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WORKSHOP MEETING 1/20/26

Meeting called to order at 1926 hours. Present were Chairman Strong, Comm Gallino, Comm Buchner, Comm Handel, DM Brewer, Chief Martin, and Asst. Chiefs Bernier, Freund, and Kowalchuk.

CHIEFS REPORT

30 presented the personnel report:

Commissioner Tony Gallino requesting Commissioner's leave for the year 2026.

Commissioner Debra Handel requesting Lifetime Inactive status.

Dave Almeida requesting Education leave 1/12/26-5/2/26.

Harry McCabe requested transfer to Co. 1.

Motion to accept made by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

The following members were dismissed due to points: Ex Capt. Kratzel and Rachel Dicandia. The following members resigned: Ken Degoyler in bad standing, Erick Identsohn in good standing. Motion to accept made by Comm Gallino, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor. Equipment was returned by K. Degoyler and E. Identsohn. Equipment has not yet been returned from K. Kratzel and R. Dicandia. Officers will follow up.

Comm Handel asked 30 about list of Juniors contact information. 30 will update.

Co. 2 requesting (2) 6' Talon Hooks. Two quotes presented: MES- \$343.20, The Fire Store- \$377.98. Motion made to accept MES quote for \$377.98 by Comm Gallino, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

30 requested (3) Seek FirePRO 300 Thermal Imaging Camera, charger, and carabiner mount. Quote from MES totaling \$4,766.31. Motion made to approve by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

30 requested permissions to attend the Fire Expo at Nassau Coliseum 1/30/26-2/1/26 and use the van and chief's cars. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

30 requested a spring date for the 2nd HIPAA class. Board approved.

30 requested fire district attorney to be asked if he can draft a Public Declaration Letter to operate a drone program and waive certain Part 107 restrictions. DM to contact attorney.

30 asked if the board would consider taking a member back in less than 3 years after being dismissed and requested a change in district policy. Discussion held. More to follow.

31 discussed the issue of the weight of the proposed new boat. They tested the weight using the water bags added to our current boat and there were no issues towing it onto the beach.

32 brought up the by-law and district policy on leaves. He stated the district policy is a minimum of one month. The by-law states 6 months every 12 months. The board stated non-service-related medical leave is an optional request which can be granted at the chief's discretion.

33 gave dates for PESH. 2/21/26 @ 10am @ Co. 2 and 5/27/26 7pm @ Co. 2.

31 asked the board about their plans for 28, 28b, and 95b. Comm Strong stated the plan is to repair the body on 28, switch the body to 28b, and use 28 as a backup. We need to replace the tires on 28b since they are presently highway tires.

33 asked if VFIS online is up and running. Yes, but the site can be confusing for some.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm Strong- reminded everyone that the district meetings start at 1830 but occasionally we have business that may run late.

32 was notified not to order a Cassone storage unit. BOFC will let the chiefs use the one we presently own.

BOFC is working on plans for new storage building behind the administration building.

The new chief and fire police trucks are close to completion.

Stated use of our buildings for fundraising needs some oversight. The type of event must be fully disclosed.

Will be meeting with local politicians for funding on Feb. 4th.

List of medical supplies submitted by EMS Coordinator. Total \$9,266.50. Motion made by Comm Buchner to approve, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Comm Buchner- Co 2 requested a workbench. Quote from Home Depot for \$1,298.00.

Motion to approve purchase by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Handel. All in favor.

Co. 2 requested a storage rack for closet. Quote from Home Depot for \$159.00. Motion to approve purchase by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

Would like to request a representative from City MD to attend one of our meetings to discuss the number of calls for our ambulance to their facility. DM to notify City MD.

Comm Gallino- Discussed the proposed new boat. Distributed specs to all. Cost is \$317,688.00 for boat, motors and trailer. The permissive referendum is already completed for \$325,000. Lengthy discussion followed about the need for a boat of this price. Comm

Handel stated that over the last 5 years, we averaged 3 calls per year. Comm Buchner stated that we have responded with our own boat 15 times since 2022. After much debate, motion made by Comm Gallino to purchase, 2nd by Comm Handel. all in favor.

Comm Handel- Records project is almost complete. Grant writer is working on a grant for \$55,000.00 for digitizing our records. Motion made by Comm Handel to spend \$6,750.00 to create grant and submit. 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Motion made by Comm Handel, 2nd by Comm Gallino, to spend \$255.00 for the Town of Brookhaven storage building to store some of our records. All in favor.

Motion made by Comm Handel to adopt new election policy. 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Would like to add mammography screening for females and carotid artery checks for all members. Motion to approve by Comm Handel, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Room Requests:

2/28/26 Co. 3 Freund- Baby Shower. Motion to accept by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

Received proposal for annual pump testing for 2026 for \$1800.00. Motion made by Comm Buchner to approve, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

Received Comm Buchner's 2026 Commissioner's Training certificate.

Received Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment Grant info from FRES.

Forwarded to all commissioners.

Received Ballistic Vest update from FRES. DM will complete and submit.

Negotiations are continuing with Crown Castle.

The VFBL member survey has been completed for Steve Capell for insurance and death benefits.

The annual LOSAP census from Donna at Hometown has been completed for members 2025 credit.

The Brookhaven Town Tax Reduction paperwork has been completed and submitted.

DM was asked about the Fire Police Ex-Captains photos in the old Fire Police room. BOFC said to leave them there for now.

DM received a \$625.23 check from NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services for the August 2024 storm. It was forwarded to Bob Hauser for deposit.

E-7 accident reports received and filed. Our vehicle was parked and sustained no damage. Speedy dry and ice melt was ordered and received.

Received a quote to update the fire system over the new stove at Co. 2. \$2,500.00. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner. 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

The SCFDA brunch will be on March 8th.

Comm Strong and Comm Handel would like DM to contact Bill Glass about what can be done to recoup funds for the Co. 2 HVAC repairs from Rose Mechanical. DM will contact our attorney.

Appraisal Affiliates will be here February 5th for auditing.

Lt. Hess submitted a list of office supplies for Co. 2 Cost is \$664.48 from WB Mason.
Motion to approve by Comm Handel, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Co. 1 submitted a request for reimbursement of sales tax for their Govee Christmas lights.
BOFC stated no. We cannot pay sales tax.

Former member Karalyn Sciarrone submitted a request for gym reimbursement. Due to her 7/23/25 dismissal from the department, the BOFC agreed to pro rate her reimbursement at \$14.99/7months for a total of 104.93. Motion made by Comm Gallino, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

Discussed email from Bob Hauser about premium for Paid Family Leave. The cost will be paid by the employee if they choose to enroll.

Mike Lindner's last day working for the district will be 1/27/26.

Ordered 50-foot length of 2" hose in blue for Co. 2.

Gerard was notified to cover the cabs of the Gis at 89 West with tarps due to the impending snow.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2115 hours by Comm Gallino, 2nd by Comm Buchner, all in favor.