

THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 14, 2024
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Paul Latuso, Terry Koch, William Koran and Jim Clark. Chief Tom Smalling, 1st Asst. Chief Dan Cross, 2nd Asst. Chief William Sherer, Sr. Firehouse Attendant John McKenna.

Meeting Called To Order At 6:00 PM.
Minutes From The April 9, 2024 Meeting Approved.
Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$81,562.65.

Chief Smalling:

Here is a video on recruitment and retention made up by the County Executive Office:
See the link: <https://youtu.be/MmVNQuje1lg?feature=shared>.

William Sherer:

Request purchase of a dewalt cutting saw for \$822.48. This item is on a list prepared by Matt Cambria for requested purchases.

Terry Koch:

New Ambulance will be ready for August/September time frame.
New Pumper is being built.

John McKenna:

Please see attached the full monthly report. Here are some items from that report:

1. Distributed a list of equipment requested for the new 2-9-4 engine. This list was prepared by Matt Cambria after meeting with Captain Koran and Captain Gerow going through the old equipment and what new equipment is out there and where we can cut cost.
2. Rescue Squad requests purchase of two E-bikes (pedal assist) for use with the seasonal EMS Bike Patrol. The cost from Trek Bicycle in East Northport is \$3,999.98.-**APPROVED**
3. Request for 6 sets of new turnout gear for a total of \$34,921.00-**APPROVED**
4. John reported on the new paid EMT program. They are in the 4th week of the program. They are pleased with the 12 new hires and Roland Buzard, Village Administrator is requesting an additional 6 from the Suffolk County Civil Service office.
5. Stairs and landings have been completed at the Firehouse.
6. Vehicles will be waxed and detailed before Memorial Day Parade On May 27th.

Meeting Adjourned At 7:15 PM.

Next Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, June 11, 2024 At 6:00 PM.

John McKenna reporting –

- There were 7 work orders received in the month of April. 6 are complete, 1 is pending.
- 2926 has had repeat problems with the outboard motors not holding synchronization. The starboard engine's hydraulic lines were found to be leaking. KG Marine was called and told of the leak. Keith, the mechanic, removed and replaced two lines on Tuesday, May 7th. The new generator install was set for Wednesday May 8th.
- NYS motor vehicle inspections have begun. 295, 296, 298, 2912 and 2923 have been inspected by both Northport Auto Service Center and Northport Spring & Brake. All vehicles passed NYS inspection.
- Spring detailing has begun. All vehicles will be waxed and detailed before the Memorial Day Parade on the 27th of this month.
- Rescue Truck 2910 had an issue with the Kussmaul charger not charging battery bank #1 (two batteries on the passenger side). Joe Cavagnaro (Central Garage) determined the existing unit had an electrical short somewhere internally. The charger was removed and sent to Kussmaul Electronics to be rebuilt.
- All firefighter turnout gear has been inspected and the results have been received by this office. Along with the inspection results came an estimate for costs of the recommended repairs (the estimate was \$6,022.98). I did recontact the vendor to question the high price and asked if any of these results have resulted in any garments being condemned. She indicated that none of the items in the report would cause a "remove from service" recommendation. She states the repairs noted are only suggested repairs to help extend the service life of the garments. After reviewing the report, I have isolated 13 sets that have multiple repairs suggested. I'd like to send out the 13 sets for repair at a cost of \$3,576.73
- We are in the 4th week of our new paid EMT program. We are pleased with the new hires, and they have been working out very well. There are 12 of them and the Village Administrator is requesting an additional 6 from the Suffolk County Civil Service office.
- New E-Hurst tools (vehicle extrication) have been ordered for the new Engine 294.
- Matt Cambria along with Captains Gerow & Koran inventoried the tools and equipment from the old Engine 294. See attached report from Matt.
- The Rescue Squad is requesting permission to purchase two E-bikes (pedal assist) for use with the seasonal EMS Bike Patrol. The lowest estimate (for two bikes) is from Trek Bicycle East Northport in the amount of \$3,999.98 (these bikes were included in the build of this year's approved budget).