

RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT – BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2020

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

Present were Commissioners Dave Hellberg, Brian Brooks, Jeffrey Campo, Rosario Lobocchiaro and Frank Mancuso. Also present Treasurer Terry Ann Lawton.

Results of the District Election that were held on December 10, 2019 are in the minutes book.

Commissioner Frank Mancuso was sworn in by Commissioner Lobocchiaro. The Oath of Office was signed and will be forwarded to the Brookhaven Town Clerk. Commissioner Mancuso term office is from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

Acting Secretary T. Anderson requested nominations for Chairman of the Board for the year 2020. Commissioner Brooks nominated Commissioner Campo, and seconded by Commissioner Lobocchiaro. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

Acting Secretary T. Anderson requested nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board for year 2020. Commissioner Brooks nominated Commissioner Lobocchiaro and seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. The Board was polled and all were in favor.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Campo .

Appointments

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Teresa Anderson as District Secretary and Deputy Treasurer for the year 2020. Commissioner Lobocchiaro seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$47,957.00 .

Motion by Commissioner Mancuso to appoint Terry Ann Lawton as District Treasurer. Commissioner Lobocchiaro seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is 21,424.00 per year.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Christopher Ring, Esq. as Attorney for the Ridge Fire District for the year 2020. Commissioner Hellberg 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.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchairo to appoint John Boyd as EMS Coordinator for the year 2020. Commissioner Mancuso seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$90,792.00.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Leo Hadzigeorgiou as District Mechanic for the year 2020. Commissioner Lobocchairo seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$96,241.60.

Motion by Commissioner Hellberg to appoint Sharon Farina as Custodian for the year 2020. Commissioner Lobocchairo seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$30,170.40.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to appoint Jose Marmol as Custodian for the year 2020. Commissioner Hellberg seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The yearly salary for this position is \$38,147.20.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchairo seconded by Commissioner Hellberg to appoint the following full time employees as per their civil service titles. EMT-Paramedic Steve Blum, Cassandra Fiore, Jennifer Gropper, Tina Grouso, Danielle Mohr, 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 Brooks seconded by Commissioner Hellberg 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, 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 Lobocchairo to appoint Winston Lee as NYS Instructor Coordinator for the year 2020. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The Board was polled with all in favor. The rate of pay will be \$55 per hour.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hellberg 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 Brooks to designate Capital One as Districts Official Depository. J.P. Chase Bank and Depository Trust Corp. as paying agents for bonds. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchairo. The Board was polled with all in favor.

Attorney Christopher Ring published in Newsday on December 14, 2020 notice of the Organizational Meeting to be held on January 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm, with the first regular meeting to follow at 7:30 pm January 13, 2020.

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

Motion by Commissioner Brooks 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 Lobocchairo. 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 2020 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 Hellberg. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchairo to accept all rules and policies in place by Ridge Fire District for year 2020, with amendments throughout the year. Seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Board polled with all in favor.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will accept the Chiefs Orders for 2020 upon review and at a regular District meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Hellberg 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 Mancuso. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to set the budget hearing for 2020 on October 20th, 2020, the third Tuesday of October. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchairo. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Brooks to enter into contract with the Suffolk County Board of Elections for use of buildings. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchairo. 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 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. Board polled with all in favor, with the exception of Commissioner Lobocchairo who abstains.

Departmental

Secretary Anderson received letter from Ridge Fire Department with the results of their nominations for the Chief's Office for 2020.

Chief of Department: Lou Kaiser

Commissioner Hellberg motions to accept. Seconded by Commissioner Lobocchairo. Board polled with all in favor.

First Assistant Chief : Wesley Phillips

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

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 Dillon, Keith Delvecchio, James Demeo, Dennis Evans, Eugene Deal, Raina Guarisco, Andrew House, Stanley Lenz, William Schwabe, Stephen Czachor, Mike Tutunjin.

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 Lobocchairo. Board polled with all in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Lobocchairo to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Hellberg. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Anderson
Secretary – Ridge Fire District