

THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 19, 2024
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Paul Latuso, Terry Koch, William Koran, Jim Clark,
Chief Tom Smalling, 2nd Asst. Chief William Scherer, Sr. Firehouse Attendant John McKenna.

ABSENT: 1st Asst. Chief Dan Cross.

Meeting Called To Order At 6:00 PM.

Minutes From The July 16, 2024 Meeting Approved.

Fire Warrant Approved In The Amount Of \$68,777.61.

Chief Smalling:

Received a letter from Mayor Leticia of Asharoken Village asking Fire Department for support in asking Governor Kathy Hochul for financial support for the seawall project. Tom will forward letter to Jim Clark for review and ask Mayor Koch for her input.

Mutual aid plan approved by Chiefs and Officers.

Einstein's Attic retail store asked for a Fireman to come one day for an activity calling it "Shop with A Fireman". Everyone agreed this is not a good idea because doing this for one store opens up requests from other establishments.

Tom responded to resident questioning the siren cycles and air horns.

Paul Latuso:

New York State is implementing an Emergency Response Program for fire reporting to start in 2025 and be in place by 2026. They want a national reporting system.

Terry Koch:

Toured the Pierce Truck Plant in Wisconsin and recommends the trip to everyone.

P.O will be issued for new ambulance arriving November or December.

William Koran:

Checked on amount of Scott Packs available for the 2-9-4 with John McKenna.

Request to move bike rack approved.

John McKenna:

EMTs will now report to Tom McCarthy and Roland Buzard instead of the Fire Department. They will stay at Station One.

John gave monthly report which is attached.

Meeting Adjourned At 7:00 PM.

Next Monthly Meeting is Scheduled For Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6PM.

- Joe Cavagnaro at the Village's Central Garage has installed new portable radio chargers in the first responder vehicle (2980) and in the Fire Marshals' vehicle (2940). Both units have been issued new portable radios.
- Construction of the new Treasurer's Office upstairs is complete and awaiting occupancy.
- 2914 has been repaired (re: damage from last month – employee backing into a brick pillar on the parking lot side of Station 1. The bricks on the pillar are intact and will be reset by the Highway Department when available.
- Chief Smalling and I have been discussing logistical layouts for equipment at Station 1 to allow for the relocation of Engine 293 once new Engine 294 arrives at Headquarters. Existing space is extremely tight at Station 1.

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Report submitted by John McKenna –

- There were 9 work orders received in the month of July. All 9 have been addressed and are complete.
- Fire Marshal Kleinkopf and I sat for a demonstration of two modules offered by Alpine Software. First is a Field Inspection module that allows the Fire Marshals to input real-time data for locations at time of inspection. The second is a module that allows for real-time data transfer (field tablet to Fire Headquarters' RedAlert dispatch computer). The Alpine presentation was impressive, and, in my opinion, it would be beneficial for the Fire Marshals if this body supported their request for the modules. Inspection data will be extremely important and valuable to responding officers and members during times of alarms. Responding fire department officers will also have the ability to review past inspection notes and determine whether an existing situation is a repetitive problem requiring further response/actions of the Fire Marshals' Office. The modules would require the Building Department to allocate \$4,500 annually for module licensing and support. The Fire Marshals have asked for our support in helping them acquire the modules.
- The new Engine 294 has arrived and is quite an impressive truck. Compliments to Commissioner Koch and the Northport Fire Department's Truck Committee members for their design of the beautiful truck. After a short stay at Fire Headquarters to allow markup of tool/equipment locations, it has been out at the dealership for the tool/equipment installation and mounting. Commissioner Koch, Commissioner Koran and Capt. Ryan Gerow are scheduled to visit the dealership for final inspection on Monday the 19th of August. If the inspection goes well, the truck will be brought back to Fire Headquarters for placement of hose and accessories. Commissioner Weber has indicated Mayor Koch wishes to have a ceremonial "passing of the keys" photo taken once the truck is ready for service.
- Quarterly inspection of the SCBA cascade system is complete. The compressor is 5 years old and shows 96 operational hours. The inspector states "it's in great shape - looks brand new".
- There are only 3 remaining vehicles that will require NYS Motor Vehicle inspections, and those are due in the month of October. All vehicles thus far have passed inspection.
- Two of our rooftop air conditioning units are inoperable and require repair. The Village Administrator has not approved the repairs stating, "this will kill our budget". One unit requires a compressor, and the second unit requires a new control board. The remaining six air conditioning units are operational.
- Water damage from one of the rooftop units has been repaired (2nd floor men's room). Housemen are now directed to check each unit weekly to ensure the condensation drains are not plugged with algae.

**THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**

PRESENT: Chairman Phil Weber, Commissioners Paul Latuso, Terry Koch, William Koran, Chief Tom Smalling, 2nd Asst. Chief William Scherer, Thomas McCarthy, Lead Paramedic, Matthew Cambria for Sr. Firehouse Attendant John McKenna, Trustee David Weber

ABSENT: 1ST Asst. Chief Dan Cross and Commissioner Jim Clark

Meeting called to Order At 6:00 PM.

Minutes from the August 19, 2024 Meeting Approved.

Fire Warrant Approved in the Amount Of \$48,491.69

Chief Smalling:

- Change in Police/Fire officer to Tony Gaziano, 1st Lt. and Walter Blessing, 2nd Lt.
- Continue mutual aid to East Northport with 297 and to Kings Park with 2920 (Kings Park is winding down due to end of season approaching)
- Continue coverage with Centerport ALS
- Chief Smalling dropped off a request from Mayor Letica regarding Seawall Funding with Mayor Koch. Awaiting response.
- Waiting for equipment valves on 294
- Capitan Gerow is requesting additional new hoses for approximately \$10,000
- Wants to review policy on reaching and releasing a medic for mutual aid
- The Village Fire Marshal is requesting an AED and additional gear. Tom McCarthy will order to keep consistency with other village equipment.
- Fire Prevention Open house is scheduled for 10/19 at 12pm.
- Annual Inspection Dinner is scheduled for June 6, 2025 at DelVino Winery

Chief Scherer:

Nothing to report

Thomas McCarthy:

- Requests dispatchers (when receiving calls direct from residents) notify Suffolk County Police for EMS calls located outside the Village of Northport. Police presence on the scene prior to the paramedic's arrival helps assure scene safety.
- NYS inspection resulted in a positive report with one exception which is being rectified.
- Requesting 5 new medication safes for approximately \$5,000 each.
- Zoll Monitors and Lucas devices are approaching end of life. Suggesting replacement of one per year with consideration of leasing, or considering another vendor

Terry Koch:

- Possession of the ambulance from Proliner is on schedule for end of 2024 – early 2025. Some modifications will be needed.
- A ceremony for accepting the new truck with The Mayor and the Trustees is proposed for October 3, 2024 at 6:30pm
- Substation exterior lights are not all operable and a pole requires replacement

William Koran:

- Awaiting tool installation on vehicle 297

Paul Latuso:

- Memorial Committee is requesting an electronic sign to be displayed in the window to notify the public off the loss of a member. Paul will discuss this with the Architectural Review Board to confirm if this is permitted, if so, he will obtain pricing.

Matthew Cambria:

Nothing to report

Trustee David Weber:

- Resident concerns regarding the sirens and the possibility of eliminating the sirens at Ocean Ave School during school hours. Matthew Cambria and Paul Latuso explained the importance of keeping it and that it could not be turned off for certain signal types. The system is an all or nothing system. Matthew confirmed that the siren cycles have been significantly reduced.

Meeting Adjourned At 7:00 PM.

Next Monthly Meeting is Scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6PM.