher packet was reviewed at the 9/24/24 board meeting but was put on a temporary hold until adjustments were made.

Rob Cabano Report

Buildings and Grounds:

- **Flooring/Painting Projects:**
 - Work set to begin within the next week.
- **Repair to training building:** Received repair check, sent PO to repair company. Waiting for the date they will be here. (Meeting room 2nd floor)
- **HQ AC Repair:** Meeting room in basement unit replaced. Found an evaporator coil bad on roof top unit awaiting quotes.
- **HQ Gear Dryer:** Met with vendor, unit is operating normally.
- **Station 4:**
 - Permanent Holiday lighting on order.
 - Awaiting notification from Barboy for bar stool availability.

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- **9/11 Plaques:**
 - All American Awards & Uniforms, Inc.
 - 10"x12" Brass \$1,668 – board approved
 - 12"x15" Brass \$2,360
 - (2) Boulders with mounting \$1300 (Wellwood Memorial) – board approved

Info Tech:

- **No report**

Equipment:

- **SCBA Bottles:**
 - Info sent to Chiefs Office on safety locks
- Surplus 15 old fire police coats – board approved

Vehicles:

- **Old 9380:**
 - Auction 2003 Ford E350 Chassis to Auctions International. End date 10/11/2024.
- **District vehicle replacement:**
 - **New Chiefs Pick Up:** Set to be delivered this week.
 - **New District Vehicle (9327 Replacement)**
 - Delivered
- **932:**
 - Involved in minor MVA on 9/30 vs vehicle
- **931:**
 - Involved in back up incident and struck training building 10/2. Ladder Boom was professionally tested and cleared for service.

EMS:

- **Replacement LP Monitors from Stryker:**
 - Awaiting Modems
- **Loaner Stryker Expedition Stair Chair Delivered today. Will discuss with Tim Mooney on where it will be placed on 9399 during its 30 day trial period.**

Personnel:

- **Paramedic Staff Hiring:**
 - FT Paramedic Jonathan Rothman starting this week on October 10th. Would like to thank the District Secretary for getting NC Civil Service to expedite this employees file.
- **CME Coordinator:**
 - Discuss interview date for Anthony Guerne. Board would like to meet with Mr. Guerne.
- **District BLS Provider:**
 - Interviews are set for Wed/Thur/Fri total of 17 candidates. – We have 13 positions available
 - Need to discuss number of employees working per shift, working hours and pay rate.
- **Request Executive Session to discuss personnel**

Pat Gashonia Report

- All of the open house items have been received from Viking Corp and Positive Promotions.
- Sparky the fire dog costume and his accessories were delivered on September 18th.
- The list of items approved by the board have been ordered. The helmets, hoods and boots were ordered from Hi-Tech Fire, PO numbers 24639, 24603 and 24603. Helmet fronts were ordered

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from South Shore, PO # 24646. The gas meters were ordered from Strategic Safety Dynamics, PO # 24674. Shove knives were ordered from All Hands Fire, PO # 24652.

- The new chief's apparel was ordered from Full Source, PO #24637 dated September 6th in the amount of \$1,555.87.
- Employee meeting refreshments discuss.
- Went through inventory of Minitor VI pagers. Attached is list of members who did not pick up the assigned pagers from 2023. Would board like me to reach out to members or put them back into the regular stock. There are 34 programmed pagers left in stock in addition to the assigned 21 pagers on the list. – Board discussed and members have been advised various times and had opportunity to get them. Return to regular stock.
- Will buy the Staples gift cards for the poster contest which is November 17th once Tony Wigdzinski sends amounts needed.
- Called Eric from the Popcorn Factory to make sure the popcorn bags are going to maintenance. They have Ed's cell number if they need to contact him. They are due to be delivered the week of November 18th.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the All American Awards & Uniforms, Inc. quote for (2) 10"x12" Brass plaque for the 9/11 trees in the amount of \$1,688. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the Wellwood Memorials quote for (2) boulders with mounting 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 Chiz to zero value and surplus (15) old fire police coats no longer deemed necessary or useful to the Hicksville Fire District and donate them. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:00 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:06 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to come out of executive session. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:06pm Chief Wright, Chief Murphy, Chief Keyer entered the board room. Chief Difronzo was unable to attend.

Chief Wright Report

There was no correspondence since there was no Department meeting yet this month.

Chief Wright has a request from Patrick Mc Geough to use 9320 for a Westbury Fund Raiser. The Chief thanked the board for all that was done for the 9/11 Ceremony and thanked Pat for the 3 probie books. Will schedule a date/time with Commissioner Mulholland to walk thru at Sta 2. The radio

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autoplay software was discussed and Rob will follow up with Sal if he heard from the vendor. The 936 truck committee is on hold for now.

Chief Murphy Report

Chief Murphy spoke on the pump test and companies being in favor of doing it at the Fire Academy. It was discussed that a minimum of 4-6 members are to attend. Companies would like the district mechanic to go incase there is a problem. Board has no problem but would have to be during working hours so the mechanic can go, no night time. Chiefs will send letter to board on who will be attending the pump testing when scheduled. Chief Murphy discussed the request form 935 for a Halligan and 936 of a foam can. Rob to follow up on both. Accident Committee reviews for 931 and 932 found that both were preventable. Open House standby will be done by Melville and Jericho with a total of 15 individuals. The board agreed to reimburse the Department for light refreshments for the members following open house.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve refreshments for the standby crew on October 19th during the Open House. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Chief Keyer Report

Chief Keyer submitted the SCBA sheets

Chief DiFronzo forward a letter that Captain Joseph La Rosa will be assisting the Chiefs on 10/11 through 10/22/24 while he is on vacation.

Correspondence:

None at this time

Commissioner Dwyer addressed the Chiefs with different activities for events that he saw at the NUMC community event. He spoke to the East Meadow Chief there who had a small truck and a smoke machine house that you use a garden hose, also there were 5 bottles that contained medicine and others that had candies that looked like medicine and the kids had to guess which was the medicine and if they guessed correctly, they won a prize. Chief Murphy advised at the Open House will have CPR demonstrations, State Police and Drill Team. Commissioner Dwyer also discussed that going forward no reimbursements will be made unless there was prior approval request submitted to the board and approved. Training on backing apparatus, have Peter Keller address in training course.

Chairman Mulligan addressed the Chiefs on the request for Open House lawn signs and requesting them earlier next year, apparatus to be cleaned and wiped down for Open House, podium at Sta. 3 to Chiefs office. District photographer make sure he knows dates of events, EMTs interviews next few days.

Commissioner Chiz addressed the Chiefs on signal 32s, EMTs were discussed, Chief Wright to do a draft letter on finger readers during calls, which manufacturer do the Chiefs office prefer for power

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saws was discussed and Chiefs are still discussing with no final decision made, SCBA safety lock Chief Keyer will reach out and report back, waiting for the Chiefs to let the board know which emergency vehicle plug they want and hose list was also discussed. Gear will be cleaned week of November 11th.

Rob will do a schedule for each Station of when the company will be cleaning gear. Members need to know that they will need to setup their gear after being cleaned.

Chief Keyer asked about the oil change on his vehicle. Rob will speak to district mechanic.

Chief's pickup will be in the next couple of weeks. Need to determine what to do in the cab.

At 8:18 pm Chief Wright, Chief Murphy and Chief Keyer exited the board room

Legal Report

Joe Frank discussed November 12th is the OSHA public hearing. Legislative updates – now can be reimbursed for treatment in place (TIP) or transportation to alternative health care settings (TAP) under the EMS Cost Recovery, ambulance service and advanced life support fire response service entities will be permitted to store and distribute blood while providing emergency medical services. There was an amendment to Section 174 which states that registered voters in a newly formed fire district will be able to cast one vote for each position on the Board of Fire Commissioners which is on the ballot. Real property tax exemption to certain volunteers who live in a municipality but serve in neighboring municipalities.

At 8:56 pm Joe Frank exited the board room

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the September 2024 minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Received a letter from South Farmingdale Fire Department requesting the use of our fire prevention trailer for their open house on October 6, 2024. South Farmingdale Fire Department also sent a thank you letter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the request from South Farmingdale Fire Department to use the fire prevention trailer on October 6, 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to have an employee work the open house. 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 Capital Promotions for (50) Open House lawn signs and frames in the amount \$416. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the request from Nassau University Medical Center to us the fire prevention trailer on October 8, 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Stryker sent electric chair for a 30 day trial.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the six month leave of absence for Captain Steve Skrynecki effective August 26, 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

September 2024 Pre-Plan and 2024 Hicksville School Fire Prevention schedule were submitted by Patrick Mc Geough.

Secretary Report

Secretary discussed the Budget Hearing on 10/15 @ 5:00 pm and will send notice for publication, FDSOA Commissioners going need to select pre-conference courses and I will register you, FDIC need to register before I can do Housing Connect for the hotel rooms. Received copies of Private Hydrant letters Water District legal counsel sent out and our insurance agent asked for agreement between Water & Fire Districts to store the antique Seagraves vehicle.

Commissioner Chiz Report

Commissioner Chiz discussed having a meeting to review policies, Employee Manual and the Work Rules. Letter to the Chiefs stating effective January 1, 2025 nothing will be paid unless pre-approved.

Commissioner Dwyer Report

An additional Chief's vehicle was discussed and approved. Also discussed was additional storage options at maintenance building. Rob to investigate. Racing Team to clean their storage area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the purchase of a second 2024 Chevy Silverado 1500 Boces Bid 19/20-045 EXT. 2F in the amount of \$53,983.07. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Being no other business, at 10:18 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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General Correspondence:

- 09.25.24 South Farmingdale forwarded a letter requesting the fire prevention trailer
- 10.07.24 South Farmingdale forwarded a letter thanking the board for the use of the fire prevention trailer
- 10.01.24 Nassau University Medical Center forwarded a letter requesting the fire prevention trailer
- 10.04.24 Computershare forward dividend payment. Check# 15209010 in the amount \$134.64 was deposited into the general fund
- 10.11.24 FOIL Request from PSEGLI for a fire report on 10/5/24 at 175 East Old Country Road
- 10.15.24 CHUBB forward premium refund. Check# 348336 was deposited into the general fund
- 10.15.24 Hicksville Water District forward September Fuel Usage. Check# 27279 in the amount of \$860.79 was deposited into the general fund
- 10.23.24 Hubbinette-Cowell Associates forward pro-rated insurance refund. Check# 12403 in the amount of \$528 was deposited into the general fund.
- 10.28.24 VFIS forward payment for damages on failed water line at Sta. 1. Check# 87814 in the amount of \$137,381.05 was deposited into the general fund
- 10.29.24 FOIL Request from Colleen Christopulos for any incidents and records on 1 Enterprise Place, Hicksville, NY

Dept. Correspondence

- 09.25.24 Chief Di Fronzo forwarded letter Captain La Rosa assisting the Chiefs office
- 10.28.24 Chief Di Fronzo forwarded letter requesting permission to attend FDIC 2025
- 10.27.24 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding key access to Sta. 3 for police officers that have current access to Sta. 1
- 10.27.24 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding Kyle Blazo and Michael Scanlon attending the Joseph DiBernardo Memorial Training Seminar
- 10.08.24 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding Reimbursement for refreshments for Open House
- 10.08.24 Chiefs forwarded correspondence regarding refreshments for standby crew during Open House
- 10.11.24 Co. 1 forwarded correspondence regarding Sta. 4 lounge items
- 10.11.24 Co. 1 forwarded correspondence regarding Department nominations
- 09.17.24 Co. 1 forwarded correspondence regarding change of address for Chief Murphy
- 09.16.24 Co. 1 forwarded correspondence regarding College LOA for Catherin O'Halloran
- 10.09.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding transfer of member Stephen Gonzalez
- 10.09.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding request for DeWalt saws
- 10.09.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding Department Nominations
- 10.09.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding change of address for Ryan Collins
- 10.03.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding Gear Cleaning 2024 schedule
- 10.03.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding ready room soda tower

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Dept. Correspondence - Continued

10.09.24 Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding House Item Request
09.21.24 Co. 3 forwarded correspondence regarding Department Nominations
10.05.24 Co. 4 forwarded correspondence regarding Department Nominations
10.10.24 Co. 4 forwarded correspondence regarding Pump Test
09.12.24 Co. 5 forwarded correspondence regarding Department Nominations
10.13.24 Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding items to be moved
10.13.24 Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding 9th Battalion Delegate Nominations
10.02.24 Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding FF James Sullivan request for Military
Leave of Absence
10.02.24 Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding EMT Victor Lobo request for College Leave
of Absence
10.02.24 Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding FF Sharad Kumar request for College Leave
of Absence
10.08.24 Co. 8 forwarded correspondence regarding Tango Tango
10.08.24 Co. 8 forwarded correspondence regarding Department Nominations
09.17.24 Fire Police forwarded correspondence regarding Peter Keller and Pat Dammes sworn in
as Members
09.30.24 EMS Squad forwarded correspondence regarding equipment
09.25.24 Open House Committee forwarded correspondence regarding Open House items
10.29.24 Exempt Fireman's Benevolent Association informing board of FASNY Legislative
Meeting
10.14.24 Ladies Auxiliary requesting setup for meeting on November 19th
10.06.24 Krista Meyers forwarded her College schedule for November and December

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Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Meeting opened at 5:00 pm with Chairman Mulligan, Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Ofenloch, Commissioner Dwyer, Commissioner Mulholland, Erin Bernaudo, Treasurer, Gina Allegretta, Deputy Treasurer and Ana Stephens, District Secretary. The meeting was held at Station 1 in the meeting room.

Chairman Mulligan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all military members serving home and abroad.

Ana Stephens, District Secretary read the Notice of Hearing.

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Being no other business at 5:25p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch 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, October 17, 2024

Meeting opened at 11:55 am with Chairman Mulligan, Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Ofenloch, Commissioner Mulholland and Robert Cabano.

Chairman Mulligan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all military members serving home and abroad and for departed members.

At 12:05 A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to enter into Executive Session to discuss personal issues.

At 12:10 pm Commissioner Dwyer entered the board room

At 12:25 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to end executive session.

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Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Tuesday, October 29, 2024

Commissioner Mulligan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Ofenloch, Commissioner Dwyer, Commissioner Mulholland, Robert Cabano, Superintendent and Ana Stephens, District Secretary.

Commissioner Mulligan led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all military members serving home and abroad and prayers for Honorary Chief Steven Heidenfelder and East Meadow Ex-Chief and Commissioner James Surlless.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to adopt the Resolution to Override Real Property Tax Cap for the 2025 Budget. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to adopt the 2025 proposed budget. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

FUND	ABSTRACT #	CHECK DATE	CHECK #'S	AMOUNT PAID	BANK
GENERAL	10-09-24A	10/09/24	13430*	\$174.59	FNBLI
GENERAL	10-25-24A	10/25/24	13431-13432*	\$15,452.00	FNBLI
GENERAL	10-29-24A	10/30/24	13433-13487	\$73,023.43	FNBLI
FIREMATIC	10-29-24F	10/30/24	175	\$32,808.17	FNBLI

* The following checks were issued between board meetings:

- Check #13430: Replaces check #13381. This expense was approved at the 10/8/24 board meeting, but the original check was made payable to the wrong vendor and subsequently voided.
- Check #13431: Payment for the district's business credit card statement. This was paid between meetings to avoid interest and late fees. Prior e-mail approval by 3 fire commissioners is documented and attached to the claim voucher.
- Check #13432: Remittance for employees' NYS Deferred Compensation contributions. The NYS Office of the State Comptroller permits this to be paid prior to official board meeting approval.

Commissioner Chiz discussed capital spending, incident on August 26h, Open House injury and accident review reports.

Rob Cabano Report

Buildings and Grounds:

- **Building Leak:**
 - Mitigation completed
 - Will be meeting with contractors for repair estimates
 - Received first check from insurance company to start repair work
- **Flooring/Painting Projects:**
 - Painting at Station 3 completed

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- Large Staircase treads completed
- Starting flooring and other staircase at Station 3 tomorrow – change outlets to gray
- **Repair to training building:**
 - Awaiting the repair date. – Per Westbury Commissioner request, sent copy of video for the incident on August 26th.
- **Station 4:**
 - Permanent Holiday lighting in progress of being installed
- **9/11 Plaques:**
 - Ordered
- **Co 3/8 Loung Doors:**
 - Discuss quoting new doors. – working on quotes

Info Tech:

- **No Report**

Equipment:

- **Foam Cans:**
 - Old style cans are no longer available. Spoke with Chiefs office about the situation, I ordered 2 new cans with fluorine free foam.
- **Radio Purchase:**
 - \$7,446.50 per Chiefs car to outfit. (NYS Bid Pricing) Total: \$14,893.00 - approved
- **Ford Rangers:**
 - Plow discussion
- **Amazon Account:**
 - Created an Amazon Business account allowing the district to receive a monthly invoice with use of our PO system vs. always having to utilize the district credit cards. The District Treasurer and the Superintendent are the administrators for the account. The only employees who can access and order are the Superintendent, Dist. Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and District Clerk.

Vehicles:

- **Old 9380:**
 - Auction closed a total of \$3600 for the vehicle. Being picked up Thursday October 31.
- **District vehicle replacement:**
 - **New Chiefs Pick Up:** 1st vehicle is in and 2nd is on order. Meeting with vendor who has a demo car for the chiefs to see storage options on Monday November 4th.
 - Purchase 2 complete sets of wheels for new Silverado Chiefs Vehicles – board approved
 - Commander Fleet: \$2,384.00
- **934:**
 - Currently at Gabrielli for warranty work. Possible main seal leak.

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EMS:

- **Replacement LP Monitors from Stryker:**
 - Monitors put together. (Discuss ESO Issues)
 - Purchase 6 McGrath Video Laryngoscopes and associated equipment
 - Stryker: \$9,799.86 – Board approved
 - Boundtree: \$33,259.72
 - PennCare: \$17,631.55

Personnel:

- **CME Coordinator:**
 - Interview Anthony Guerne tonight at 1830
- **District BLS Provider:**
 - Approval to hire 13 candidates selected through interview process. (will give Ana names for minutes)
 1. Dylan Harris
 2. John Mayrose
 3. Daniel Pinzon
 4. Jordan Caceres
 5. Gaille Germain
 6. Karina Elco
 7. Joseph Biancaniello
 8. Czeena Yoro
 9. Shelby Mingst
 10. Rodger Recker
 11. Daniel Zuk
 12. Shaina Koch
 13. William Giuliani
- **I would like to thank the BOFC for allowing me to attend the ASFDNY Conference.**
- **Request Executive Session to discuss personnel**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the quote from Motorola Solutions to purchase two APX 8500 radios in the amount of \$7,446.50 each for the new Chiefs cars. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 6:23 pm Anthony Guerne entered the board room

Mr. Guerne discussed his experience as a New York State Instructor Coordinator and classes he teaches. Will send proposal for next board meeting with the different options.

At 6:39 pm Commissioner Chiz exited the board room

At 6:45 pm Anthony Guerne exited the board room

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve Lt. Kyle Blazo and Lt. Michael Scanlon attending the Joseph DiBernardo Memorial Training Seminar on November 1-3, 2024, the use of 9320 and reimbursement for the registration fee of \$300 each. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve Chief DiFronzo taking his Chief car, EZE pass and gas card to the FASNY Legislation meeting in Troy, NY on November 1-3, 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve Chief DiFronzo attend the FDIC conference in Indianapolis April 6-13, 2025, rental car and hotel. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve access to Sta. 3 to all police officers that have access to Sta. 1. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Department Correspondence

- Co. 1 sent letter Sta.4 hanging various items – Rob will take care of
- Co. 1 sent letter change of address for Chief Murphy
- Co. 1 sent letter for Catherine O’Halloran college LOA – Board approved
- Co. 2 sent letter transfer of member Stephen Gonzalez – Board approved after explanation
- Co. 2 sent letter regarding DeWalt saws – Chiefs were comparing brands and will let board know which brand they prefer
- Co. 2 sent letter change of address for Ryan Collins
- Co. 2 sent letter regarding the Ready Room soda tower – Rob let board know it was repaired
- Co. 2 sent letter on gear cleaning schedule – Rob will speak to Chiefs and send letter
- Co. 2 sent letter on the House Items/Lounge alteration request – waiting for Chiefs to schedule a meeting to discuss. Board waiting for the date.
- Co. 4 sent letter to have pump test a company detail – Chiefs and board discussed and it was approved but must be done during the day if district mechanic is to be there.
- Co. 6 requested moving photos around, Rob to take care of
- Co. 6 sent letter FF James Sullivan requesting a Military Leave of Absence. Board approved
- Co. 6 sent letter EMT Victor Lobo requesting a College Leave of Absence. Board approved
- Co. 6 sent letter FF Sharad Kumar requesting a College Leave of Absence. Board approved
- Co. 8 sent letter regarding Tango Tango – board to discuss at next meeting with the Chiefs
- Exempt Fireman’s Benevolent Association sent letter listing Thoams Ofenloch, Chief DiFronzo, Michael Galdo, Jerry Nolan, Michel Azzue and John Doughty going to the FASNY Legislative meeting in Troy, NY and the use of a District van. Board approved.
- Hicksville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary sent letter requesting tables for the November 19th meeting at Sta. 4. – Ana update setup calendar
- Krista Meyers sent her college schedule for next 3 months
- EMS Squad sent letter regarding equipment purchase of video laryngoscopes. Board approved

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the company transfer request from Co. 8 to Co. 2 for Stephen Gonzalez. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the College LOA for Catherine O'Halloran. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the request from Firefighter James Sullivan for a Military Leave of Absence starting September 27, 2024 for 4 years. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve EMT Victor Lobo's College Leave of Absence for the Fall/Winter semester of 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approved Firefighter Sharad Kumar College Leave of Absence for the Fall/Winter semester of 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the quote from Stryker in the amount of \$9,799.86 for the purchase of (6) McGrath Video Laryngoscopes and associated equipment. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the purchase of (2) sets of wheels for the new Silverado Chiefs Vehicles from Commander Fleet at a total amount of \$2,384. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve hiring up to (20) EMTs part-time at \$27 per hour. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:07 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:16 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to come out of executive session. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Rob informed the board that the documents sent out for restoration have been returned.

Rob will speak to H2M regarding moving the fire proof filing cabinets to the old part of the building and the weight restriction on that part of the building. Also discussed was moving Erin to the board office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the election resolution for the board of electors for the 2024 Commissioner election. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the preparation of the rolls resolution for the 2024 Commissioner election. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The District submitted a grant application for 2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response equipment and were notified we were not selected to receive grant funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the purchase of (50) 8x10 laminated plaques in the amount of \$2,250 from All American Awards and Uniform, (50) \$50 Staples gift cards and light refreshments for 175 guests for our school poster contest. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the contract from CDM.LLC to write the 2025 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMMIF) grant in the amount of \$1,500 and if grant is awarded a commission of \$1,000. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the Chiefs request for (8) DeWalt saws, (6) batteries (2 free) and (1) spare charger total amount of \$7,652.92. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Non-Complaint Employees for Mandatory Employee training was discussed.

Secretary Report

Discussed various conferences, Blood Drive request unable to accommodate do to flood damage at Sta. 1, Sal (IT) setting up a shared drive for Chiefs and Commissioners. Meeting with engineers for 20 Jerusalem Avenue set for November 6th at 10:00 am with the fire inspectors and any Chief or Commissioner that would like to attend.

Commissioner Chiz Report

Commissioner Chiz discussed outstanding items that the Chiefs were looking into such the SCBA valve, hose, EV plug.

Commissioner Dwyer Report

Commissioner Dwyer discussed the employee manual and getting ready for the snow season with the plows and salt.

Commissioner Ofenloch Report

Commissioner Ofenloch discussed the Conex box and board looking at other options.

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Commissioner Mulholland Report

Commissioner Mulholland discussed doing an EMS drill on November 10th with straps and chairs, the CPR dummies were a big hit at Open House this year.

Commissioner Mulligan Report

Chairman Mulligan discussed Sta. 2 walkthrough waiting for Chief Wright to schedule date, the open house robot dog transmitter broken sent back to the vendor, the aero clave machine not working, car wash account Rob opened, popcorn machine, photographer, and wall hanging items. December 4th there is a 9th Battalion meeting, December 7th tree lighting ask Edie to get the hot cocoa and December 7th truck dedication to Eddie Korona.

Being no other business at 9:25 p.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.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

**HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION
OVERRIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX CAP FOR THE 2025 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2025 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 15, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 15, 2024 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2025 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2025 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2% increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves a determination to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 budget in order to permit an annual real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap that for 2025 will only permit a 2% increase in said tax levy, and

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

Chairman	Dennis G. Mulligan) AYES
Commissioner	Robert Chiz) AYES
Commissioner	Thomas B. Ofenloch) AYES
Commissioner	Robert Dwyer) AYES
Commissioner	Gerard Mulholland) AYES

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: Hicksville, New York
October 29, 2024

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

**HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION
APPROVE FINAL BUDGET FOR 2025**

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District must adopt a proposed budget for 2025 and estimate of fund balances in preparation for the annual fire district budget hearing and did so in preparation for the budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District held the annual fire district budget hearing on notice to the public on October 15, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the proposed budget and comments received on the proposed budget on October 15, 2024 at said budget hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that that financial needs of the fire district and fire department for fiscal year 2025 cannot be supported by a budget that would comply with the real property tax cap established pursuant to Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law as the proposed budget for 2025 calls for a real property tax levy that will exceed the real property tax cap permitting only a 2.00 % increase in said tax levy; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-c of the General Municipal Law provides as follows:

A local government may adopt a budget that requires a tax levy that is greater than the tax levy limit for the coming fiscal year, not including any levy necessary to support the expenditures pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of paragraph g of subdivision two of this section, only if the governing body of such local government first enacts, by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, a local law to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only, or in the case of a district or fire district, a resolution, approved by a vote of sixty percent of the total voting power of such body, to override such limit for such coming fiscal year only.

WHEREAS, previously at this meeting this Board of Fire Commissioners passed a resolution to override the real property tax cap for the 2025 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners hereby approves the Final Budget for the Hicksville Fire District for 2025 attached hereto and made a part hereof in the amount of \$8,052,000.

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

Chairman Dennis G. Mulligan)
Commissioner Robert Chiz)
Commissioner Thomas B. Ofenloch) AYES
Commissioner Robert Dwyer)
Commissioner Gerard Mulholland)

The resolution was thereupon duly declared to have been adopted.

Dated: October 29, 2024
New York

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Resolution
Hicksville Fire District
Board of Electors for 2024 Fire District Commissioner Election

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resident electors of the Hicksville Fire District hereby appointed to constitute the Hicksville Fire District Board of Election for the 2024 annual Fire District Election:

Joseph Milito, Head Teller	Charles Raedy, Assistant, Head Teller
Laura Caglione, Clerical Assistant	Charles DiStefano, Ballot Clerk
Pete Keller, Ballot Clerk	James Fiore, Ballot Clerk
Harry Loomis, Clerical Assistant	Mike Kretz, Clerical Assistant
Ellen Mulligan, Election Inspector	Sheila Donnelly, Clerical Assistant
William Sarnelli Sr., Clerical Assistant	Paul Caglione, Clerical Assistant
Christine Duffy, Clerical Assistant	Karen Dwyer, Election Inspector

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, Election Inspectors, and Ballot Clerks and Clerical Assistants perform their assigned duties at the direction of the Chairman. Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks shall be compensated in the amount of \$100 for being in attendance at the annual election. The Assistant Head Teller shall be compensated in the amount of \$115 and the Head Teller in the amount of \$140. The hours for the election are from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. but the tellers are responsible for the hours from 2:45 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. for set-up and clean-up of the election polling area.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in case any of the members appointed herein are unable or refuse to assume or perform the duties required of them, this Board of Fire Commissioners will appoint alternates who are resident electors; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if other clerical help is deemed necessary, this Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the appointment of such clerical persons upon request of the Chairman of the Fire District Board of Elections.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District

Attest: Ana Stephens
District Secretary

Dated: October 29, 2024

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Resolution
Hicksville Fire District
Preparation of the Rolls

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District, having heretofore appointed a Board of Elections to comply with the registration and voting procedures set forth in Section 175 and 175-a of the Town Law, does hereby designate the 10th day of December 2024 as the date of the meeting for the Board of Elections to prepare registration rolls for the annual election of the Hicksville Fire District and for the mandatory referendum to be held for authorization to sell certain personal property of the District;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such meeting takes place at the Station #1 located at 20 E. Marie St., Hicksville, NY between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on December 10, 2024.

Candidates for the office of Fire Commissioner shall file their names by submitting a nominating petition signed by at least twenty-five voters of the fire district to the Fire District Secretary, Ana Stephens, at the Fire District Office located at 20 E. Marie Street, Hicksville, New York at least twenty (20) days before the date of the said election.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hicksville Fire District

Attest: Ana Stephens
District Secretary

Dated: October 29, 2024