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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

January 27, 2026

Meeting called to order at 1926 hours

Roll call of officers: Present were Chairman Strong, VC Staufer, Comm Gallino, Comm Buchner, and District Manager Brewer. Also present were Chief Martin, Asst Chief Bernier, Asst Chief Freund and Asst Chief Kowalchuk. One guest was present (L. Emery).

Next meeting will be February 24, 2026

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting. Motion by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

CHIEFS REPORT

Ex-Captain K. Malhotra submitted a request for medical leave effective January 26th until further notice. Motion to approve by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Rocco Gandiosi will be dismissed for inactivity at the request of Co 1 officers. Chief to prepare letter.

30 received a request from Lt. Hess for two additional live fire trainings at Yaphank at a cost not to exceed $3000. One Class A and one Taxpayer. FRES cost to run is $2200 total. Motion to approve by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor. DM to handle submission of paperwork to FRES.

30 thanked the board for the extra First Responder and dispatcher coverage during Sunday's snow storm. He also thanked the district employees for doing a great job shoveling and plowing.

The HIPAA class will be held tomorrow night at Co 2. There was a discussion of whether to hold it in the hall or on the bay floor. Last time the hall was very crowded. Maybe it can be

held on the bay floor. The board said that it will be too cold to leave the trucks outside during the class. The class will be held in the meeting hall.

31 brought up issues with the Red Alert app failing. DM stated Frank was aware of this and was looking into it. More to follow.

30 received a request from Co 3 Capt. Dillon to remove the two mountain bikes from service. They have not been utilized in a long time. The tires are flat. The Chief agrees. Motion to declare them surplus with no resale value by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Staufer stated gear cleaning for Co 1 will take place February 10th beginning 0645 hours. The vendor did a good job with Co 2 and Co 3. 31 asked who is keeping a list of gear that has been cleaned. Comm Staufer will provide that info to the Chief. Comm Staufer also stated that members must be trained to clean gear as per NFPA 1850. The next training class will be at Wading River on Feb 7th. Comm Staufer will ask WR if RP members can attend. More to follow.

Comm Staufer stated the second HIPAA class can be scheduled for March 15th or 22nd. 31 asked if that class could be moved to April or May to accommodate those that travel out of state for the winter. More to follow.

Comm Staufer did more research on 31's request for a language translation line. Language Line Solutions offers a per minute rate with no other outstanding charges or fees. Motion to approve by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor. DM will send agreement to our attorney for review. If all good DM will sign and return. 31 asked if our tablets can be used to make the calls. Comm Staufer will look into it. More to follow.

Comm Gallino stated the bid package for the proposed new boat will be sent soon. It can be reviewed at our next meeting.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm Staufer received a request for a new white board for Co 3. Cost 67.90. Motion to approve by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor. DM to order.

Comm Staufer stated Co 3 would like to remove carpet in officers room and old flooring in the hallway. Two quotes submitted. Total for both jobs Floor Jays $3634.91. Wally Floors 4287.80. Motion to approve Floor Jays by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Comm Staufer submitted two quotes for replacing the carpets with flooring in the responder's office and old fire police room. Floor Jays 7555.31. Wally Floors 8459.50. Motion to approve Floor Jays by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Comm Staufer requested new stove and refrigerator for the old fire police room. PC Richard 2147.94. Home Depot 2015.98. Motion to approve purchase at Home Depot by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor. DM to coordinate with Rob B.

Comm Staufer stated that we need an Equipment Distribution Policy to comply with our radio grant. He drafted a policy. Motion to adopt by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Comm Staufer discussed the progressive discipline policy for volunteer members. Our attorney suggested some minor revisions. Comm Staufer will forward to all Commissioners for review. Tabled until after review.

Comm Staufer stated Co 3 scanners are not working properly. DM to contact IWT.

Comm Staufer stated the printer in Co 3's backroom is not working. DM will contact Adept.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

Advised Chiefs that fuel system update will be done on Jan 29th between 1300 and 1400 hours. There will be a temporary disruption in fuel dispensing.

District Secretary has updated Juniors information in Red Alert.

Discussed the reply from our attorney concerning Title 14, Part 107, Drone Use. More to follow about a letter requested by 30 for designation as a public entity requesting drone use.

Advised 31 that I am working on getting the water bags returned to Zodiac. Requested contact information from 31.

Greg will be off until Jan 31st. Wayne has been contacted to assist with Co 1 cleaning.

Requested permission to purchase three snap lines for maintenance. Cost about $48. Motion to approve by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner.

As per the board's request, NDI was notified to add mammograms and carotid artery testing for our physicals.

The modification work proposal for the Co 2 stove hood that was approved by the board was signed and sent back to All County to schedule the work.

The Waterway pump testing contract for 2026 that was approved by the board has been signed and returned.

The pump testing quote for 2026 is $5423.68. Motion to approve by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

Comm Handel is working on getting the FEMA grant audit paperwork together. Bob H has been notified to assist with certain financial documents.

The letter to employees about the treasurers transition was sent out via email as per Chairman Strong.

Installation dinner invitations from neighboring departments have been placed in the Commissioners' mailboxes.

DM sent a thank you email to all responders and dispatchers that worked during the snow storm. The snow plow crew was thanked via text. All did a great job.

The large snow piles from Sunday's storm will not be melting anytime soon due the the cold. We may get some more snow this weekend. Our plowers have no where to push the snow. Requested permission to contact Neal Freund for his backhoe. Board approved. DM will handle through Rob.

EJ Ward will be holding a remote training class either by phone or zoom to discuss updates to the fuel dispensing system. DM will schedule this training.

The NYS DMV LENS program will be undergoing extensive modernization to their system. The program will be offline from Feb 13th until Feb 18th. There will be a conference call to go over the new system. DM will call in.

DM completed the post entitlement paperwork for Hometown. Checks will be mailed directly to the members.

Discussed FRES email about EMS call notifications to FRES. Comm Buchner will discuss with Frank.

An old stereo was removed from the old fire police room. Board declared it surplus with no resale value.

97 is presently out of service due to blown brake line and problem with wipers. Gerard to work on it this week.

One room request was submitted for use of Co 1 on May 16th. This was denied since this is the date of our installation dinner. DM to contact member to see if an alternate date would work.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

Motion to approve treasurer's warrant by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

At 2021 hours a motion to enter executive session to discuss the treasurer's position was made by Chairman Strong, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

At 2130 a motion was made to return to the regular meeting by Chairman Strong, 2nd by Comm Buchner. All in favor.

At 2135 a motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Strong, 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

Submitted by:

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