

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
 COMMISSIONER MEETING August 15th, 2026
 Fire Island Pines Fire House

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN RHODES-TEAGE AT 12 P.M.
 Pledge of Allegiance recited by all, followed by a moment of silence.

Holly Rhodes-Teague, Chair
 Eugene Cook, Vice-Chair - via Zoom
 Walter Boss
 Robert McGarity
 Joseph Micheels
 Richard Barry, Secretary
 Robert Marzella, Treasurer
 Jordan Cohen, Chief
 Joseph Geiman, 1st Asst Chief

At the start of our meeting all Board members, Chief and 1st Asst Chief, toured the firehouse with the current architectural plans for the renovation. All were happy with the plans with the exception of a few tweaks. Commissioner McGarity will discuss those items with the architects.

A conversation then took place regarding the BAN financing for the start of the project, and how much would be needed to start the project. *** SEE MOTIONS PAGE ***

The Board voted to go into Executive Session concerning a personnel issue. A conversation took place and then the regular meeting continued.

SECRETARY REPORT -

Filed semi-annual FEMA grant report on 7/16
 Washer/Dryer bill - FEMA reimbursement filed for.
 Discussed Annual Election - 20 votes cast, 19 for Commissioner Cook, 1 write-in.
 Filed paperwork for Annual Election with Town Clerk, received email receipt that Town Clerk received our paperwork.
 Added Matthew Owens and David Gumbus to LENS System
 Special Election Results for Bond - 31 votes cast - 29 in favor, 1 against, one invalid ballot not counted.
 All paperwork was sent to the Town Clerk's office for filing.
 Resolution for July 14, 2026 meeting minutes *** See Motions Page ***

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Discussed proposed 2027 Budget, and items that will be needed in 2027. The following were items requested by the Chief:

Three sets of turnout gear - (Fridsberg, H. Teague, Cashman) gear will expire next year.
 Battery Operated Roof Saw - \$3,780.00
 Battery Operated large Chainsaw - \$1,140.00
 Six additional Milwaukee Lights - \$260.00 each
 Two Automatic Nozzles (TFT-F745081 & H722323) - \$1,600.00 each
 Replace 5-28-7 with a 4-door heavy duty Polaris that can handle the weight of the pump.
 Current 5-28-7 can be sold and money put towards new purchase.
 Eight dress uniforms for new members.

2% monies were turned over to the Fire Department. Discussed regular monthly bills, forecasted spending for remainder of the year; budget to actual; payroll expenses. Discussed items that needed to be purchased. *** See Motion's Page ***

Discussed new reporting of income/expenses for the renovation project.

*** See Motion's Page ***

CHIEF'S REPORT -

ALARMS

7/18/26	#4091	Residential Smoke Detector - false trip.
7/18/26	#4092	Smoke Investigation - smoke from fireplace
7/24/26	#4093	57 Pickety Ruff - Electrical Hazard - smoking wires
8/1/26	#4094	533 Ocean - automatic alarm - false trip
8/2/26	#4095	414 Ocean - service call - male injury from fall
8/2/26	#4096	36 FIB - auto alarm - false trip
8/2/26	#4097	36 FIB - auto alarm - false trip
8/6/26	#4098	36 FIB - auto alarm - false trip
8/8/26	#4099	36 FIB - auto alarm - false trip
8/9/26	#4100	36 FIB - auto alarm - false trip

DRILLS:

7/18/26	#1429	Roof Opps/Ladders/Chainsaws
8/1/26	#1430	Pines Party Pre-plan and walk through
8/5/26	#1431	Alt Drill #5 - Driver Final exam on 2 and 4/hose handling
8/15/26	#1432	TNT Combi Tool Drill

WORK DETAILS:

7/23/26	#1396	Cleaning trucks for BBQ/wetdown
7/25/26	#1397	Community BBQ/Wetdown
7/26/26	#1398	Truck Checks

MEETINGS:

7/11/26	#1512	Officers' Meeting
7/11/26	#1513	General Meeting
7/18/26	#1514	General Meeting
8/1/26	#1515	General Meeting
8/15/26	#1516	Officers' Meeting
8/15/26	#1517	General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

New AUX Member John Schuab - Cleared background check.
Presented slate of officers for Election on 9/12. Jordan Cohen, chief; Joseph Geiman, 1st Asst; Mathew Cashman, 2nd Asst; Mark Basta, Secretary; Ray Lucia, Treasurer; Stephen Moss, Captain; Anthony Hird, Lieutenant.

REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

Status on 5-28-1 handles - remains the same
5-28-10 Back in service, waiting on Firematic to fix or create a new protective cover for gears.
New Water Can - Purchased from Firematic - not received yet.
New set of Irons for 5-28-10 - purchased - not received yet.
New 1-1/2" nozzle for 5-28-10 for trash line - ordered not yet received.
SCBA/PPE Grant review - orders placed, boot samples are in - gear is being fabricated.
FF Kolb, Akyldiz, Call would like to take FF2 in October - no costs for classes, just ferry.
Chief Cashman is requesting new uniform hat - *** See Motion's Page ***
Need 4 Marrying straps for irons \$30 each - *** See Motions Page ***
Lock on Annex needs a new battery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

BUDGET/RECORDS/INSURANCE/LOSAP - Commissioner Cook

Nothing to report this month.

GROUND S - Commissioner Micheels

Fence installed by Annex; need to review Chris' schedule before ordering dumpster. We need a conduit for Security Camera wiring between the firehouse and Annex. *** See Motions page *** Discussed perhaps installing a gutter on Annex. Garage door in the old firehouse has been repaired.

ALARMS/ISO/OSHA Changes/RECONCILIATIONS - Chairperson Rhodes-Teague

Pink Sheets were reviewed from 7/18 - 8/15/26; bank reconciliations complete up until 7/31/26.

APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT/RADIOS - Commissioner Boss

Discussed Siren parts for siren repair; repair to 5-28-4 back doors when off the beach for testing in the fall.

GRANTS - Commissioner McGarity & Secretary Barry

We are in the process of renewing our SAM registration. We have had one request for additional information.

FIREHOUSE RENOVATION - All Board Members

Commissioner McGarity advised the Board that FIPPOA has approved a three minute presentation at FIPPOA's annual fall board meeting. It was agreed that Commissioner McGarity would make the presentation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS -

Commissioner Micheels believes we should have signed oaths for Chief & Asst Chief to be filed with the Town. This is not something we have done in the past. Secretary Barry will reach out to the Town Clerk's office to see if this is something normally done.

Commissioner Micheels proposed Officer Election requirements and a lengthy discussion was had by all parties present. There were several changes made to his proposal by various members. Commissioner Micheels will take all of the input and comments together in a new version of Officer Election requirements.

CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 2:50 p.m.

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MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOSS, seconded by COMMISSIONER McGARITY, to accept the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioners Boss, McGarity, and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor. Commissioner Micheels abstained.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, seconded by COMMISSIONER McGARITY to get a BAN for firehouse renovation project in an amount up to \$1 million. COMMISSIONERS Rhodes-Teague, Boss, Micheels and McGarity, all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, seconded by COMMISSIONER McGarity to accept the Treasurer's report. Commissioners Micheels, McGarity, Boss and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER Micheels in the amount of \$80.00 for a uniform hat for Chief Cashman. Commissioners Rhodes-Teague, Micheels, Boss & McGarity all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER McGARITY, seconded by COMMISSIONER BOSS in the amount of \$150.00 for marrying straps. Commissioners Rhodes-Teague, Boss, Micheels and McGarity all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER BOSS in the amount of \$21,152.73 for purchases listed below. Commissioners Boss, Rhodes-Teague, McGarity & Micheels all voted in favor:

Water Pump	NAPA	\$ 40.91
Election Catering/cleaning supplies	Pines Pantry	\$ 516.50
Washer/Dryer/Helmet front panels	South Shore Fire/Safety	\$14,199.00
Cylinder Refill	Firematic	\$ 291.75
Brinkman's Hardware	Brinkmans	\$ 94.96
Freight	Coastline	\$ 713.45
Checks/Paper/Misc Lumber	Bank of America CCard	\$ 396.16
6x6 Posts/Generator Platform	Don Kohlhepp	\$ 4,900.00

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOSS, seconded by CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE in the amount of \$500.00 for security camera wire conduit. Commissioners Boss, Rhodes-Teague, Micheels & McGarity all voted in favor.