

A motion was made by Comm. Adams to approve the September 9, 2019 Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting minutes. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

IV. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*

- A. E-mail dated September 9, 2019 from the Boy Scouts requesting use of the meeting room at Red Oaks Mill on October 9th from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and November 17th from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (District calendar is open)

A motion was made by Comm. Adams to approve the use of the Red Oaks Mill meeting room for the Boy Scouts as requested on October 9th and November 17th for the hours indicated in the request. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

V. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
John Horvath	General purposes	\$500.00

A motion was made by Comm. Adams that this donation be accepted and put in the General Fund. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

VI. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

- A. Chief – William Steenbergh
1. Local 2393 requesting to wear breast cancer awareness t-shirts for the month of October. Recommends that the Board approve this request.

A motion was made by Comm. Adams that the staff to be permitted to use t-shirts for purposes of recognizing breast cancer during the month of October. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

2. Commissioner Election (12.10.19): Board to determine Election hours: Must be held at a minimum of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A. Compensation for Election Inspectors is \$35.00 for hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as per NYS Code §175.

B. Compensation for Election Inspectors for additional consecutive hours prior to 6:00 p.m. is a maximum of \$50.00 as per NYS Code §175.

A motion was made by Comm. Adams to have the Election hours from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purposes of conducting the District Election and the Election Inspectors be compensated \$50.00 for that evening. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

3. Board to set time and place for Budget hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

A motion was made by Comm. Adams that we have a Public Hearing on the preliminary budget on October 15, 2019 at the Red Oaks Mill fire station at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 3 – 0

- B. Assistant Chief – Eric Philipp – (absent)
- C. Director of EMS David Violante – no report
- D. Treasurer James Passikoff
 1. Acting Chairman Longi acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s August 31, 2019 monthly Financial Report for the District.

VII. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

The following member(s) have been approved by Chief Steenbergh to attend the course(s) listed below. The training requested is either located in county or is a course to maintain certification and therefore is for Commissioners notification purposes only:

No school requests were submitted for notification purposes only.

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

No school requests were submitted for consideration by the Board.

Comm. Seco arrived at 7:15 p.m. and took over the remainder of the meeting.

Chief Steenbergh reported that he has two (2) items for Executive Session; employment history of two individuals and asked if the Board was going to have an additional Executive Session. Chairman Seco said no.

A motion was made by Comm. Seco to adjourn to Executive Session for Attorney/Client privilege and employment history of two (2) individuals. The Board will meet with the Attorney first and then invite Chief Steenbergh and Director of EMS Violante, then with the representatives from Local 2393. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. and returned to Open Session.

IX. OPEN ITEMS

As a result of Executive Session, Comm. Seco reported that there is a resolution to be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Firefighters Association dated September 16, 2019.

A motion was made by Comm. Seco to approve. Seconded by Comm. Adams.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

The Board continued with items that were deferred earlier in the meeting.

X. ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Comm. Seco to approve Abstract 19–9B. This consists of \$0 in paid bills with a total of 0 checks and \$447,391.88 in unpaid bills with a total of 26 checks for a grand total of \$447,391.88, totaling 26 checks. Seconded by Comm. Valdez.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

XI. MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Service Awards – Comm. Longi & Comm. Valdez
 - 1. Received from RBC Wealth Management – “Investment Access Account Statement with Portfolio Focus” – August 2019
- B. District Inspections – Comm. Longi & Comm. Adams
- C. District Officers / Chief Liaison – Comm. Longi & Comm. Adams
- D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison – Comm. Longi & Comm. Valdez
- E. Public Relations – Comm. Longi & Comm. Adams
- F. Equipment Maintenance – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Seco
- G. Buildings and Grounds – Comm. Valdez & Comm. Seco
- H. Capital Equipment – Comm. Longi & Comm. Seco
- I. Union Negotiations & Contract – Comm. Seco & Comm. Valdez
- J. Career Staff Liaison – Comm. Adams & Comm. Longi
- K. Volunteer Recruitment – Comm. Longi & Comm. Seco
- L. Volunteer Liaison – Comm. Longi & Comm. Seco
- M. District Safety & Health – Comm. Adams & Comm. Seco
- N. Strategic Plan – Comm. Longi & Comm. Adams
- O. Finance Committee – Comm. Longi & Comm. Seco
- P. IT Operations Committee – Comm. Longi & Comm. Adams
- Q. Croft Lease – Comm. Adams & Comm. Valdez
- R. Rochdale Lease – Comm. Adams & Comm. Valdez

XII. **CHIEF STEENBERGH**

- A. Vehicle Surplus – continue discussion from last meeting; four vehicles ready to be declared surplus. Three (3) 2005 Chevy Suburban’s and One (1) 2001 GMC Yukon. Recommending to put the costs from the sale of these vehicles along with money from last years funds to purchase a “school car” for new hires going to the academy, out of town training, Lieutenants going to FDNY for their training, etc. Treasurer is in agreement with proposal.

Brief discussion.

A motion was made by Comm. Seco to surplus the vehicles according to the Chief’s notification to the Board and all those noted as such. Seconded by Comm. Longi.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

XIII. **PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET**

- A. Adopt proposed budget for 2020 on or before September 24th as per Town Law §181[2].

Lengthy discussion held with Treasurer Passikoff, the Board and Chief Steenbergh.

Proposed 2020 Budget is \$18,389,050.00 of which \$17,588,450.00 is to be raised by Real Estate taxes. This is a 1.627% increase over last year’s budget.

A motion was made by Comm. Seco to adopt it. Seconded by Comm. Adams.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

Treasurer Passikoff requested that a poll of the Board be recorded in the minutes showing that all Commissioners present voted in favor of the proposed 2020 Budget.

POLL OF THE BOARD

Comm. Seco – Aye
Comm. Adams – Aye
Comm. Longi – Aye
Comm. Valdez - Aye

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Comm. Longi to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Comm. Adams.

- Motion Carried, 4 – 0

No time was given, but the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee O’Neill
District Secretary



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

NOTE: This sheet will be attached to the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting minutes as part of the official record. If you agree to have your name as part of the official record and published on our website, please legibly print your name below. Thank you.

DATE OF MEETING: 9-16-19

Jimmy METRANO	
JOHN RICHARDSON	