

THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 9, 2021  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

**PRESENT:** Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Jim Hall, Tony Graziano and Paul Latuso.  
Chief Dennis Sheridan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief Tom Smalling, Lead Paramedic Tom McCarthy.  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Jim Clark, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief Doug Pyne, Houseman Larry Wine

**Meeting Called To Order At 7:00 PM.**

**Minutes From The October 12, 2021 Meeting Approved.**

**Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$37,215.77.**

**Chief Sheridan:**

- Rescue Squad requests 60 standby shirts from Map Custom, Commack, NY. for approximate cost of \$28 to \$30 each for total of \$1,800. Board approves expenditure.
- Truck Committee met with representatives from Pierce and Hendrickson. We received a preliminary proposal from Hendrickson for a new 2022 PL Custom ambulance equivalent to the current models in-service at this time, Ford Super Duty F450 4WD. Estimated cost is \$304,000 w/o the Striker Lift System for the stretcher or any new or additional equipment.
- Pierce provided an update on the replacement Engine as follows:  
The Rescue/Pumper as specified last year has increased in price.  
The February 2021 base cost increased by 4%, which is approximately \$32,000.  
Pierce typically adjusts the cost of materials annually, this year higher than expected resulting in approximately another \$25,000 added to the base cost of the Rescue Pumper.  
New estimated cost is now \$855,000.  
In February 2022 Pierce will implement another cost increase.  
The Firematic sales representative believes the increase will push the cost of the Rescue Pumper over \$900,000.  
All fire apparatus manufacturers are seriously concerned that new Federal and State emission standards expected to be implemented within the next two years, will dramatically impact the sale and use of diesel powered apparatus nationwide.
- There are a growing number of CARB states including California, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Washington D.C. Most have strict emission standards and require vehicles to be tested annually or biennially (every other year).  
CARB is significant and its enforcement is helping combat air pollution by regulating vehicles that produce emissions and making sure they are compliant with current standards.
- Fire Department has authorized the purchase of a new Chief's vehicle.  
The MDT and radio equipment will be transferred from the 2011 Tahoe.  
Emergency Lights/Sirens and a vented equipment box will be needed.  
The budget for this work is \$18,000.
- Received the Maintenance Agreement for Tower Ladder 297 for an annual cost of \$5,845.
- On Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Headquarters and Station 1 will be decorated for the holidays.

- Village Tree Lighting will be on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.  
Houseman John McKenna dropped off the following report from Houseman Larry Wine:
  1. Hydrant markers have been installed for the winter.
  2. 2-9-26 relocated to Britannia for the winter.
  3. Elevator out of service. TK Elevator Service tech came and now waiting for an appraiser to come and make a parts list. Called today for an update.
  4. Pagers have been received and are being programmed. Next week should be able to Simulcast on both Low and Uhf frequencies and start handing out.
  5. Driving around testing Uhf frequency with portables. Need to put in chiefs' cars to try on all calls.
  6. Working with Siohban, Treasury Department regarding payment of some outstanding vendor bills.
  7. Budget items for next year needed by Treasurer as soon as possible.
  8. Working with PD and radio company to get low band transmitter and Police Department Uhf back-up radio working with Lightpath and not Verizon.

**Tom McCarthy:**

- Request additional four hours paid time for a medic to assist the Rescue Squad with training. Board approves expenditure.
- Sending a list to Joe Cavagnaro for repairs for the 2-9-80 car.
- Hiring Patrick Daly as a paramedic to cover the Saturday tour. He should be starting in December.
- Modems are in for the cardiac monitors.
- Paramedic Anthony Guerne is out with an injury.

**Jim Hall:**

Member Paul Scherer with 58 years service passed recently.

**Tony Graziano:**

Request the Board send a fruit basket to Paramedic Anthony Guerne. Secretary will take care of this. Request the façade at Headquarters be cleaned before decorations are put up. Secretary will send memo to Larry Wine.

**Meeting Adjourned At 8:00 PM.**

**Next Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, December 14, 2021 AT 7:00 PM.**