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April 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Cutchogue Fire District was called to order by David Blados Commissioner, at 8pm. The Chairman stated the monthly meeting was an essential function of the Cutchogue Fire District and was being held in the Company room which allows for social distancing during the Covid19 pandemic.

The meeting is being attended by the Board of Fire Commissioners as the Fire Chiefs and other interested parties have been afforded the opportunity to send in written reports or make telephone calls during the meeting requesting any information they wish to be presented to the Board.

Roll call of the Officers taken as follows; Joseph Zuhoski Jr, absent; David Blados, present; Michael Finnican, present; Christopher Talbot; Treasurer Peter Zwerlein, absent, A quorum was declared. Chiefs Meringer and Brewer were present.

Motion to accept the March 9, 2021 minutes as Emailed to commissioners.

Motion by Comr. Finnican, seconded by Comr. Talbot, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Comr. Finnican to approve the April Treasurer's report as printed and submitted to the Commissioners. Motion seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the total of the March/April Audited Bills presented by Treasurer Zwerlein, in the amount of \$186,284.64.

Motion by Comr. Finnican seconded by Comr. Talbot, motion carried unanimously.

A copy thereof is on the last page of these minutes as Attachment #1.

Correspondence:

Notice of meeting of the Southold Town Fire District Officers Assn. to be held at Mattituck Headquarters on April 15th @ 8pm.

Request for review of an Amended Site Plan for Indian Neck Farm, 3595 Skunk Lane and 4170 Indian Neck Lane, Cutchogue. A new curb cut is to be made on Skunk Lane for access to the 132 acres of land with over 20,000 sq. ft. of buildings. Comments are requested on matters of interest to the fire department, including equipment access, emergency services, water supply and other issues relevant to this site. Discussion followed: What was in the original site plan, any buildings, etc.? Driveway capacity adequate for heavy emergency vehicles? Will public water be installed to facilitate the installation of Fire Hydrants? What is the intended use of the land? Secretary to draft a letter to the Town Planning Board posing the previous questions.

Quotation received from Glatfelter Insurance Company to provide a \$10,000.00 Term Life Insurance to all active fireman of the Department totaling \$44,429.67 per year. Following a brief discussion, motion by Comr. Blados to table the quote, seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Message received from Southold Town Police Dept. advising Bridge Lane between Rt.25 and Rt48 will be closed for repairs, to the train overpass bridge, during the week of April 17-25th. NO traffic will be permitted. Chief Meringer was present during this announcement and so informed.

Commissioner's reports:

Comr. Blados: Discussed the various truck repairs that were needed and returned to service. The annual pumping of our Fire Wells is in process on the weekends and he expects to be completed by April 17th. No issues found thus far.

As a reminder, during the member physicals, those requesting a DOT Certification are to pay for the service directly with NDI. This is a convenience and not a district responsibility.

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Comr. Blados also discussed the outfitting of a new Chiefs Car, currently being converted by Pro Liner, Inc. Due to the untimely death of Comr. Friemann, radios for this vehicle were overlooked and now have to be ordered. Motion by Comr. Blados to purchase 2-XPR5550 UHF Radios, \$2186.00 and 1-APX4500 Radio, \$3311.80 from Mayday Solutions for a total of \$5497.00. Installation by Pro Liner, Inc., additional. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Comr. Finnican: The Floor Washing Machine has been repaired and in use. The District's Golf Cart is having electrical issues and possibly new batteries and a charger. The Board has met with Architect Nemschick and he has submitted preliminary plans for the replacement of the current headquarters building. A tentative meeting is being planned for May with our department's members for their input. The east side grounds have been treated and the sign flower bed to be planted this month.

Comr. Talbot: Advised of the annual meeting with VFIS Insurance Company to review our present insurances on June 16th at 6pm.

Chief Amos Meringer's Report:

Fire School/Training:

1, Monthly in-house on Hose Handling April 15th.

Activities:

- 1, Well pumping 4/17
- 2, Rescue Squad Meeting 4/21
- 3, Juniors Meeting 4/14
- 4, Rt.48 Clean-up program.
- 5, Chief's Council to meet here on April 19th and to include dinner. Execs only.

Equipment Repairs:

- 1, Passenger side flood light inoperable, rear spotlights also inoperable on 852
- 2, Round orange lights over rear tires are out of service, 8-5-3.

Requests:

- 1, Order 6 SCBA Masks (Scott AV 3000) 4-Med, 2-Large.
- 2, Follow up on Lifepak 1000,s order. 3-units were authorized at the March meeting.
- 3, Place 8-5-2 in service now that it is fully equipped and personnel are trained.
- 4, Discussion on the 852-Booster Nozzle substitution to an upgraded model.

Motion by Comr. Blados to place the new Mini-Pumper 8-5-2 in service immediately. Motion seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Motion by Comr. Blados to upgrade the Booster Nozzle on 8-5-2 at the approximate cost of \$750.00. Motion seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Chief Meringer informed the board that our Rescue Lt. Kate Michalak will be moving from the district and will leave a vacancy in her positions as Lieutenant of the Rescue Squad and its Narcotic Officer. The Chiefs are hereby submitting the name of Bruce Zummo to take the position as Narcotics Officer for the forceable future. We have a letter from Mr. Zummo, outlining his qualifications and his consent to take the position. He is requesting an initial check for \$2500.00 with an hourly rate of \$35.00, not to exceed \$5000.00 for the year. Discussion ensued asking the chief if any members were approached for this position. Chief Meringer replied that he did canvass the EMT's but to no avail.

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Motion by Comr. Blados to retain Mr. Zummo as Narcotics officer with a maximum stipend of \$5,000.00 per year. Motion seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

New Business

Secretary Martin suggested that we destroy old district records per the State Archives and Records Rules in schedule MU-1 2020. The services of a Local Shredder Company would be needed for the amount of paper. Estimating \$50.00 per container load. Discussion followed and a motion by Comr. Blados to permit disposal of expired records of the Fire District per NYS Archives schedule MU-1 and to include the necessary shredding fees, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

The Records Room requires 3 new steel shelving, to organize the current records. Cost is \$150.00 each. Motion by Comr. Blados to purchase 3-Steel Shelves at \$150.00 ea., seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Siren taken to Patchogue Electric Motor Repair for a total rebuild of siren motor and painting. Est. \$3600.00 and allow two-weeks for the job. Both the Fields and the Armature were corroded and shorted out. Discussion followed noting that a new Siren has an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. Motion by Comr. Finnican to authorize the repair of the siren for a cost not to exceed \$3600.00, seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Marijuana use was recently approved by Gov. Cuomo for recreational use. Attorney Lark has suggested that we review this new state law and to set guide lines, for our membership, in our policy package. Discussion ensued noting that our present policies cover Substance Abuse and the policy should be reviewed to update the wording to insure proper meaning.

Secretary stated that with the new use of Electronic Patient Care Reports (Epcr's) via Telephone Modems in each ambulance, the Data Usage has increased to 20 Gigabytes there by creating an additional cost of \$24.00 per month, per Ambulance, in Verizon billing. Motion by Comr. Blados to approve the increase in Verizon Fees for the Ambulances, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm by Comr. Blados, seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Matthew J. Martin
Fire District Secretary

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Attachment #1

Cutchogue Fire District
 Abstract of Transactions for Approval
 April 13, 2021
Warrant 21-04

Pay To	Amount
ADEPT TECHNOLOGY CONSULTG INC.....	\$1,957.50
BENDER MATTHEW & CO., INC.....	\$60.44
BIG GEYSER INC.....	\$214.50
BLACK BOX NETWORK SERVICES.....	\$298.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC.....	\$604.28
BREWER WILLIAM (2021 web master stipend)	\$1,000.00
CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP. CARD.....	\$2,190.99
CARROT-TOP INDUSTRIES INC.....	\$352.04
CUTCHOGUE HARDWARE.....	\$32.02
ECLIPSE ELEVATOR CO. LLC.....	\$656.76
EMERALD DOCUMENT IMAGING.....	\$158.00
FIRE DIST. OF NY MUTUAL INS CO.....	\$79,530.00
FIRE END & CROKER.....	\$23,278.80
FIREHOUSE TRAINING PLUS+.....	\$2,625.00
FIREMATIC SUPPLY.....	\$15,811.64
FRANKLIN BRONZE PLAQUES.....	\$334.00
FULL CYCLE EQUIPMENT REPAIR.....	\$398.60
GLATFELTER SPECIALTY BENEFITS.....	\$6,172.65
HARTFORD THE.....	\$132.58
HENDRICKSON FIRE RESCUE EQUIP.....	\$4,269.56
INTEGRATED WIRELESS TECHNOLOGI.....	\$161.00
J. ZEE'S PLUMBING & HEATING.....	\$3,387.15
J.R. HOME IMPROVEMENTS.....	\$410.00
MAFFETONE MICHAEL.....	\$800.00
MARTIN C. AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY.....	\$41.46
MASON W.B.....	\$490.74
MATTITUCK ENVIRO SERVICES.....	\$897.70
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE.....	\$825.69
MULLEN MOTORS, INC.....	\$2,564.40
NASSAU DIAGNOSTICS, INC.....	\$7,625.00
NATIONAL GRID.....	\$957.21
NOFO WELLNESS CENTER.....	\$550.00
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UI.....	\$184.62

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OPTIMUM.....	\$538.45
PARKS ANDREA (training reimb.).....	\$31.00
PAYCHEX.....	\$117.24
PAYROLL.....	\$20,453.60
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES.....	\$241.90
PSEG LONG ISLAND.....	\$1,520.07
REEVE AGENCY.....	\$278.00
RICHARD SECURITY, INC.....	\$117.72
RICH'S QUALITY AUTO BODY.....	\$138.60
RIVERHEAD BEVERAGE.....	\$54.00
RIVERHEAD BUILDING SUPPLY.....	\$102.44
ROSLAK ELECTRIC, INC.....	\$579.02
SOUTHOLD TOWN CLERK.....	\$30.00
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES.....	\$526.72
SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY.....	\$550.00
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY.....	\$125.64
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS.....	\$1,564.76
VALERO CUTCHOGUE.....	\$141.34
VERIZON WIRELESS.....	\$201.81
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Total bills for approval 4/13/2021.....	\$186,284.64
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