Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Ofenloch, Commissioner Dwyer, Commissioner Mulholland, Robert Cabano, Superintendent, and Ana Stephens, District Secretary.

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

At 4:05 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 4:45 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to come out of executive session. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for the following part-time employes: Ryan Casquarelli, Christopher Ebert, William Sielski, Craig Stewart, Jeff Sukoff, Francisco Castro, Scott DiPino, Jonathan Haber, Neal Rubin, Evan Schatzberg, Matthew Simon, Patrick McGeough, John O'Reilly, Edith Nolan and William Dammes.

Being no other business, at 4:55 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Chiz and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Chairman Mulligan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following present: Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Ofenloch, Commissioner Dwyer, Commissioner Mulholland, Robert Cabano, Superintendent, and Ana Stephens, District Secretary.

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

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	12-03-24A	12/04/24	13613-13648	\$88,593.72	FNBLI
B&G	12-03-24B	12/04/24	294	\$6,830.91	FNBLI

Legal Report

Joe Frank handed out the recent Legislative updates (Disclosures to Employees on Request for Access to Disciplinary Records under FOIL, Ambulance Service Permitted to Store and Distribute Blood, Providing Physical Copies of Patient Information to Qualified Persons, Real Property Tax Exemption to Certain Volunteers Who Live in a Municipality but Serve in Neighboring Municipalities). Joe also spoke on the OSHA hearings and Karl Schweitzer presentation.

At 5:09 pm Joe Frank exited the board room

Rob Cabano Report

Rob discussed 932 repair quotes: Kessel: \$12,174.39, Firematic Supply Co., Inc. \$13,494 and Fred & Bob's did not send bid. Board approved Kessel's quote being the lower amount. Waiting on more quotes for 9311 repairs. Rob reviewed the East Coast Emergency Lighting quote which is under State contract. The coffee machine that Commissioner Dwyer saw at a conference was discussed and Rob concluded that it would be more appropriate for a smaller office environment. Parsons is moving along with the floors on the second floor of Sta. 1 and now doing the stairwell threads.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the Kessel Collision Corp.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to approve the East Coast Emergency Lighting Inc. quote for lights on the (2) new Chief cars in the amount of \$11,746.27 each. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the November 2024 minutes. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve Ryan Roberts Resignation letter effective December 2, 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Chief DiFronzo forward Pump Ops Simulator flyer. Chiefs to discuss where the simulator would be stored and let the board know.

Secretary Report

Secretary discussed EMTs: (6) passed physical, (4) pending medicals going tonight, (6) waiting paperwork, (2) have been certified by Civil Service. Received the final ballot for the Commissioner Election from the Board of Election this morning and sent to the printers for printing.

Commissioner Chiz Report

Commissioner Chiz discussed request for Red Alert, read only to reports, from Carlos Cerro. Per Carlos he spoke to Chief Murphy and they want to look at the percentage calculations to make sure everything is working correctly.

Commissioner Ofenloch Report

No report

Commissioner Mulholland Report

Commissioner Mulholland discussed Sta. 3 palm reader and electronic billboard

Chairman Mulligan Report

Chairman Mulligan discussed Sta. 1 water leak on the second floor and Rob taking care of overseeing repairs. H2M still looking to see if the fire proof file cabinet could be moved to the old part of the building due to the weight of the cabinets. Rob to look at the rug in the Chiefs room to possibly replace with flooring, for any employee hired less than a year they will not be getting a raise at year end but should get their increase on their one year anniversary. The current photographer contract ends year end board wants to keep doing installation dinner and special events, CME program was discussed, gym access was discussed due to Sta. 1 flood and Kathie Keller notification of injured members was also discussed.

Being no other business, at 5:45 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Chairman Mulligan called the employee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Chiz, Commissioner Ofenloch, Commissioner Dwyer and Commissioner Mulholland

The following employees were also present:

Pat Gashonia	Edith Nolan	Billy Dammes
Tom Sullivan	Gina Allegretta	Robert Cabano
Erin Bernaudo	John O'Reilly	Ana Stephens
Jack Kelly	Owen Magee	Scott DiPino
Tim Olson	Tim Alt	Ohad Gil
Christian Mercadante	Tim Mooney	

Chairman Mulligan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our troops serving at home and abroad.

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

Commissioner Chiz thanked the employees and wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Commissioner Dwyer wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Commissioner Mulholland wish the staff a Happy Holiday.

Rob Cabano thanked the employees for their dedication and welcomed the new employees.

A discussion took place regarding the upcoming year and expectations for 2025.

At 6:40 p.m. Chairman Mulligan suggested the meeting be continued at a local restaurant since it will extend through dinner hour.

At 6:45 p.m. all present exited the board room.

At 7:00 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 Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

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

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

At 6:01 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. All were in favor and the motion carried. Ana Stephens exited the board room.

At 6:28 pm a motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to come out of executive session. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Rob Cabano Report

Buildings and Grounds:

- District Building Preliminary Project:
 - Met with H2M, they submitted a preliminary proposal for services. On hold for now.
- Building Leak:
 - Rebuild estimate was submitted to insurance company and currently under review.
- Flooring/Painting Projects:
 - All projects completed except the vestibule 2nd floor old staircase
- Repair to training building:
 - Started 12/18 should be about a week to complete.
- Co 3/8 Loung Doors:
 - Completed
- Ice Machine Station 3 Kitchen:
 - Installed & working
- EMS Room/Fire Inspectors Room/EOC Room/Training Room:
 - EMS and FI swapped and completed
 - EOC Room currently under minor renovation updates should be completed quickly
 - Training Room closest being added once EOC is complete
- 2025 Contract Approvals:
 - Gensinger (Fire Sprinklers) \$6,000/yr board approved
 - o Ultimate Pest Control \$4,140/yr board approved

Info Tech:

- Projector Project for Training Room:
 - Equipment NYS Contract PT68717 & PT68806: \$3,450.39 Labor \$3,083.04

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

HICKSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT: Tuesday, December 3, 2024

• PC's for Training Room:

- Dell NYS Contract: \$5,269.80 (6 PC's) board approved
- SJC Computing training room projector and setup: \$6,533.43

Equipment:

- Diesel vehicle scanner for Dist Mechanics: board approved Snap On
 - Snap On: \$4,435
 - o JPro Diagnostics: \$5,124
 - o Dealership Closeouts.com: \$6,265.25

Vehicles:

- 932 Repair:
 - Will go in after new year, parts are delayed
- 9311 Repair:
 - Kessel Collision: \$9,892.01 board approved
 - Hendrickson: \$13,805.52
 - Bob & Fred's: No Bid
- 9382 Plow:
 - Completed
- Chiefs Vehicle Light Packages:
 - Ordered
- 9399 Plow: on hold
 - Valley Van & Sport Utilities, Inc: \$6,150.00 Installed
 - Trius: No Bid, their equipment doesn't fit our vehicle
 - o Hitch King: Too Busy, not interested

EMS:

• No Report

Personnel:

- CME Coordinator:
 - See attached proposal board approved to replace current CME Coordinator
- **District BLS Provider**: board to discuss the program further with Rob
 - Employees are moving through the process at a good rate. Minor civil service delays with paperwork as expected. It looks like February will be the target month to get started.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the Gensinger Fire Protection annual maintenance and inspection contract in the amount of \$6,000. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the Ultimate Pest Control Inc. annual contract in the amount of \$4,140. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the SJC Computing quote for Training Room projector and setup in the amount of \$6,533.43. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the Dell quote for six computers in the amount of \$5,269.80 for the training room. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the quote from Snap-On for a diesel vehicle scanner in the amount of \$4,522. 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 Kessell Collision Corp. to repair and paint 9311 in the amount of \$9,892.01. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve using Anthony Guerne as the new CME Coordinator at \$480 per month. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the 2025 contract with Douglas Chiz for head shot photography services at \$80 per individual. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to accept the resignation letter from William Zike effective December 4, 2024. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Chiz to surplus (2) sets of tires and rims and put on Auctions International. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Pat Gashonia Report

- PO # 24886 dated December 2nd was issued to Global Fueling Systems for the Spill Bucket Integrity testing and the Containment Sump testing in the amount of \$2,750.00.
- PO # 24845 was issued to all American Awards to cover the uniforms from the department inspection in the amount of \$3,400.10.
- PO # 24854 was emailed to hi-tech for the boot order from the Department inspection.
- PO # 24861 was emailed to Dell in the amount of \$915.80 for a new computer which will go to station 2 lounge area.
- PO # 24879 was issued to Gilbarco/Gasboy for the yearly contract for the Veeder-root Fuel System in the amount of \$1,624.00.
- An iPad was ordered through Verizon Wireless, PO # 24891 in the amount of \$399.99 for the new fire inspector's truck.
- I sent the receiver via Fed Ex from Sparky the Fire Dog to Paul at Robotronics for repair. Ed has been corresponding with Paul.

The fire inspectors are requesting coloring books and red helmets for their visits to the schools.
2,000 red helmets will cost \$2,500.00.
The pre- k coloring books will cost \$1,300.00 -\$.65 per book. They are requesting 2,000.
The elementary school coloring books will cost \$2,840.00 - \$1.42 per book. They are requesting 2,000 also.
Any books left over will be given out at fire prevention open house.

At 7:15 pm Erin Bernaudo entered the board room

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

EMS accounts were discussed and the transfer of reserve fund to the 6G accounts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the following transfers from the General Fund to the 6G Capital Reserve Funds: 50% of the 2023 surplus (\$562,974.98) will be transferred to the 6G Building and Grounds Fund and 50% of the 2023 surplus (\$562,974.97) will be transferred to the 6G Firematic Fund; 50% of the 2024 6G budget (\$425,000.00) will be transferred to the 6G Building and Grounds Fund and 50% of the 2024 6G budget (\$425,000.00) will be transferred to the Firematic Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve paying the travel insurance for past commissioner Albert Merk to VCOS. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 7:37 pm Erin Bernaudo exited the board room

At 7:38 pm Chief DiFronzo, Chief Murphy and Chief Keyer entered the board room. Chief Wright was unable to attend.

Department Correspondence

Co. 1 Christopher Giordano dropped from the roll legal counsel to send letter

Co. 1 brass plaque for 931 will have district mechanic mount it but not in favor of purchasing it

Co. 2 red light violation district will pay vehicle was on the way to a fire call

Co. 4 flag bracket to be mounted on 934 was approved

Co. 6 letters for College Leave of Absence Chiefs to check if in good standing

Co. 6 reimbursement for holiday decorations was approved

Co. 6 Rob Cabano will look into the request for dimming switches

Co. 6 requisition for exterior permanent lights was approved

Co. 7 Class A uniforms for Robert Senn, John Tighe and Kevin Keyer were approved

Sta 4 request for a TV wall mount was approved by the board

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the purchase of a wall mount for the TV in the lounge of Sta. 4. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Dwyer to approve the reimbursement to Co. 6 for holiday decorations in the amount of \$152.66. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the district mechanic mount a flag bracket on 934. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve a new Class A uniform for Robert Senn, John Tighe and Kevin Keyer. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mulholland and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve permanent exterior lights for Sta. 1, Sta. 2 and Sta. 3. All were in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ofenloch and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the drill team request for a master mechanics tool set in the amount of \$2,399 and a tool chest in the amount of \$1,786. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Chief DiFronzo Report

Chief DiFronzo would like to attend the 17th Annual Fire & EMS Law & Management Conference on March 27-29 in Verona, NY and will submit request letter at next board meeting. The Chief thanked the board for the replacement Chief cars, spoke to companies to put 1300 ft of hose on all trucks, thanked Rob for sending Erik, District Mechanic, to start Chief's car. Swear in to be held on January 1, 2025 @ noon at Sta. 4. District Secretary to order refreshments and notify the commissioner elect.

Chief Wright Report was given by Chief Murphy. Chief Wright unable to attend

Chief Wright participated in the tablet command zoom meeting and OSHA classes will do the same format for 2025. Happy Holidays to all.

Chief Murphy Report

Chief Murphy reported on the emergency plug for electric vehicles and certain US car models from General Motors (GM) due to their unique electrical systems. Total Safety Solutions is actively addressing this limitation. The Chief wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Chief Keyer Report

Chief Keyer submitted the October and November SCBA sheets and thanked the board for the Chiefs apparel that was ordered.

Both Commissioner Ofenloch and Commissioner Mulholland wished the Chiefs a Happy Holiday season.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the purchase of (12) Safeware emergency plug for electric vehicles in the amount of \$980 each. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 8:20 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All were in favor and the motion carried. Rob Cabano and Ana Stephens exited the board room.

At 9:41 pm A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to come out of executive session. Chief DiFronzo, Chief Murphy and Chief Keyer exited the board room and Rob Cabano and Ana Stephens entered the board room.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to approve the Motorola Solutions quote for (1) APX 8500 replacement radio for dispatch in the amount of \$8,373.45. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Secretary Report

Secretary discussed EMTs 7 are now approved by civil service, commissioner election went well and wished Commissioner Ofenloch good luck in his future endeavors. Discussed moving the January 14th board meeting since some of the commissioners will be out of town. Board agreed to move the meeting to January 7th.

Commissioner Chiz Report

Commissioner Chiz discussed the multi year capital plan for Erin, policies and 932.

Commissioner Ofenloch Report

It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Commissioner Dwyer Report

Commissioner Dwyer discussed the 9/11 exposure, tablets for inventory of equipment on trucks would like for Michael Scanlon and Sal of SJC Computing to speak and do a trial. Will ask Rob to call Console Cleaning and get more information and a quote to do both Sta. 1 and Sta. 4.

Commissioner Mulholland Report

Commissioner Mulholland discussed the photographer services. Regarding the electronic signs spoke to a couple of individuals that have them and also spoke to Sal of SJC Computing regarding the electronic boards but Sal would do it using a computer at each station instead of one system controlling all.

Chairman Mulligan Report

No report unable to attend.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and was seconded by Commissioner Mulholland to approve the updated district policies as of 1/1/25. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Being no other business, at 10:40 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Dwyer and seconded by Commissioner Ofenloch to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion carried.

General Correspondence:

12.03.24	Christina Desimone forward Sun Life Dental and Shelterpoint Vision Cobra premium
	for January 2025. Check 327 in the amount of \$72.75 was deposited into the general
	fund
12.06.24	CHUBB forward refund of premium. Check# 351228 in the amount of \$8.84 was
	deposited into the general fund
12.16.24	Hicksville Water District forward November Fuel Usage. Check# 27438 in the amount
	of \$1,188.22 was deposited into the general fund
12.19.24	Karl Schweitzer sent FOIL Request for commissioner election voter list
12.20.24	Auctions International Inc. forward payment for sale of old 9380 vehicle.
	Check# 27633 in the amount of \$3,600 was deposited into the general fund
12.23.24	Principal forwarded the dividend payment for 2024. Check # 15359617 in the amount
	of \$136.51 was deposited into the general fund.
12.30.24	Hicksville Water District forward refreshments for election and EPA/DEC Tank
	Testing. Check# 27515 in the amount of \$1,594.17 was deposited into the general
	fund.
12.30.24	Lyndon Fraser sent FOIL Request for fire reports of any house fire in the last 30 days

Dept. Correspondence

12.17.24	Co. 1 forwarded correspondence regarding Christopher Giordano dropped from rolls
12.17.24	Co. 1 forwarded correspondence regarding Brass Plaque for 931
12.17.24	Co. 1 forwarded requisition for a 6' Steel Hook
12.17.24	Co. 2 forwarded correspondence regarding Red Light Camera Violation
12.17.24	Co. 4 forwarded correspondence regarding Flag Bracket to be mounted on 934
12.17.24	Co. 4 forwarded correspondence regarding Ex-Chief Korona's picture
12.17.24	Co. 5 forwarded correspondence regarding 2025 Company Officers
12.17.24	Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding Reimbursement for holiday decorations
12.17.24	Co. 6 forwarded correspondence regarding Dimming switches
12.17.24	Co. 6 forwarded a requisition for Permanent Exterior Lights at Sta. 3
12.17.24	Co. 7 forwarded correspondence regarding 2025 Company Officers
12.17.24	Co. 7 forwarded correspondence regarding New Class A Uniforms
12.17.24	Sta. 4 forwarded correspondence regarding Wall mount for the TV
12.17.24	Fire Police Squad forwarded correspondence regarding Pat Dammes
12.17.24	EMS Squad forwarded correspondence regarding Ex-Captain Gagliano as EMS 3
12.17.24	Drill Team forwarded requisition for Master Mechanics Tool Set and Tool Chest