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## LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

September, 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

Meeting called to order at 1830 hours with roll call of officers. Present were Vice Chairman Strong, Commissioner Handel, Commissioner Gallino, DM Brewer, DS Lattman, Treasurer Hauser, Chief Martin, and Asst. Chiefs Freund and Bernier. Chairman Buchner excused due to a family emergency.

Next meeting will be October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Acceptance of minutes from August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting motion made by Comm Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, All in favor.

### CHIEFS REPORT

30 presented the personnel report.

Member David Almeida is requesting an education leave from 8/13/25-12/15/25. Motion to accept made by Comm Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor.

32 presented a new member application for Mathew Locoteta who has been voted on in the department and completed all necessary requirements but the district is awaiting a department physical report. Motion made by Commissioner Handel to accept Mathew Locoteta to the department pending physical results, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

The chiefs asked for a follow up on the boat evaluation requested at last week's meeting. Comm Strong stated Port Inflatables completed an evaluation and determined that this will most likely be it's last season. They will work on the current repair. BOFC and chiefs discussed.

Member Janet Staufer needs new Class A uniform pants. Motion to accept request made by Comm Handel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor. Member to go to Rico's to get sized.

The chiefs asked the board if gear repair appointment can be made more regularly, like annually or semi-annually. 32 to find out the cost. BOFC discussed and asked the chiefs to direct the officers to speak to the members to find out who needs repairs currently. The board will revisit considering to start a regular schedule.

A motion was made by Comm Handel to accept the request from member Joseph Serviss to withdraw his appeal to his suspension, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor. BOFC will consider this matter closed.

### COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Handel- Received a price for File of Life forms that were requested. G&F Marketing Systems, Inc. Qty 500 totaling \$275.00. Motion to accept purchase by Comm Handel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor. Comm Handel will give to Heather when they get delivered.

Comm Strong- The department memorial committee meeting will be Tuesday, 9/30 @ 1830 hours at Co.2 There will be a meeting with Viking on Monday 9/29 @ 1900 hours at the district office to go over specs of the gear. Requested the chiefs to make sure they have all the evaluation information from the gear trial from the members.

The ram bars for Co. 1 and Co. 2 were delivered. Chiefs to distribute.

Comm Strong asked the chief if the department will be out of service tomorrow night for the award ceremony. The chief said we will not be out of service totally members can come down for calls but is having Sound Beach FD cover west of Broadway and Wading River FD cover east of Broadway.

### DISTRICT MANAGER TO CHIEFS

50 ft 1 3/4 red hose for Co. 1 was ordered on 9/17.

11 is going to Proliner on 9/29 for speaker installation.

The heated ramps at Co. 2 will be getting fixed on 10/13. It is expected to take 6-8 hours. Chiefs to notify officers.

Discussed the open work order for the control switch on 16.

### **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Comm Gallino- Still waiting on a response from his contact regarding the radio tower and water tower. DM Brewer gave more information on our lease at the water tower after speaking with the SCWA attorney. The amount we owe to SCWA for the lease is \$9,525.67. Motion made by Comm Handel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, to pay all money owed to SCWA. All in favor.

Comm Handel- Presented the dispatch report. The server for BEI has been fixed and is now recording properly. The operations channel issue has been fixed by IWT.

The TOB will be conducting a building inspection on the district property between 11a-1p tomorrow 9/24.

Comm Strong- The ceiling tiles at Co. 2 that need to be replaced need to be special ordered.

The oven at Co. 2 is a work in progress.

Waiting on a part to install the fans on the bay floor of Co. 2

Asked the chief if the 9/11 ceremony went well. The chiefs said yes.

The proposed storage building is a work in progress.

The department memorial committee will be conducting a fundraiser in the spring. More details to come.

BOFC discussed Class E status. A motion was made by Comm Handel to abolish the Class E status as of 9/23/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor. Going forward, no members will be allowed to obtain Class E status. DM to notify medical provider of this change. District policy to be changed.

The AC split units for Fire Police are a work in progress. Still researching pricing.

### **DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT**

The mobile radios have been picked up from FRES.10 radios will be going to IWT tomorrow 9/24 to be programmed.

Intellishift will be coming to the district tomorrow 9/24 to install GPS in the rack truck.

Discussed response received from David Schwartz regarding the federal grants. He does not do grants for boats but suggested a company. BOFC discussed.

Discussed issue regarding payment for AJC land Surveyors who will be conducting a survey at the district in the near future. Comm Handel to handle.

The table in the old fire police room will be moved out and put into the church.

The bid packages for the Co. 3 project were supposed to be made available at the district office by today 9/23 and the office staff did not receive anything from J. Pontieri Engineering. BOFC to handle.

DS Lattman- Received invoice from Soundview for the HVAC repair at Co. 2. Needs to know where in the budget they want this to come out of. BOFC will ask Treasurer Hauser.

The Ladies Auxiliary needs to move the previously approved room request at Co. 2 on 10/26 for the children's Halloween party to 10/25. BOFC approved.

The Girl Scout Troop 2631 that was previously approved to use the church building for their Tuesday night meetings need to add a date- 10/5 to host a CPR class for their troop leaders and parents. BOFC approved.

Received invoice for EMS class reimbursement. BOFC stated that this should be paid once the course is complete.

A motion was made by Comm Gallino to approve treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Gallino to approve the treasurer's warrant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Handel to lower the proposed 2026 budget tax levy by \$169,814.00 to attain a zero percent tax levy increase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Handel to increase the proposed 2026 budget appropriated fund balance by \$169,814.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Gallino to adopt the proposed 2026 expenditure budget in the amount of \$9,127,135.00

Motion made by Comm Gallino to adjourn meeting at 1940 hours, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor.

Prepared and submitted by:  
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