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LEGISLATIVE/FINANCIAL/CHIEFS MEETING

April 28th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 1801 hours with roll call of officers. Present were Chairman Strong, Vice Chairman Staufer, Commissioner Gallino, Commissioner Buchner, Commissioner Handel, DM Brewer, DS Lattman.

The purpose of opening this meeting was to open sealed bids for one 5-ton brush truck and one rescue boat.

One sealed bid was presented for a 5-ton brush truck. The bid was opened and was from Chivvis Enterprise Inc 10 Grant St. Copiague, NY 11726 in the amount of \$392,750.00. Motion made by Comm Buchner to accept bid from Chivvis Enterprise Inc pending attorney review, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

One sealed bid was presented for a rescue boat. The bid was opened and was from Long Island Proliner 10 Peconic Ave Medford, NY 11763. For \$334,786.00. Motion made by Comm Gallino to accept bid from Long Island Proliner pending attorney review, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

The bid opening was closed at 1806 hours.

Next meeting will be May 26th, 2026.

Acceptance of minutes from March 24th, 2026 meeting motion made by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.

At 1820 hours, representatives from Hometown Firefighters entered the meeting to meet with the BOFC for the annual LOSAP review.

A motion was made by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Gallino to approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Flushing Bank checking account to savings account based on the recommendation of Hometown Firefighters. All in favor.

A motion was made by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Buchner to approve the transfer of \$500,000.00 from First Security Benefit group annuity based on the recommendation from Hometown Firefighters. All in favor.

At 1938 hours, Hometown Firefighters exited the meeting.

At 1941 hours, Chief Martin and Asst. Chief Bernier entered the meeting.

CHIEFS REPORT

30 presented the personnel report.

Motion made by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino, to approve military leave request for Daniel Hess 4/21/26-5/1/26. All in favor.

The drone policy was sent to the district for the board's review.

Requesting the purchase of a drone. Presented two quotes: 1. DSLR Pros \$14,428.25. 2.

Advexure \$12,396.55. It was noted by Comm Handel that Advexure does not have insurance, they do not offer it. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve purchase of DSLR Pros drone

for \$14,428.25, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. The purchase will be taken from the EMS billing account. Comm Staufer asked if the company does an in-service training. The chiefs do not think they do but will find out. 30 to notify BOFC where the drone will be stationed. All equipment from Maria Hess has been returned.

The V.F.W. is asking for a flag detail on 5/22/26 for the grand opening of the museum across the street. We would need to request the single flag adapter from BNL. Board approved if there is a crew available and the single flag adapter is available.

52 asked for permission to take 14 and 16 with crews to Miller Place FD for training 4/29/26 1900 hours- 2100 hours. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept, 2nd by Comm Strong, all in favor.

The chiefs asked for VPN and Red Alert access to the district network on their personal PCs for the purpose of NERIS reporting. Board ok'd. They asked if the VPN could be accessed on their iPads currently in the vehicles. Comm Handel to contact Adept Tech. Discussion on the possible purchase of laptops for the chief staff if their iPads would not be accessible.

Asked if we could send Rob to our flag site and Firemen's Field for maintenance. Board ok'd. Also mention of the Juniors maintaining it with supervision. Board approved taking the van to Firemen's Field.

A discussion was held regarding EMS recruitment and what are the future plans for the program.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEFS

Comm Gallino- The bid opening for the boat was tonight and if the attorney approves the package, the bid will be awarded to LI Proliner.

Comm Buchner- The bid opening for the 5-ton brush truck was tonight and if the attorney approves the package, the bid will be awarded to Chivvis.

Comm Handel- There are multiple active members who still do not have beneficiaries listed for LOSAP and insurance. Stressed to the chiefs how important this is and gave a list of those members to the chiefs to contact.

Mentioned the 100th anniversary of the department and to start planning for the event early to ensure success.

Comm Strong- The Department Memorial Committee will be having a 5k fundraiser on 6/7/26 at 8am. They will be utilizing the parking lot at Co. 2 and the rails to trails.

DISTRICT MANAGER TO CHIEFS

The training car has been moved to Co. 2 for the Man vs. Machine training.

30's extinguisher is in the lobby for pickup.

Ava Almeida's background check was mailed this morning.

Requested for the new membership paperwork to be handled with more organization and care. The last several have been left with blanks and incorrect information. This creates multiple issues, one being problems with department start dates for future reference.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Comm Staufer- EMS staff is requesting a new TV stand for the office. Presented quote from Bob's Furniture for \$299.99. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor.

The EMS office HVAC needs to be upgraded. Presented two quotes for split units. 1.

Soundview- \$19,500.00. 2. CGM Burner Service- \$25,000.00. Motion made by Comm Staufer to

accept quote from Soundview for \$19,500.00. 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. The purchase will be taken from the EMS billing account.

The electric in the EMS office will need upgrading for this HVAC system. Presented quote from Wildwood Electric for \$3,150.00. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Presented two quotes for portable ventilator equipment for EMS. 1. Zoll- \$83,234.00. 2. Hamilton Medical- \$67,223.00. Motion made by Comm Staufer to approve quote from Hamilton Medical for \$67,223.00, 2nd by Comm Handel, all in favor. Purchase to be taken from EMS billing account.

Discussed the Co. 3 paving project and plans from Jason Pontieri. Due to cost and possible changes, this was tabled to a future meeting and BOFC may want to meet with Jason before he creates the specs for the bid.

Presented the Employee Handbook that was reviewed by the board. Motion made by Comm Staufer to accept the new Employee Handbook, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor. Given to office staff to add to policy book.

There is hurst tool equipment in the shed that Ex-chief Tom Logan would like to donate to Readsboro, Vermont FD. Board approved. Motion made by Comm Staufer to surplus the maverick tool, ram tool, and hoses at \$0 value, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

EMS week starts on 5/17/26. Permission from the board to provide food for the week as we've done in the past. Board ok'd.

Asked the DM to purchase 6 cases of Propel water from Circle M Beverage for rehab purposes. Discussed plans for the rehab fridges throughout the district.

Asked for a list of physicals from NDI.

Comm Buchner- presented the Dispatch report from Frank.

Asked DM to get prices to detail the district vehicle and look into painting the hood since the paint has faded.

Asked the DM to speak to Gerard regarding the value of old fire police vehicle 13.

Comm Handel- Presented two quotes to repair the Co. 1 parking lot apron. 1. Atlas- \$6,000.00. 2. Affatato- \$4,000.00. Motion made by Comm Handel to accept quote from Affatato for \$4,000.00, 2nd by Comm Staufer, all in favor.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

Appraisal Affiliates audit is complete.

The financial audit is almost complete. Awaiting report from Cullen and Danowski.

The SCWA contract has been signed and sent with checks attached.

Discussed the Firehouse Attendant position at the board's request. After inquiring with Civil Service, it was decided that the title of the position the board is looking for should be a Maintenance Mechanic 1. DM sent responsibilities of the position to Civil Service to review and is awaiting their reply.

Room Request:

Lattman- Co. 2- 6/14/26- Christening

Motion made by Comm Buchner to approve, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Motion made by Comm Handel to enter executive session at 2100 hours to discuss a litigation matter and a personnel matter, 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Motion made by Comm Handel to exit executive session at 2122 hours 2nd by Comm Gallino, all in favor.

Motion made by Comm Strong to adjourn meeting at 2128 hours, 2nd by Comm Stauffer, all in favor.