

RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT – BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 7, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by acting Secretary Teresa Anderson with a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Present were Commissioners Brian Brooks, Jeffrey Campo, Rosario Lobocchiaro and Pasquale Pirozzi Jr. Also present Treasurer Robert Hauser. D.Hellberg was on conference call.

Results of the District Election that were held on December 11, 2018 are in the minutes book.

Commissioner Rosario Lobocchiaro was sworn in by Commissioner Campo. The Oath of Office was signed and will be forwarded to the Brookhaven Town Clerk. Commissioner Lobocchiaro term office is from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2023.

Acting Secretary T. Anderson requested nominations for Chairman of the Board for the year 2019. Commissioner Lobocchiaro nominated Commissioner Campo, and seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Acting Secretary T. Anderson requested nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for year 2019. Commissioner Brooks nominated Commissioner Pirozzi and seconded by Commissioner Lobocchiaro. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman J. Campo.

Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to appoint Teresa Anderson as District Secretary and Deputy Treasurer for the year 2019. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$46,555.60 .

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to appoint Robert Hauser CPA as District Treasurer. Commissioner Pirozzi seconded the motion. The Board was polled with Commissioner Brooks abstains. The yearly salary for this position is 21,854.30 per year.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Christopher Ring, Esq. as Attorney for the Ridge Fire District for the year 2019. Commissioner Lobocchiaro seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The retainer for services is \$12,000, with a hourly rate of \$275.00 per hour for excluded items.

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Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to appoint John Boyd as EMS Coordinator for the year 2019. Commissioner Lobocchiaro seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$88,150.40.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to appoint Leo Hadzigeorgiou as District Mechanic for the year 2019. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$93,433.60.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to appoint Sharon Farina as Custodian for the year 2019. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$29,296.80.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to appoint Jose Marmol as Custodian for the year 2019. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$37,044.80.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro seconded by Commissioner Brooks to appoint the following full time employees as per their civil service titles. EMT-Paramedic Steve Blum, Cassandra Fiore, Jennifer Gropper, Tina Grouso, Zoltan Kiss, Nicholas Sadowsky, Joanna Guerrero and Nicholas Viscusi. The yearly salary for these positions will be as per current contract negotiated with UPSEU.

Motion by Commissioner Hellberg seconded by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to appoint the following per diem employees as per their civil service titles. EMT-Paramedic Bruce Brown, Nicole Crisci, Jade Fallon, Joseph Lesnick, Brandon McAlary, Gina Miglionico, Danielle Mohr, Caroline Negus, Ryan O'Leary, John Williams, and Erik Zalewski, Kasera Brandman, Nicholas Pobat, Eric Ramirez, Alissa Sciummeri.. EMT Basic Jonathan Eck. The yearly rate of pay for these employees will be as current contract negotiated with UPSEU.

Board approves the following ten paid holidays for full time employees: New years day, Martin Luther King's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to appoint Winston Lee as NYS Instructor Coordinator for the year 2019. Commissioner Pirozzi seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The rate of pay will be \$55 per hour.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Nelson and Pope as Architect for the fire district. Commissioner Lobocchiaro Seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to appoint the firm of Jones and Little as Accountant for the fire district. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor.

Administrative

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to designate Peoples United Bank as Districts Official Depository. J.P. Chase Bank and Depository Trust Corp. as paying agents for bonds. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchiaro. The Board was polled with all in favor.

Attorney Christopher Ring published in Newsday on December 14, 2018 notice of the Organizational Meeting to be held on January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm, with the first regular meeting to follow at 7:30 pm January 14, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to designate Newsday as the district's official newspaper and have all official notice published in same. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchiaro. The Board was polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to hold regular monthly meetings of the Ridge Fire district on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. If said meeting falls on a holiday, the Board can move said meeting to the following Tuesday or cancel same. The Board will hold a second meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Board was polled with all in favor. Attorney Christopher Ring will publish yearly meetings in Newsday.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to continue membership in the following organizations for the year 2019 and paid dues as statements received: Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York, Suffolk County Fire Districts Association, Brookhaven Town Fire Districts Association, Long Island Fire Districts Legislative Committee, Suffolk County Fire District Managers Association, NYS Association of Fire Chiefs, Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Association, Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Association, Brookhaven Town Volunteer Fireman's Museum, and the National Fire Protection Association for the District and Chief's Office, Long Island Emergency Vehicles Technicians Association. Seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled with all in favor.

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Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to accept all rules and policies in place by Ridge Fire District for year 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Board polled with all in favor.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will accept the Chiefs Orders for 2019 upon review and at a regular District meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to accept the district mileage reimbursement rate at the current Federal rate. If Federal rate increases or decreases, the district will adjust it accordingly. Seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to set the budget hearing for 2019 on October 15th, 2019, the third Tuesday of October. Seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchiaro to enter into contract with the Suffolk County Board of Elections for use of buildings. Seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to enter into contract with Brookhaven Town Highway Department for salt and sand for the year 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled with all in favor, with the exception of Commissioner LoBocchiaro who abstains.

Departmental

Secretary Anderson received letter from Ridge Fire Department with the results of their nominations for the Chief's Office for 2019.

Chief of Department: Lou Kaiser

Commissioner Lobocchiaro motions to accept. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Board polled with all in favor.

First Assistant Chief : Wesley Phillips

Commissioner Brooks motions to accept. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchiaro. Board polled with all in favor.

Second Assistant Chief: Not appointed to position. Board polled Chairman Campo No, Commissioner Brooks No, Commissioner Lobocchiaro No, and Commissioner Pirozzi abstains.

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Motion by Commissioner Brooks to accept the following Ridge Fire Department members who reside outside of the district: Thomas Ailman, Thomas Balzarini, Michael Barone, Raymond Berard, Colleen Bonti, Peter Cuti, Keith Delvecchio, James Demeo, Dennis Evans, Eugene Deal, Raina Guarisco, Andrew House, Matthew Kolarik, Stanley Lenz, Brian Nowak, William Schwabe, Brion Washington, Stephen Czachor, Madeline Rivera, Krista Bratten.

These members will be accepted with the understanding that Board will not accept more than ten percent of membership residing out of district, with the exception being those members who join or have joined as rescue only. Seconded by Commissioner Pirozzi. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Pirozzi to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Anderson
Secretary – Ridge Fire District