

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING June 19th, 2026
Fire Island Pines Fire House

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN RHODES-TEAGUE AT 6 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all, followed by a moment of silence.

Present:

Holly Rhodes-Teague, Chair
Eugene Cook, Vice-Chair
Walter Boss
Joseph Micheels
Eugene Cook
Robert McGarity
Richard Barry, Secretary
Robert Marzella, Treasurer
Jordan Cohen, Chief
Members of the General Public

A presentation was made concerning the new build and renovation of our existing firehouse. Members of the public asked questions of the Board, our architects Bromley/Caldari and Mike Lugercio from Munistat (bonding). Members of the public expressed gratitude that the Board was taking care of the community and were planning for the future of the community.

Later in the evening a bond resolution was presented and voted on. *** See Motion's Page***

SECRETARY's REPORT -

Sent passive referendum notice and notice of our 2025 annual audit to LI Advance for publication. Have been dealing with Robert Smith, Esq. regarding bond work and legal documents that we will need to publish for approving the bond and special election notice for the community to vote on the bond.

Review of 5/16/26 meeting minutes. *** See Motion's Page ***

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Discussed payroll company, and they are lowering our bill on a monthly basis, after our Treasurer shopped payroll services. Discussed the treasurer's report, opening a new account to accept donations for the renovation of the firehouse.

We have two new employees who have to be set up for payroll. We also need to verify their licenses with the LENS Program.

Discussed donations to the District specific for the renovation and rebuild of the firehouse. We will reach out to the accountant.

Discussed bills and motions that need to be made. *** See Motions Report ***

CHIEF'S REPORT -

ALARMS

5/21/26 #4082 Mutual Aid - Cherry Grove - False Trip
 6/14/26 #4083 Service Call - 477 Ocean - Bird Removal
 6/18/26 #4084 Auto Alarm - Coops - Steam from Shower

DRILLS

5/30/26 #1422 Driver Training/Requalification on 4, 5, 7, 9
 6/13/26 #1423 Thermal Imaging, Gas Emergencies, Elevator Operations
 6/17/26 #1424 Alternate Drill #3

WORK DETAILS

5/17/26 #1393 Ocean Beach Wet Down

MEETINGS

5/15/26 #1508 FIPPOA Meeting
 5/16/26 #1507 Dept Physicals
 6/13/26 #1510 General Meeting

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Davinson Perena - Cleared his physical & Drug Test
 Robert Liquori - Resigned from Auxiliary
 All Probation Members (besides Perena) passed FF1

Requests/Comments

Status on the handles of 5-28-1 discussed
 Update on 5-28-10, hope to be back on beach next week
 Old portable pump, 22' ladder in old firehouse and fiberglass ladder were all picked up by Ocean Beach Park. Items will be taken out of our inventory.
 Again discussed the swearing in by the Board of new members.
 Brandon the community electrician has offered to donate a car for an upcoming drill. It was determined the date for the drill would be August 15th. We will get the

Vehicle on the ferry. Brandon will make sure the vehicle when it gets to the mainland, that he will get it to the junkyard.

Former Chief Merker has asked that the platform by his home be removed. ** see motion page ***

Requested that gear in old firehouse that is over ten years old be bagged up. It was determined that we should dispose of gear, but we will first check to see if we can donate.

Discussed battery pack for the communications room. Our battery back up needs to be replaced. *** see motions page ***

There is a major ant problem in the annex. We recently hired an exterminator.

SCBA/PPE Grant review and would like to proceed with ordering. Our total order was \$238,739.00. That is \$4,039.00 over what our grant would be paying. We are also as per the Grant responsible for paying a percentage of the entire Grant award. *** see motion page ***

The Board was provided with a proposal of who will receive the new equipment.

Discussed the meeting with SCPD earlier this week, regarding paramedics for the upcoming 7/4 festivities.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET/RECORDS/INSURANCE/LOSAP - Commissioner Cook

We will need to update LOSAP records for some of the newer members.

GROUNDS - Commissioner Micheels

Discussed pest control and ant problem in Annex; Deck maintenance on the eastside of Annex and stairs. Still need to work on Annex fencing. Discussed whether our maintenance staff can work on the platform that needs to be built.

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

Pink sheets are reviewed from 5/17 to 6/18/26. Bank Reconciliations from 4/1/26 - 5/31/26 completed.

APPARATUS/EQUIPMENT/RADIOS - Commissioner Boss

No report - all items discussed during the Chief Report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Micheels discussed ordering of new First Aid Kits. He was able to research pricing and it came to \$28.55 per kit. We need 11 kits. *** See Motions Page ***

CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m..

COMMISSIONER MEETING RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS OF 6/19/26

COMMISSIONER MCGARITY offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 19, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 TO FINANCE THE PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING FIREHOUSE, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIREHOUSE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REMAINING STRUCTURE; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF SAID BONDS AND THE INTEREST THEREON AS THE SAME BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE

THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than three-fifths of all the members of said Board of Fire Commissioners) AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire Island Pines Fire District (the "Fire District"), in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance the demolition of the existing firehouse, construction of a new firehouse, and construction of improvements to the remaining structure, and other related work in connection therewith.

The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$3,000,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Fire District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

The period of probable usefulness applicable to the project described herein, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 11. b of the Law, is twenty-five (25) years.

The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the Fire District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as

prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Fire District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Fire District. The faith and credit of the Fire District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Fire District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and of Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Fire Commissioners relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing their terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Fire District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. A proposition for the approval or disapproval of this resolution shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Fire District at the Special Election to be held on July 28, 2026, and this resolution shall take effect upon approval by such qualified voters at said Special Election.

Section 8. In the event that the proposition submitted to the qualified voters is approved, the Fire District Secretary is authorized and directed to cause a summary of said bond resolution to be published in the official newspaper of the Fire District, having general circulation within the Fire District, together with a Notice in substantially the form as prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Commissioner Cook and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Chairperson Rhodes-Teague
 Vice Chairman Cook
 Commissioner Boss
 Commissioner Micheels
 Commissioner Boss

The resolution was declared adopted.

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COMMISSIONER MCGARITY offered the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 19, 2026, CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 28, 2026, DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF ELECTION AND MAKING OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special Election of the qualified voters of the Fire Island Pines Fire District, in the Town of Brookhaven, New York (the "Fire District"), shall be held at the Firehouse, 34 Fire Island Boulevard, Fire Island Pines, New York, on July 28, 2026, at 5:45 P.M. (Prevailing Time) and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes.

Section 2. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper ballots and the Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots prepared, in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit "A" hereto, for use in voting.

Section 3. The Fire District Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said Special Election by causing a Notice in substantially the form set forth in Section 6 hereof to be published at least once, not less than twenty-seven (27) days nor more than thirty-four (34) days prior to the date of such Special Election, in the official newspaper of the Fire District, having general circulation within the Fire District, pursuant to the provisions of Section 175-c of the Town Law. In addition, said Notice or a copy thereof shall be:

(a) posted for at least fifteen (15) days, but not sooner than twenty (20) days prior to the Special Election, on the Fire District website, if one exists, and on the municipal website of the Town of Brookhaven and on the website(s), if any, of any town(s) or fire district(s) with which the Fire District contracts;

(b) posted on the sign board of the Fire District, if there be one; and

(c) provided to the Town Clerk of the Town of Brookhaven, and any town(s) with which the Fire District contracts, for posting on the bulletin board in the office of each Town Clerk and the sign board maintained by each Town Clerk pursuant to the provisions of subdivision six (6) of section thirty (30) of the Law; the Fire District Secretary shall confirm with the Town Clerk that pursuant to the provisions of said Section 175-c of the Law, the Town Clerk is directed to cooperate with the Fire District to ensure timely notification of the Special Election.

Section 4. The following resident Fire District electors who are registered voters of the Town are hereby appointed to act as Chairman, Election Inspectors and Ballot Clerks, respectively, at the said Special Election:

Kris Grabowski Karen Grabowski Mark Basta	

Section 5. The Fire District Secretary shall furnish the Election Inspectors, at Fire District expense, with all necessary registration books, papers, equipment and supplies.

Section 6. The Notice of Special Election shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE
TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN,
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
JULY 28, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the resolution duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Fire Island Pines Fire District, in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, a Special Election of the qualified voters of said Fire District on July 28, 2026, at 5:45 P.M. (Prevailing Time) and the polls shall remain open until 9:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes. The voting shall be at the Firehouse located at 34 Fire Island Boulevard, Fire Island Pines, New York.

The voting shall be upon the following Proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution of the Fire Island Pines Fire District, in the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, entitled: "BOND RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 19, 2026, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 TO FINANCE THE PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING FIREHOUSE, CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIREHOUSE, AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REMAINING STRUCTURE; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF SAID BONDS AND THE INTEREST THEREON AS THE SAME BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE," be approved?

All residents of the Fire District who were duly registered to vote with the Suffolk County Board of Elections at least 30 days prior to the date of the Special Election shall be eligible to vote at said Special Election.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

DATED: JUNE 19, 2026

RICHARD BARRY

FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY

Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Commissioner Cook and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Chairperson Rhodes-Teague
Vice-Chair Cook
Commissioner Boss
Commissioner Micheels
Commissioner McGarity

The resolution was declared adopted.

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MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOSS to accept the May 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Cook. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER COOK, seconded by CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE to spend \$65,087.00. All Commissioners voted in favor for the following:

Port Lumber Corp	Lumber	\$ 647.00
All American Awards	Dress Shirt	\$ 32.00
FIPPOA	Snow Check Transfer	\$14,850.00
SES	5/16/26 Respiratory Fit Test	\$ 1,790.00
FIPFD	30% Water Island Protection	\$14,559.00
All American Award	Chief's Tie Bar	\$ 55.00
NAPA	Misc Vehicle Repair Parts	\$ 191.00
Proliner	5-28-10 Repair & Transportation	\$ 5,700.00
Snapper Inn	Installation Dinner - Annual	\$ 22,986.00
Patchogue Advance	Publications/Notifications	\$ 287.00
Coastline	Gas & Lumber Freight	\$ 215.00
BOA Credit Card	Misc Expenses	\$ 1,502.00

Optimum Pest Control	Six Month Contract	\$ 795.00
Firematic	Air Cylinder	\$ 1,479.00

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, seconded by COMMISSIONER Cook to accept the Treasurer's Report. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, Seconded by Commissioner McGarity, to remove the platform at the former chief's home in the amount of \$1,500.00. Commissioners Rhodes-Teague, Cook, McGarity, Micheels all voted in favor. Commissioner Boss abstained.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER Boss to spend up to \$600.00 for the replacement of battery pack in Communications. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCGARITY, seconded by COMMISSIONER BOSS for \$15,215.20 for purchase of equipment involving the FEMA grant. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER BOSS in the amount of \$350.00 for First Aid Kits. All Commissioners voted in favor.