

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER MEETING JUNE 7, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN BOSS AT 12:35 P.M.

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

Present:

Walter Boss, Chair

Holly Rhodes-Teague, Vice Chair

Eugene Cook

Rosemary Coluccio - PRESENT ONLY FROM 12:50 - 1:55 p.m.

Robert McGarity

Richard Barry, Secretary

Robert Marzella, Treasurer

Kyle Merker, Department Chief

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Joseph Micheels

- TRUCK COMMITTEE REPORT -

Former Chief Joseph Geiman made a presentation to the Board about his recent trip to inspect our new truck. One major issue that he found was that the transmission was not correct. We had issued a Change Order for a push-button transmission. This will be fixed prior to delivery of the vehicle. We discussed other Change Orders that were taken care of.

We discussed the Clean-Aire system. We have to take off the tip at the end of the exhaust pipe on #1 and put on a new vehicle. Also, discussed the tension on the mirrors and how it will be adjusted at Proliner. They need to add an air fill valve on the vehicle, which was in the specifications, but was not done. Lastly there was a large plate that has been installed on the underside of the front of the vehicle. There is an intake pipe in that area and the plate needs to be there.

Also, Proliner has offered to store old #1 in their yard. The Board then discussed how we will sell Truck #1. There is an additional vendor who does auctions. We will check into their requirements for listing.

The Board unanimously thanked the former Chief for all of his hard work on dealing with the building of the new vehicle.

- SECRETARY REPORT -

We discussed the Water Island contract and how the Town Board will vote on it shortly at their next meeting. We will need to get an agreement in writing with the Department on their split for the contract.

After conversation, it was agreed the secretary will contact Tim Leigh-Manuell to see who is handling our Domain name registration, and when it needs to be paid for renewal.

Advised the Board that we have three voting members of the public to work the polls on the night of Election. Kris Grae, Karen Grae and Joel Rosenbluth have volunteered.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Cook, Seconded by Commissioner McGarity to accept the meeting minutes of May 17, 2025. All Commissioners voted in favor.

#### - TREASURER'S REPORT -

A presentation was made by the District's Accountant Robert Craig concerning our Audit Report and our response to the Audit Report. A legal notice will be published in the LI Advance after this meeting.

We discussed with Mr. Craig our current LOSAP plan, since he handles many Fire Districts. He was asked for his opinion on what seems to be the average plan for Fire Districts on Long Island. He advised that the average Plan length was 40 years, and a rate of \$30 per year. Currently the FIP plan is 30 years and \$10 per year.

We discussed the conflict of interest memo from the Association of Fire Districts. We will need to have an additional disclosure concerning LOSAP on file. Attached to the meeting minutes are the Notice from Chairman Boss and Commissioner Rhodes-Teague.

We also discussed our issue with trying to get quotes from vendors for District work. Commissioner McGarity discussed with the Accountant all the steps and procedures that he took to get written quotes on the upcoming Generator purchase and installation. We were advised to document all steps when trying to get quotes from vendors. When we do spend the money we should attach all the documentation to the paid voucher.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Coluccio and seconded by Commissioner McGarity to accept the Audited Financial Report and Management Letter as presented for year 2024. All Commissioners voted in favor.

NOTE FOR THE MINUTES at 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Coluccio left the meeting.

The District Treasurer discussed the Budget to Actual, Profit and Loss statement through June 6, 2025. Discussed Payroll and Paid Family Leave and the Motions Report.

All American	Uniforms	\$ 184.00
All American	Custom Name Tags	\$ 95.00
VFIS	LOSAP Plan	\$54,164.00
Firematic Supply	CYL Refill 30 min	\$ 44.00
Patchogue Advance	Legal Notice Publication	\$ 61.00
NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	\$ 108.00
NY Diagnostics	Dept Physicals	\$ 7,975.00
SES	Mask Fit Tests	\$ 1,085.00

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague, Seconded by Commissioner Cook for \$64,470.00. Commissioners Rhodes-Teague, Cook, McGarity, Boss, all voted in favor. Commissioner Coluccio not present.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioners Boss, Rhodes-Teague, Cook and McGarity all voted in favor. Commissioner Coluccio not present.

#### CHIEF'S REPORT - ACTIVITY

##### ALARMS:

#4002	5/23/25	MA Cherry Grove Ice Palace - Auto alarm nothing showing
#4003	5/24/25	241 Bay Walk - House Fire
#4004	5/24/25	287 Bay Walk - report of smoke and malfunction of thermostat
#4005	5/24/25	141 Beach Hill - FOTS
#4006	5/30/25	36 FIB - Sip & Twirl auto alarm - use of smoke machine
#4007	5/30/25	Unit 153 Coop - FOTS
#4008	6/2/25	Unit 234 Coop - construction set off alarm

##### DRILLS:

#1370	5/30/25	Night Drill; Lighting, medical equipment, Scott Pak SCBA
#1371	6/7/25	Smoke maze, confined spaces, rehab set-up

##### MEETINGS:

#1487	5/17/25	FIPPOA Meeting - Class B Inspection
#1488	5/30/25	Department Meeting, review of 241 Bay Alarm
#1489	6/7/25	Department Meeting

##### WORK DETAIL:

#1378	4/19/25	Repack all 5' on 5-28-1 and 5-28-4
#1379	5/18/25	Install Throw Bags on beach in FIP and WI
#1380	5/25/25	Wash & repack hose on 5-28-2, repack 5-28-4

#### MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Keith Connor Beutel, Christian Halpin finishing up FF1

Probationary Members who passed physicals: C. Teague, S. Kolb, K. Call, A. Tingle, C. Navas, A. Gam & M. Schiavone

Members who are off probation are Tinzley, Kaing & Liquori.

Discussed the membership of Emrah Akyildiz.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner McGarity, seconded by Commissioner Boss for the approval of Emrah Akyildiz for membership in the department. Commissioners Boss, McGarity, Cook & Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor. Commissioner Coluccio not present.

Discussion had on putting a plan in place on how to deal with all of the new probationary members and how to place them during a fire.

#### REQUESTS/COMMENTS:

- 1 The Board at the request of the Chief went into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue involving FF David Seeds.
- 2 Recruiting - there are 2 more applicants in the pipeline. Issue at this point will be equipment and space.
- 3 Gear - All gear ordered and received. Discussed Mask Fit Test of FF Sperte and Gam.
- 4 Chiefs Radios have been reprogrammed.
- 5 Purchase requests - will put off ordering new firelines for 5-28-2.  
Need a new dress shirt for FF Basta
- 6 Items previously approved. Discussed Gear Cleaning and Repair.  
Gloves have been ordered  
Bunker Gear - would like to order two sets for Beutel and Halpin upon completion of FF1 or sooner.  
Discussed SCBA Bottles; Uniforms \$2,400.00 for Beutel and Halpin; Gear Rack was ordered; Batteries for Flashlights was ordered; 5 Pagers - Monitor VII have been ordered; Log Books - awaiting proof of changes; Wire Cutters - 8 ordered, 12 to be ordered; Two lengths of 5 inch hose; one 100ft and one 50ft has been ordered; Three eyeglass kits for the AV2000,

ordered and received; eyeglass kit and lens replacement for J. Cohen; 4 Thermal Imagers have been ordered; Rear Rack for ATV has been ordered; Gear Bags (10) have been ordered.

Talked about the air removal system regarding the new trucks in the garage. The Chief feels we do not need the system any longer with the new vehicles. We might consider removing the system.

Talked about the Madonna cart for the moving of items during a fire, the possibility of a standup Motrek.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner McGarity in the amount of \$200.00 for the purchase of FF Basta's dress shirt. Commissioners Cook, McGarity, Rhodes-Teague and Boss voted in favor. Commissioner Coluccio not present.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS -

Insurance & LOSAP - Commissioner Coluccio

Not present - No Report

GROUNDS & PR - Commissioner McGarity

Now that we have gotten approval and direction from our auditor, we would like to proceed with obtaining the new generator and having it installed. The parts and installation quote was \$34,412.00. We will attach all documentation of the vendors who were contacted with their responses, to the paid voucher. We still need to address issues on the current proposal, and will hopefully have an updated proposal for next meeting.

We will do the grounds inspection by H2M on June 20th, 2025 at 10 a.m.

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

All Bank reconciliations were completed up to May 31, 2025 . Pink sheets up until 5/30/25 were reviewed.

APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, RADIOS - CHAIRMAN BOSS

Discussed arrival of the new truck, and suggestions on how to dispose of the old #1.

BUDGET & RECORDS - COMMISSIONER COOK

Discussed the Bank of America credit card. There are six administrators on the account, dating back to former Commissioner Perez. Commissioner Cook suggested that Commissioner McGarity, Commissioner Cook, and Treasurer Marzella, be administrators on the account. It

was also requested that only two people have District Credit Cards. It was suggested that the District Mechanic and Commissioner Cook would have District Credit Cards. It was also suggested that we increase our line of credit from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, seconded by Commissioner McGarity, that there now be three administrators on the account (as listed above) and increase our line of credit to \$10,000.00. Also, we only have two credit cards issued to Commissioner Cook and the District Mechanic. Commissioners Boss, McGarity, Cook & Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor. Commissioner Coluccio not present.

Discussion regarding a lawsuit against the Town of Brookhaven. The District has been named along with FIPPOA in the lawsuit. Paperwork will be forwarded to our insurance agent to handle our defense. This is an incident that happened on a boardwalk that was nowhere near the fire department grounds.

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The conflict of interest letters concerning LOSAP from Commissioners Boss and Rhodes-Teague were read into the record and are attached to the meeting minutes.

The filing for the Election in the LI Advance has been published. Commissioner Rhodes-Teague will order food for the evening of District elections.

We will contact our Attorney concerning Board members who are Firefighters voting for LOSAP.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:23 P.M.

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire Island Pines Fire District  
FROM: Walter Boss  
DATE: June 7, 2025  
SUBJECT: LOSAP Disclosure

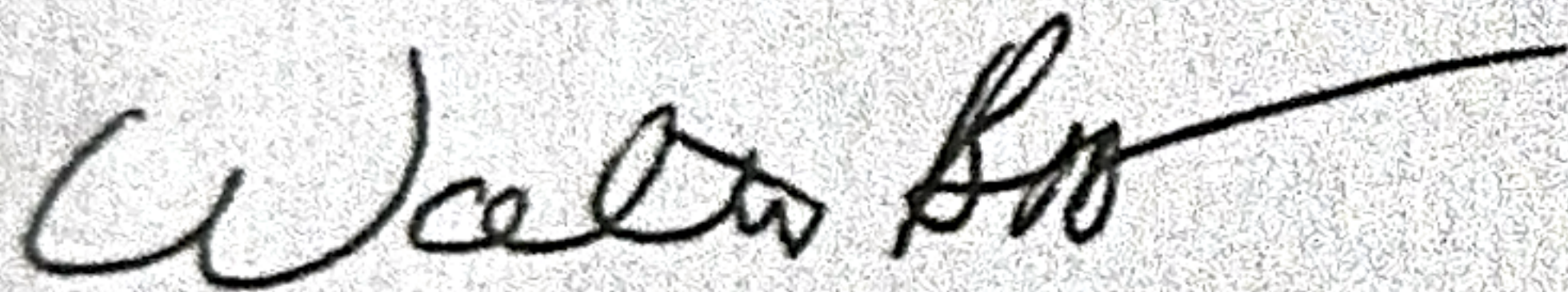
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Currently, I wish to disclose that I am a volunteer member of the Fire Island Pines Fire Department.

I would ask that this disclosure be read off at the next meeting of the Board and be made a part of and set forth in the official minutes/record of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Walter Boss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Walter Boss  
Commissioner

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire Island Pines Fire District  
FROM: Holly Rhodes-Teague  
DATE: June 7, 2025  
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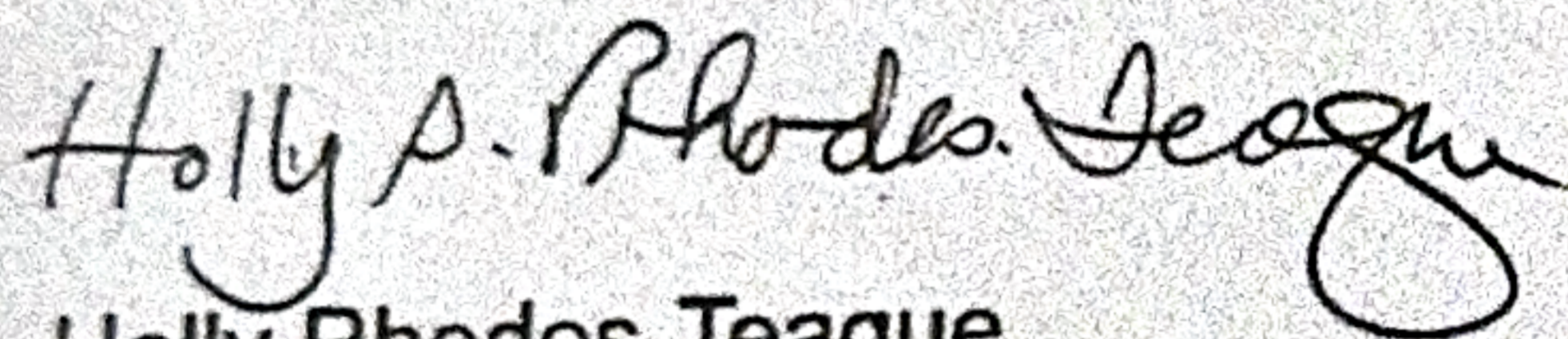
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