

FIRE ISLAND PINES FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING JULY 8, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN BOSS AT 6:20 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

Robert McGarity

Richard Barry, Secretary

Kyle Merker, Department Chief

Jordan Cohen, Assistant Chief

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Joseph Micheels & Mark Ski

- SECRETARY REPORT -

Bob Fuchs, Esq. advised us that the contract has not gone before the Town Board but is still with the Town Attorney's office. It was agreed to give the Town an additional month to see where we are in the process.

The sold Etryke went off the beach without its battery pack. This is something that is necessary for the vehicle to run. It was decided that the battery pack will go off the beach this coming Saturday to Coastline Freight.

We received a resignation letter from Commissioner Rosemary Coluccio. The chief will take her off the FRES email listing. We have taken her off the Commission email exchange. The chief has also requested uniform items back from her as well via email on July 8th.

MOTION MADE by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Rhodes-Teague to accept the resignation of Commission Coluccio. All Commissioners voted to accept the resignation effective June 24th, 2025, as per her resignation letter.

We were informed from VFIS that LOSAP raises will be paid effective August 1, 2025 and be retroactive from April 1, 2025.

Joseph Micheels has put in a letter to run for Commissioner and was placed on our ballot. He was the only person requesting to run for Commissioner.

MOTION MADE by Chairman Boss, seconded by Commissioner McGarity to accept the June 7, 2025 meeting minutes with two corrections. All Commissioners voted in favor.

- Treasurer Report -

Treasurer Marzella, could not be present this evening, and will issue his report at our next meeting.

- Chief's Report -

ACTIVITY REPORT

ALARMS:

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| #4010 6/10/25 | Co-op Unit 234 - Nothing Showing |
| #4011 6/18/25 | 41 Picketty Ruff - Faulty Detector |
| #4012 6/19/25 | 37 FI Blvd - Pavillion Auto Alarm - Nothing Showing |
| #4013 6/20/25 | 609 Shore Walk - Smoke Investigation |
| #4014 6/21/25 | 345 Shell Walk - Faulty Gas regulator |
| #4015 6/26/25 | 37 FI Blvd - Pavillion - False Trip Smoke Detector |
| #4016 6/26/25 | 37 FI Blvd - Pavillion - Chief Investigation - False Trip Smoke Detector |
| #4017 6/29/30 | 36 FI Blvd - False Trip Smoke Detector - Retail Store |
| #4018 6/30/25 | 36 FI Blvd - False Trip Smoke Detector - Retail Store |
| #4019 7/1/25 | 11 Ocean Walk - Smoke in house from fireplace |
| #4020 7/2/25 | 149 Ocean Walk - Smell of Gas |
| #4021 7/4/25 | 37 FI Blvd - Pavillion - Smoke Detector via smoke machine |
| #4022 7/5/25 | Helipad - Patient Transport Activation (called off) |
| #4023 7/5/25 | 149 Ocean Walk - Smell of Gas |

DRILLS:

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| #1372 6/11/25 | Wednesday Drill; 5-28-4 & 5-28-2. Pumping and Hose Handling |
| #1373 6/22/25 | Yaphank - Class A |
| #1374 6/28/25 | Mutual Aid with Cherry Grove |
| #1375 6/29/25 | Yaphank - Flashover |

MEETINGS:

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| #1490 6/14/25 | Annual Dinner, Class A Inspection |
| #1491 6/28/25 | Department Meeting |

WORK DETAIL:

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| #1381 6/21/25 | Driver Requalification |
| #1382 6/29/25 | Remove hose from 5-28-1 to prepare for new truck |

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

Connor Beutel and Christian Halpin both passed FF1. Probation ends for both on 9/24/25.

Probationary Member Emrah Akyildiz passed his physical on June 27th. He will now start probation.

Recruiting - we have two new interested applicants.

Uniforms and Turnout Gear - Discussion regarding our Grant application. We had applied for 18 Bunker Gear and 25 SCBA's

Dress Uniforms would like to order for FF Beutel and Halpin to get in time for this year's budget

Purchase Request -

One 50 foot of 1 ¾

Kevin Call needs a new mask.

MOTION MADE BY Commissioner Cook, seconded by Chairman Boss in the amount of \$350.00 for the purchase of a mask. All Commissioners voted in favor.

All Gear Decontamination has been completed. A repair list has been sent to Frank Lau to obtain an estimate

Open Items (previously approved.)

The gloves, gear rack, rear rack for ATV, gear bags, four thermal imagers, Two lengths of five inch hose, one 100ft and one 50ft have all been received.

Batteries for flashlights - 5 ordered and 3 received

Five pagers have been ordered

Log Books - awaiting proof changes

Wire Cutters - eight ordered, twelve to be ordered

Purchased stickers for Scott Packs

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Chief asked to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. A Conversation was had.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER RHODES-TEAGUE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COOK, TO ACCEPT INTO OUR INVENTORY A DONATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF 5-28-8, a new vehicle which was donated to the Department by Steve Ibrahim of Island Home Improvement. All Commissioners voted in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUDGET & RECORDS - Commissioner Cook

Discussed preliminary budget items, removal of some hose from inventory, credit line request with Bank of America.

INSURANCE & LOSAP -

Commissioner Cook discussed the renewal paperwork for our existing policy. He will handle that until someone is appointed to handle Insurance & LOSAP. Will add our new truck to our existing policy.

GROUND & PR - Commissioner McGarity

Discussed the generator bid. We have been informed that the bid will be redrafted. We have assembled all of the documentation for who was contacted, and what their responses were. The report of the building's evaluation should be available in another 2-3 weeks. An emergency bar on the upstairs door was discussed.

Alarms, ISO, OSHA changes, Reconciliations - Commissioner Rhodes-Teague

Pink Sheets were reviewed from June 7, 2025 - July 7, 2025. We will do bank reconciliations at the next meeting when the treasurer is present.

Apparatus, equipment, radios - Chairman Boss

Discussed the arrival of our new vehicle and the steps that still need to be taken for delivery. We discussed how helpful Joe Geiman has been with the sale of the old trucks. We will try to get some advice from Bob Fuchs, Esq. on what we can do to financially thank Joe Geiman with all of what he has done.

Discussed the BOFFA party and the permit. We also discussed parking on FI Blvd and how there are vehicles parking on the northside of the Boulevard.

Rich Moffet of Integrated Wireless estimate for replacement of the west end siren and control. The cost for the siren is \$3,895.00. The control price was \$2,839.00. We will discuss this further at the August meeting.

We also discussed helmets being worn while operating the ATV. Commissioner Cook will consult with our Insurance carrier to see what needs to be done.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Tonight's Election. There were 17 ballots cast for Commissioner. Joseph Micheels received 17 ballots and will be Commissioner effective January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2030. The appropriate paperwork will be filed with the Town Clerk's office.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.