



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
October 23, 2013 MEETING

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Vice Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Firefighter Jeffery C. Berser, North Babylon Volunteer Fire Company.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting were accepted by a motion from T. Crafts and seconded by R. Sorrentino. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: via email

The opening balance was \$4190.78. Balance at SC National Bank is \$3192.18; balance at FASNY is \$1001.02; total available balance (both accounts) is \$4193.20. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

N. Reilly questioned why all monies have not been switched.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera

Defer until Fire Academy report.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

Absent. No report.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

Absent. No report

Fire Marshal's Report: E. Springer

Absent. No report

Fire Academy: B. Holley

- FF-1 Graduation held on October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Medal of Valor has not been rescheduled as of now and the feeling I get is that it will probably be after 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.
- Had first meeting to discuss the new contract on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Second meeting is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We have received 3 resumes for VEEB position and they have been forwarded to the major organization presidents for their recommendation.
- Firefighter-2 hybrid program is up and running. Very successful this time
- Firefighter-1 program will be rolled out in early January.
- Informational meetings have been scheduled on the new Firefighter-1 program
  - 10/16 – Riverhead @ 7:30pm / 10/17 – SCFA @ 7:30pm / 10/23 – Huntington Manor @ 7:30pm
  - 10/24 – Centereach @ 7:30pm
  - 11/3 – East Farmingdale @ 9:30am

LaFerrera – Recommended Operating Budget came out and it has 6 months of funding for FA. If all goes well, it doesn't say where the money is coming from for the last six months of the year.

Holley – it was a huge concern of mine and the exact amount has been placed in a reserve account and that money will be moved. In other words the money has been allocated.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

Everything is moving along well. We are doing fine.

EMS:

Absent. No report.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

Absent. No report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly.

- Met on Oct. 9. Discussed dual band radios for FRES; emphasized cooperation with PD; work on Radio Room and temporary move to Coram Back-up Center.
- Miniutti – Some work is being done here. Should be back about mid-November.
- Supporting Brentwood operation; supported EMS with pandemic exercise, and others.
- Commissioner and I attended a meeting regarding a Motorola proposal to rebuild a radio system.
- Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

Absent. No report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

Absent. No report.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

No report.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

No meeting until next month.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

No report.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- Numbers are up and materials are all there.
- Since launch of new campaign there were about 55-56 new recruits.
- 2009 SAFER grant expires October 2014 and we have submitted another grant application.

N. Reilly proposed a motion to write a letter for FRES Commission to send a letter of support.

T. Crafts seconded and motion carried.

Old Business:

D. Carrigan – members nominated for new positions usually would go through FRES Commission and we would have brought it to our organizations – now it seems that the Joint Council is bypassing this protocol.

When Jay Egan was up on podium with other presidents it seemed as if what he was saying was already approved. Your point is, I believe, that we should be more involved.

New Business:

Questions about hybrid program, if something happens like a death in the family, how does that work? (R. Murphy). Holley: There is a frequently asked questions on website. We know that there will be extenuating circumstances. There is a lead person who should be contacted and we have a process in place to make up the class for the student.

Course is structured and there are interspersed hands-on/face-to-face segments. Quizzes are given on line, etc. they have to progress at a steady pace. As long as you get it done by due dates, you can do it whenever you want. Instructor can sign in and see the progress the student is making.

Public Comment:

Legislator Browning couldn't make it tonight. November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm is general meeting for Operating Budget.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by R. Sorrentino and seconded by B. Prosek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
T. LaFerrera	C. Bancroft	R. Holley	R. Knight
A. Bloom	E. Tully	G. Miniutti	Capt. John Blosser
V. Bologna	D. Silverman	T. Portoghese	
R. Murphy	J. Egan		
N. Luparella	J. Carney		
T. Crafts			
A. Sullo			
D. Carrigan			
R. Sorrentino			
N. Reilly			
F. Thornhill			
B. Prosek			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, December 4, 2013
<b>TIME</b>	8:00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	R. Murphy and N. Luparella