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JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Organizational Meeting of the Rocky Point Fire District

The meeting was called to order at 1831 with roll call of officers. Present were Chairman Buchner, Vice Chairman Strong, Commissioner Gallino, Commissioner Staufer, Commissioner Handel, District Manager Brewer, District Secretary Lattman, Treasurer Bob Hauser, Chief Martin, and Assistant Chiefs Bernier, Freund, and Kowalchuk.

Temporary Chairman Buchner opened the meeting and requested nominations for the position of Chairman for the year 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Handel, all in favor, nominating Commissioner Strong. There were no other nominations. A vote followed and Commissioner Strong was unanimously elected Chairman of the board for 2026.

Chairman Strong assumed control of the meeting and then requested nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Motion made by Commissioner Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gallino, all in favor nominating Commissioner Staufer for Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. A vote followed and Commissioner Staufer was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the Board for 2026.

Chairman Strong administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner John Buchner. The Oath was signed and given to the District Manager.

Chairman Strong administered the Oaths of Office to all Chiefs. The Oaths were signed and given to the District Manager.

Chairman Strong discussed 2026 goals with the chief staff.

At 1852, all chiefs left the meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Staufer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gallino, appointing Taylor Lattman as the District Secretary for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Buchner, appointing Robert Hauser Treasurer for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Handel appointing Dave Brewer Deputy Treasurer for the year 2026. All in favor

Motion by Commissioner Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Gallino, appointing William Glass as legal counsel for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Buchner, naming the Times Beacon Record and Newsday as the official newspapers of the Rocky Point Fire District for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Buchner, naming M&T Bank and NY Class as the two financial institutions of the Rocky Point Fire District for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Buchner, that the regular meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners for 2026 will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, and the workshop meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The December meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Meeting dates can be changed if they happen to fall on a holiday. All meetings will commence at 6:30 PM. There will not be a workshop meeting in the months of July and August. All in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Stauffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Handel naming Nassau Diagnostics (NDI) as the official health care provider of the Rocky Point Fire District for the year 2026. All in favor.

Treasurer Hauser discussed the proposals from our Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Accounting Services. A motion was made by Comm Stauffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, to award the Professional Accounting Services to Cullen & Danowski, LLP for \$14,000.00 for the 2025 audit, through our RFP in our official newspaper, Times Beacon Record.

Motion made by Comm Handel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Stauffer, to accept all present policies of the Rocky Point Fire District for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Gallino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner to remain active in all previously approved town, county, and state fire associations for the year 2026. All in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Stauffer, to accept the Standard Workday Resolution as previously approved on January 3, 2012. The state comptroller has mandated that this resolution be approved every year at our organizational meeting. All in favor. The standard work week in place is as follows:

Office Staff- 40 hours  
Mechanical Staff (Full Time)- 40 hours  
Mechanical Staff (Part Time)- 20 hours  
Maintenance Staff- 40 hours  
Cleaning Staff- 20 hours  
EMS Staff- 36 hours  
Dispatch Staff- 36 hours

Motion by Comm Handel to approve the 2026 payroll with 3% cost of living increase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Stauffer. All in favor.

Motion made by Comm Buchner to give full time employees the two following federal holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth. Juneteenth may also be used as a floating holiday. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor.

#### COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Comm Stauffer- Co 3 project phase 1 is complete. Rob is now working on minor projects inside.

Comm Gallino- Discussed options for testing out the weight for the potential new boat. DM mentioned that Wading River FD's boat is out of service and we cannot use for testing.

Comm Handel- Discussed a recent FOIL request with our legal counsel.

Comm Strong- The old oven and flat top griddle from Co 2 that was replaced in December has been up for sale on Auctions International. The offers we received after the bidding period was \$810.00 for the oven and \$750.00 for the flat top griddle. Motion made to accept offer by Comm Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong, all-in favor. DS to coordinate sale.

### DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Received our 2026 contribution and administration bills from Hometown. The actuarial and administrative fee for 2026 is \$8,209.95. Motion made by Comm Buchner to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor. Our contribution for 2026 for LOSAP is \$318,800.00. Motion made by Comm Buchner to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor.

The Co. 1 kiosk is experiencing issues with the touch screen. Received a quote from Alpine Software at \$3,500.00 to replace. Motion made by Comm Strong, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Staufer, all in favor. Will send out broken kiosk to see if any repairs can be done to keep the kiosk as a spare.

Received a request from Eastern Suffolk Boces to send EMTs to us to complete their patient contacts for their certification and provided proper insurance. Motion made by Comm Handel to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

Gerard is in need of fuel tags in order to replace in necessary vehicles and to install in the new fire police truck and chiefs' truck when they arrive. Received a quote from EJ Ward for \$95.59 per fuel tag, (5) fuel tags, totaling \$529.95. Motion made to accept by Comm Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Strong, all-in favor.

Finding years of service mistakes on the points sheet. Will discuss with chiefs at the next meeting.

Received a request from member Matt Clarke inquiring about making a donation to the department.

### Room Requests:

Cheslak- 2/21/26 10a-6p Co. 1 Celebration of Life

Ladies Auxiliary- 3/29/26 11a-7pm Co. 2 Dept. Easter Party

Ladies Auxiliary- 4/11/26 5p-11p Co. 2 Bay Floor- Fundraiser

Motion made by Comm Buchner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Handel, all in favor.

The Commissioners thanked Dispatch and EMS for the food provided for tonight's meeting.

Motion made by Comm Strong to adjourn meeting at 1954 hours, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Comm Buchner, all in favor.

Prepared and submitted by:

Taylor Lattman  
Fire District Secretary