WORKSHOP MEETING JUNE 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 1834 hours.

Attendance: Chairman Strong, VC Staufer, Comm Gallino, Comm Buchner, Comm Handel, DM Brewer, Treasurer Donegan, Chief Martin, and Asst Chiefs Bernier and Freund. Three guests were also present: Larry Emery, Katy Pettit and Tom Logan. Asst Chief Kowalchuk joined the meeting at 2002 hours.

Chairman Strong reminded everyone that there won't be workshop meetings during July and August.

Chief's Report

Chief 30 discussed personnel totals.
Chairman Strong questioned Jack Crowley's leave. Chief 31 advised he is off leave effective 5/31/26.
Chairman Strong reminded the Chiefs that our medical leave policy has a 45-day re-evaluation deadline. The DM will check into list to see if any letters are required.
Add Nick Hellum to medical list due to transport from recent working fire.
Motion by Comm Staufer to accept the leave requests, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.
Chief 30 asked about the floor jack work order. DM checked with Gerard. It is on E7 in drivers' side rear compartment. Gerard will take a look tomorrow morning.
Chief 30 discussed the proposed EMS plans. He suggested a "hybrid" version which involves paid and volley staff working together. The volley EMS staff will handle calls as general alarms Monday to Friday from 6pm until 10pm. Comm Staufer questioned how he came up with those hours. Chief 30 said that is when most people are home. The BOFC agreed to see how this works out, although they will still be hiring additional first responder staff to address the concerns previously brought up by the Chief.
Chief 30 stated Yaphank is having their 100th anniversary parade. They are requesting fire police from 1pm to 7pm. Motion by Comm Staufer to approve, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor. 30 stated the department will be marching. He will have a proposed list of apparatus by next meeting.
Chief 30 stated that the owner of the property behind Co 2 on Prince Rd. would like to feed members with food trucks on July 25th. Can he use Co 2 parking lot? Comm Buchner stated that permits are required from the SC Health Dept and TOB to hold such an event on district property. Chairman Strong also brought up an incident involving this individual that occurred at the Birch Rd fire. It was decided that the Chief will suggest to the individual that he use his own property.

COMMISSIONERS TO CHIEF

Chairman Strong thanked the chiefs and members for the department inspection.

Chairman Strong thanked 31 for handling the 17 calls in 70 minutes during the recent storm. Department turnout was good. Chairman Strong suggested that in the future when multiple chiefs are out of town, the chief designate a current Captain or Ex-Chief to use the spare chiefs car and be a backup to the chief in district.
Chief 30 stated that a Syosset firefighter passed away. He is a Vietnam veteran. There will be a church service in Shoreham and a burial at Calverton. They would like to have an arch and use a firehouse between services. They need Co 2 Thursday between 4 and 7pm and Co 3 Friday after 1:30pm. The board approved.
VC Staufer spoke about the problems with the latest round of physicals and PESH training. Sign in sheets were used instead of the readers. From now on members will be required to use the scanners to sign in for PESH. Members waited until the last minute to complete the requirements. They had six months to get it done. It is up to the member to complete the requirements before the deadline.
Comm Buchner stated that the truck and house inspections went well. All matters reported during the inspection have been or will be addressed.
Comm Handel reported that Adept was called for the request for a camera in the gear room at Co 2. Brian from Strategic suggested another monitor using the existing camera would be cheaper and easier. More to follow.
Comm Handel discussed the PA for Co 2. It might be cheaper to go to Amazon for a mic and 4 speakers. More to follow.

DM TO CHIEFS

Discussed accountability tag upgrade with 31. Gave 31 some samples. More to follow.
E15 will be going to Firematic tomorrow morning for leaking front suction.
Resident of 86 Sunburst Drive now has home oxygen for a hospice patient. DM notified Frank to enter into Red Alert.
Background check for Damien Fogel mailed today. Eight others mailed June 9th. Nothing back from SC Sheriff's Office yet.

CHAIRMAN STRONG ADDRESSED GUESTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK

Larry Emery spoke about his gratitude for any support the board can give to volunteer EMS. He stated that the district crews need help. We are very busy and the paid crews can't handle all of the calls. Chairman Strong stated that the board didn't want to do away with volley EMS. The chief asked for help due to the number of EMS calls and the lack of volley EMT responses. Chairman stated we assist the chief when requested. We were asked for help. The only way to help is with paid staff. The board cannot force EMTs to show up. Katy Pettit then thanked the Chief for re-thinking his original policy and involving volunteers.

At 1927 hours the meeting went into executive session to discuss personnel. Motion by Chairman Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino.

At 1946 hours the regular meeting resumed.
Comm Buchner made a motion to uphold the Chiefs request for a 45 day suspension of Tom Grempel from May 31 to July 15, 2026, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Comm Staufer presented two new policies. QA/QI policy and EMS policy and procedure. Motion to approve by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Handel. All in favor.
Paramedic Calace resigned effective June 25th to take a job out of state.
Motion to purchase Gatorade packets 10x32 for $182, 2nd by Comm Handel. All in favor.
Motion to approve the purchase of two Murphy beds at $1099 each and four mattresses at 99.90 each for overnight EMS bunking, 2nd by Comm Gallino. All in favor.
Discussed the changes to EMS coverage beginning on June 26th. There will be at least one paid crew 24/7. 31 requested 2nd alarms be general. After 10pm the first call goes to district crew. Second alarms will go to volunteers. Monday to Friday from 6pm to 10pm will be general alarms for volunteers as per 30's request. After 10pm district crews will cover. There will no longer be volunteer overnight duty EMS crews. If volunteers aren't available, the paid crew will handle. The Chief is to put out an operational policy to the department.
Motion by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Gallino to approve purchase request from Heather for Hammer Medical supplies in the amount of $3445.91. All in favor.

Comm Gallino stated that Proliner is working on the final specs for the new boat. Delivery won't be until next year. Comm Gallino and 31 stated there will be in service training offered in Maryland for on the water instruction. After delivery they will come to Rocky Point for hands on training.

Comm Handel made a motion to have a credit card issued to Taylor Lattman, 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor. DM to handle.
Comm Handel would like Taylor to have access to the camera system. All in favor.
Comm Handel suggested not sending suspension letters certified/return receipt requested due to the cost and the fact that many people do not sign for them anyway. She will check with Bill Glass. More to follow.
Comm Handel discussed the Cintas and Avaya contract terminations. She is working with Taylor on this.
Comm Handel asked if the new Employee handouts were distributed. Taylor has distributed them to dispatchers and EMS and will get them to the remaining employees.

DM REPORT TO THE BOARD

All tires on E3 were replaced today.
79 canvass letters were prepared and mailed out today for the Paramedic positions.
Discussed the Civil Service procedures to be followed when hiring.

Civil Service requested an updated salary list for our dispatchers and first responders. Will work on this next week.
Approximately eight Scott bottles have been taken out of service by MES due to reaching life expectancy. Discussion followed. We have extra bottles to replace them. No need to order any more at this time.
Soundview submitted a contract for HVAC servicing. Rob B reviewed it. It is significantly cheaper than the previous contract with a different vendor. It's a one year contract for $13,182.50 and covers all buildings. Motion to approve by Comm Handel, 2ND by Comm Staufer. DM will complete and return to Soundview.

ROOM REQUESTS

Neal Freund Co 3 August 22, 2026 from 12pm-9pm. TIPS person checked off but not listed. Motion to approve pending the TIPS qualified person by Comm Staufer, 2nd by Comm Buchner.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 2015 to discuss personnel by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino.

Motion to return to regular meeting at 2025 hours by Comm Strong, 2nd by Comm Gallino.

Motion to pay the bills by Comm Gallino, 2nd by Comm Staufer. All in favor.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Comm Handel, 2nd by Chairman Strong.

Motion to approve acceptance of the Auditor's report by Comm Handel, 2nd by Chairman Strong.

Motion to adjourn at 2030 hours by Comm Buchner, 2nd by Comm Handel. All in favor.