

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING September 12th, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN BOSS AT 6:00 P.M.

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

Present:

Walter Boss, Chair
Holly Rhodes-Teague, Vice Chair
Joseph Micheels
Richard Barry, Secretary
Kyle Merker, Department Chief
Jordan Cohen, Assistant Chief

SECRETARY REPORT -

Conversation was had concerning discussion with Bob Fuchs, Esq. regarding LOSAP vote. The vote by law has to take place on a Tuesday night. We will have the vote on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025 from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the firehouse. The last boat off the beach is at 5:50 p.m.. We may need to order a special ferry for folks who want to vote but cannot come to the beach until later in the day. The vote announcement and change of meeting date were both published in the LI Advance.

Discussed Etryke - battery finally got to the purchaser, thanks to Commissioner McGarity.

Our SAM Registration was renewed, and will now expire on 8/31/26.

Signed into the FEMAGO account and our grant application is still listed as "pending".

Cage Solutions updated our website for the LOSAP vote and change of meeting date.

Commissioner McGarity was supplied with tax affidavit paperwork and the department's tax ID exempt form. This is for the purchase of a new generator. The generator had to be ordered by the Board so it would come with a 10 year warranty. We discussed the email that was sent to the Board looking for approval.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Micheels, seconded by Chairman Boss in the amount of \$6,861.00 for the purchase of a generator. Commissioners Micheels, Boss, and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, Seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague to accept the 8/9/25 meeting minutes with two corrections. Commissioners Micheels, Boss, and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

TREASURER REPORT -

Discussed Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual, January 1 - September 12, 2025.

Next meeting we will go through projections for end of year expenses and remaining monies.

Discussed outstanding vouchers and pending motions. It was decided to do one motion for all of the following items:

LI Advance	\$ 109.50
Scott Pack Repair - Firematic	\$ 338.62
Misc Equipment - NAPA	\$ 338.44

Robert Fuchs, Esq.	\$ 467.50
South Shore - Gloves	\$ 2,993.90
Integrated Wireless - Radio Reprogram/batteries	\$ 1,989.00
Glatfelter Specialty Benefits	\$ 1,268.00
Coastline Freight	\$ 223.42
Fire Store - Nozzles	\$ 1,842.00
Kussmaul Electric	\$ 371.88
AED Superstore - Pads	\$ 114.00
Percy Hoek Insurance	\$20,191.00
All American Uniform	\$ 81.70
Sayville Ferry	\$ 196.00
Integrated Wireless - New Siren - West End	\$ 3,895.00

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, for a total of \$41,281.00 to pay the above listed items. Commissioners Micheels, Boss and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

Discussed written Treasurer's report.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRMAN BOSS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioners Boss, Micheels, and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

Discussed the 2026 proposed budget. We reviewed all line items, and due to requests we will be going over the 2% cap. The treasurer will submit it to the Town of Brookhaven.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BOSS to accept the 2026 proposed budget. Commissioners Micheels, Boss and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

CHIEF'S REPORT -

ACTIVITY REPORT:

ALARMS:

#4028 - 8/10/25	505 FIB - Grease fire in oven.
#4029 - 8/10/25	202A Pine Walk - Smoke condition from instant hot water heater
#4030 - 8/11/25	Pavillion - Alarm - Faulty detector
#4031 - 8/11/25	COOP - Unit 10, building A - FOTS
#4032 - 8/21/25	Beach Hill & Ocean. Report of swimmer in distress
#4033 - 8/25/25	236 Bay Walk - Propane/Garbage Shed fully involved
#4034 - 8/26/25	Mutual Aid w/CGFD - Man stuck in mud in Carrington Track
#4035 - 9/1/25	160 Ocean - Text SCPD - person on fire - It was an error
#4036 - 9/9/25	Pavillion - False alarm (cleaners)

DRILLS:

- #1405 - 8/13/25 Pump Ops 5-28-2, 5-28-7 (Wednesday)
- #1406 - 8/25/25 Long Hose Lay/Blitz Fire, review trucks 5, 9, 2 & 10
- #1407 - 9/06/25 Foam Drill
- #1408 - 9/10/25 Driver requalification (Wednesday)

MEETINGS:

- #1496 - 8/23/25 Department Meeting
- #1497 - 9/06/25 Department Meeting

MEMBERSHIP STATUS/COMMENTS:

- 1 Slate of Officers are as follows: Chief - Jordan Cohen; 1st Asst Chief - Joe Geiman; 2nd Asst Chief - Ian Hermanek; Captain - Stephen Moss; Lieutenant - Anthony Hird; Secretary - Mark Basta; Treasurer - Ray Lucia

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRMAN BOSS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS to approve the slate of Officers. Commissioners Rhodes-Teague, McGarity & Boss all voted in favor.

- 2 Discussed going back to "Plain Language" when using radios.
- 3 Hose Testing for Water Island and 5-28-1 scheduled for Thursday 9/18/25
- 4 Discussed issues with new truck - perhaps install a grab handle; create a list of items
- 5 Building discussion - batteries in Annex/smoke detectors/carbon monoxide/door Lighting in chief's office and mechanic rooms. Ballasts need to be changed out to LED
- 6 The chiefs' council wants to meet on September 21st at 9:30. The department will cater.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MICHEELS, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN BOSS to allow the Chiefs' Council meeting to take place at our firehouse on 9/21/25 at 9:30 a.m.. Commissioners Boss, Micheels & Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

- 7 2024 expense for Uniform & Bunker Gear. AAAU - one set received other ordered
2025 expense - Uniforms Beutel & Halpin - ordered (\$2,400.00)
- 8 Purchase requests - Two helmets at \$405 each; Pager Repair of \$175.00 for Anthony Hird; Uniform bits due to Officer change \$1,250.00; FF1 Text Books (10@100) \$1,000; 100 length of 1 ¾ hose for \$335.00.
- 9 All Gear has been repaired
- 10 Open items (previously approved) - Mask for Kevin Call has been received; Gloves for \$3,325.00 have been received; Gear Rack received; Batteries for flashlights all received; Five pagers with 2 year warranty have been received; Log Books are still on order; Uniforms for Beutel & Halpin are on order awaiting fitting; Nicosia is awaiting receipt.
- 11 We received Narcan from the SCPD which will be housed at the firehouse.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRMAN BOSS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE in the amount of \$2,350.00 to cover the costs of FF1 books, Uniforms bits and pager repair. Commissioners Boss, Micheels & Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

ALARMS/ISO/OSHA Changes/Reconciliations - Commissioner Rhodes-Teague

Pink Sheets were reviewed from 8/9/25 through 9/10/25

Bank Reconciliations were done for TD Bank up through 8/29/25; other Capital reconciliations through 8/2/25.

INSURANCE & LOSAP

We need to review our term life policies and see who is on the policies and the status. We will need to put on some of the newer members.

GROUND, PR

Commissioner McGarity, while not present, asked that we pick a date for a meeting with H2M. The present Commissioners felt that we would meet with H2M at the December meeting on 12/13/25. We also reviewed the listing of items that should be repaired in the very near future.

APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, RADIOS - Chairman Boss

Discussed underground services for the new generator and what needs to be dealt with first. We will need to make a new platform for the generator.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS -

Commissioner Micheels suggested the following items:

Asked that we clean or get a new Maltese Cross for the front of the firehouse.

Suggested that we swear in new members at the Board of Commissioners Meeting, after their physical and background checks. It will be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Suggested that the Chiefs go to Yaphank, to experience more hands-on training.

CHAIRMAN BOSS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:19 P.M..