

THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Jim Clark, Jim Hall, Terry Koch and Paul Latuso.
Chief Doug Pyne, 1st Asst. Chief Tom Smalling, 2nd Asst. Chief Dan Cross, Senior Houseman
John McKenna.

Meeting Called To Order At 7:00 PM.
Minutes From The October 11, 2023 Meeting Approved.
Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$56,342.56.

Chief Pyne:

There was a very good turnout for the Fire Prevention Open House on October 14th.
The Firehouse will be decorated for Christmas this weekend.
We will be attending the Holly Parade in the Town Of Huntington on Saturday, November 18.
Truck Committee had a meeting to discuss purchase of a Rescue Truck.

Terry Koch:

Confirmed ambulance now scheduled for delivery in March 2024.

John McKenna:

Details of the budget meeting at the Treasurer's Office with Commissioners Phil Weber and Paul Latuso
attached which includes John's monthly report.
House Committee met to discuss other renovations for the stairway, front lobby and Station One.

Meeting Adjourned At 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

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John McKenna reporting –

- 15 work orders received. 12 are complete, 3 pending.
- 2926 is at Britannia Yachting Center and will be pulled for winter dry dock sometime this week.
- Ex-Capt. Dave Weber has been in contact with the repairman who has the fire damaged generator from 2926. He suggests the generator could be repaired and might be sold for approximately \$8,000 and that \$8,000 could be applied to the cost of a new generator. We're going to follow Ex-Capt. Weber's advice.
- Contract for phase II of the firehouse renovation is here and needs to be signed. The start date will be the first week of the new year.
- All four furnaces (two at each firehouse) broke down. The Village has a contract with ICM to make the repairs. ICM has been having trouble sourcing the needed parts for the furnaces. The Medics are currently using an electric space heater in their ready room. The Village has been pushing ICM for more than two weeks to get the repairs done. As of today, ICM says the parts for Station 1 furnaces have been located and they expect the repair to be completed by Friday of this week.
- The roof top air conditioner (kitchen), which had two blown motors, has been repaired. We are still awaiting the requested repair of the Dispatch Room's air conditioners.
- The 5" supply hose has arrived for the new Engine 294.
- The arrival of the new 2911 (Ford Utility Truck) has been delayed again. It MAY be here someday this week.
- Our firefighter turn-out gear vendor has advised us that the State Contract for structural firefighter turn-out gear will expire December of this year. The new State Contract is expected to reflect a 20% increase in pricing. Our vendor has indicated our annual order (10 sets) could be made now and billed next year so that we can get our order in under this year's contract price. Seeking authorization to place the order now.
- Preliminary budget meeting was held at the Treasurer's Office with Commissioners Weber, Latuso, Treasurer Siobhan Costello, Asst. Treasurer Janine D'Orio and myself present. The initial (combined) budget submitted from the Chief's Office, Lead Medic and myself reflected a 19.75% increase. The Commissioners (and Treasurers) requested a significant decrease from the proposal. The budget has been reworked and is submitted and reflects a 3.7% increase.
- Budget deletion sheets have been prepared to illustrate what the Department is foregoing in the 2024-2025 operating budget.
- At the request of Asst. Chief Smalling, apparatus fuel and SCBA packs are checked daily on the weekday 6AM-6PM tour. Power hand tools remain checked weekly.
- The fire department is requesting permission to store the Christmas float inside fire headquarters from this week through Christmas. The High Water Rescue truck, Village Pickup truck and Village Car (299) will be relocated outside to accommodate the space needed by the Christmas float. We have no objection.
- Completed research requested by the Commissioners re: Call-In Emergency Medical Technician programs throughout the Town of Huntington and provided the results of same to Commissioner Latuso.