

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
 COMMISSIONER MEETING July 14th, 2026
 Fire Island Pines Fire House

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN RHODES-TEAGE AT 6 P.M.
 Pledge of Allegiance recited by all, followed by a moment of silence.

Holly Rhodes-Teague, Chair
 Eugene Cook, Vice-Chair
 Walter Boss
 Robert McGarity
 Richard Barry, Secretary
 Robert Marzella, Treasurer
 Jordan Cohen, Chief - via Zoom

SECRETARY REPORT -

Grant Guys \$1500.00 bill - FEMA reimbursement received
 Semi-annual filing with FEMA completed
 Election taking place for one commissioner vacancy this evening.
 Matthew Owens & David Gumbus, entered into NYS LENS System and a personnel file
 was created for both.
 Review of 6/19/26 meeting minutes.
 *** See Motion Page ***

TREASURER REPORT -

Discussed legal fees, and noted some are due to the renovation and new build. Our CD comes
 due in September 2026. Reviewed actual to budget, spending, repairs to the building and what
 has been paid. Treasurer has prepared a new page to be presented at monthly meetings titled
 "New Firehouse". Reviewed all the checks issued this month. Had to order new checks for the
 office. Lastly, reviewed proposed "thank you" letter for donations to the District for new
 building/renovation.

Discussed items that need to be purchased and bills to be paid. *** See Motions Page ***

CHIEF REPORT - ACTIVITY REPORT -

ALARMS -

6/20/26	#4085	Auto Alarm CO-OPS - Food on Stove
6/20/26	#4086	65 Bay Walk - Smoke Detector activation - false trip

7/4/26	#4087	509 Fisherman - Brush fire caused by fireworks.
7/8/26	#4088	Auto Alarm CO-OPS - Food on Stove
7/12/26	#4089	534 Sail Walk - Smoke detector activation
7/13/26	#4090	57 Picketty Ruff Walk - False smoke detector activation

DRILLS

6/26/26	#1425	Night Drill - Lighting/Generators
7/8/26	#1426	Alt Drill #4 - Pump OPS, hose handling
7/11/26	#1427	SCFA@FIPFD - Marina Fires

WORK DETAILS

6/27/26	#1394	Truck checks/SCBA checks
7/4/26	#1395	Invasion Duty Crew

MEETINGS

6/26/26	#1511	General Meeting
7/11/26	#1512	Officers Meeting
7/11/26	#1513	General Meeting & Special Election

SCFA

7/12/26	#1428	Yaphank Flashover
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MEMBERSHIP STATUS

New Aux Member - John Minh Huynh - Background check cleared - need Board approval

*** See Motion Page ***

New Aux Member - John Schuab - Background check sent out for review, request approval pending his cleared background check. *** See Motion Page ***

Ian Hermanek - resigned as Second Assistant Chief - Wants to be first due and hose line

*** See Motion Page ***

Matt Cashman won the Special Election for 2nd Asst Chief. *** See Motion Page ***

REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Status of 5-28-1 handles - hasn't changed.

5-28-10 back on the beach. Does not pump with pressure. Gears on back are exposed. Truck is not really back in service.

Need water can for 5-28-10. Current one has a bad pressure gauge. (\$142.49) *** See Motion Page ***

Need new set of irons for 5-28-10. (\$343.41) *** See Motion Page ***

Trashline installed on 5-28-1

Need to purchase one 1-½" nozzle for 5-28-1 for trashline. We are currently out of nozzles. We took one from #7 and put on #1 for now. (\$1,600.00) *** See Motion Page ***

SCBA/PPE Grant - Orders placed, waiting on boot samples to size boots

FF Kolb, Akyldiz & Call, would like to take FF2 in October. Registration starts August 5th.

Discussed that Ocean Beach repeater for radio is down and what will be taking place to repair it.

Discussed the storage of the bunker gear washer/dryer and where to place in firehouse.

BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2027.

Discussed the following items that will be needed for next year.

Three sets of turnout gear. Fridsberg, Teague, Cashman will all expire next year.

Battery operated roof saw in the amount of \$3,780.00

Battery operated large chain saw in the amount of \$1,140.00

Six additional Milwaukee lights - \$260.00 each

2 Automatic Nozzles (TFT-F745081 & H-722323) \$1,600.00 each

Replace 5-28-7 with a 4-door heavy duty Polaris that can handle the weight of pump. Current 5-28-7 can be sold and money for it can be put towards new vehicle. New vehicle cost would be \$17,029.00

Eight Class A dress uniforms for new members

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

BUDGETS/RECORDS/INSURANCE/LOSAP - Cook

We discussed the Chief's proposed items needed for next year. Also, a new insurance questionnaire needs to be filled out, and will be done shortly.

GROUNDS - Micheels

Commissioner Micheels was not present this evening, but sent an email with the following items to discuss:

Optimum Pest Control is also servicing the Chief's Office.

First Aid Kits were ordered and the vendor was provided with tax exempt forms.

Updating of bylaws will be reviewed by the department by-law committee later in July.

Secretary Barry contacted the Highway Department to discuss overgrown bamboo and shrubbery on FI Blvd. Pictures were supplied by FF Kolb and forwarded to the Town. We will follow up.

The Department has disposed of some bunker gear. A donation was made to the Farrill Foundation.

We will hold up on the ordering of a dumpster until after the annual BBQ.

The Board all agreed to hold over until next year the finger scanner with software to track member participation.

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

Pink Sheets from 6/20/26 to 7/13/26 were reviewed.

Bank reconciliations to June 30, 2026 completed.

Apparatus, Equipment, Radios - Boss

Discussed issues with radios and channels that are currently in service.

GRANTS - Commissioner McGarity & Secretary Barry

Secretary Barry spoke with Robert Smith, Esq. (bond counsel). He wanted to make sure we had filed the notice for the special election with LI Advance and posted it to the website. Will notify him of the election results after 7/28.

Commissioner McGarity discussed with the Board, if approved by the community, that we proceed for a BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) of \$400,000.00. This would be part of the \$3 million bond that the Board has approved. It was agreed that if the community approves the bond, that we will immediately proceed for a BAN in the amount of \$400,000.00. This will be used for initial bills for the project.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS -

Discussed various options of the first floor layout of the renovation project, septic system, battery storage area.

Also, our dedicated webpage concerning the new build/renovation of the firehouse.

CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m..

COMMISSIONER MEETING RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS OF 7/14/26

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to accept the meeting minutes of June 19, 2026. Commissioners Rhodes-Teague, Cook, Boss and McGarity voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER COOK, seconded by COMMISSIONER MCGARITY to spend \$14,283.00. COMMISSIONERS Rhodes-Teague, Cook, Boss and McGarity all voted in favor for the following:

Bank of America Credit Card	\$ 426.00	Miscellaneous Expenses
All American Award/Uniform	\$ 760.00	Miscellaneous Uniform items
Firematic	\$ 157.00	Cylinders
Robert Fuchs, Esq	\$1,843.00	Legal fees
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NY Diagnostics	\$8,725.00	Physicals - Department
All American Award/Uniform	\$ 54.00	Misc Uniform
LI Advance	\$ 82.00	Legal publication
Arthur Nelsen Lic Electrician	\$ 275.00	Electric work
NAPA	\$ 105.00	Auto Parts

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER COOK to approve the Treasurer's Report. COMMISSIONERS Cook, McGarity, Rhodes-Teague and Boss all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOSS, seconded by CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE to accept the resignation of Ian Hermaneck and to approve the special election of Matt Cashman as 2nd Assistant Chief. Commissioners Boss, Rhodes-Teague, Cook and McGarity all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOSS, seconded by COMMISSIONER COOK to accept Auxiliary Member John Minh Huynh. Commissioners Boss, Cook, McGarity and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BOSS, seconded by COMMISSIONER COOK to accept Auxiliary Member John Schuab, pending all background checks being completed. Commissioners Cook, Boss, McGarity and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER MCGARITY in the amount of \$142.49 for a new water can. Commissioners Boss, Cook, McGarity and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCGARITY, seconded by COMMISSIONER BOSS in the amount of \$343.41 for a new set of irons. Commissioners Boss, Cook, McGarity and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.

MOTION MADE BY CHAIRPERSON RHODES-TEAGUE, seconded by COMMISSIONER BOSS in the amount of \$1,600.00 for a new nozzle. Commissioners Boss, Cook, McGarity and Rhodes-Teague all voted in favor.