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July 13, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Cutchogue Fire District was called to order by Joseph Zuhoski, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at 8pm with the Salute to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence for our brother Fireman, Ex-Chief and Ex-Commissioner, Vincent R. Wiczorek.

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

Motion to accept the June 2021 minutes as Emailed to commissioners.
Motion by Comr. Finnican seconded by Comr. Talbot, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to approve the total of the June/July Audited Bills amounting to \$136,725.43, presented by Treasurer Zwerlein. Motion by Comr. Talbot seconded by Comr. Finnican, motion carried unanimously. A copy thereof is on the last page of these minutes as Attachment #1.

Correspondence:

Letter from United Fire Company No. 1 informing that member #569 Tracy Grim has resigned from the department, as of July 1st, 2021, due to being an active Military officer and living out of state. Also, Ex-Chief Vincent R. Wiczorek answered his last alarm on June 25, 2021. Motion by Comr. Talbot to accept the resignation of Tracy Grim, seconded by Comr. Finnican.

Letter from Company Captain Dinizio for permission to have the Band Members wear Summer Dress Short Sleeve Shirts. This is a change in the uniforms requiring board approval. Motion by Comr. Blados to permit the Departmental Band to wear short sleeve shirts, for summer dress. Motion seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Letter from the Ladies Auxiliary advising that their 4-drawer file cabinet drawer has broken and unable to use. They are requesting the Board for a replacement cabinet, approximate cost \$300.00. Motion by Comr. Finnican to replace the file cabinet, seconded by Comr. Talbot, unanimously carried. Secretary to order cabinet.

Letter received from Glatfelter Specialty Benefits-VFIS Insurance Company, a summary of our meeting with Sarah Talerico, Client Manager. She noted that we have an interest in diversification of funds and can meet with a Lincoln Financial representative, in the near future. Discussion followed, time is needed to set up a date.

Email from Keith Kito expecting new field drawings by the end of July. Also stating, the new 5G network is being installed on other towers located in the county. Discussion ensued noting the length of time it has been with drawn-out delays. Definite time schedule should be made.

Notice from the Firemen's Assoc. State of NY of their 149th Convention in White Plains, NY on August 5-7th, 2021.

Waterway Inc will be here on July 20th for the annual hose testing, etc. So noted to the Chief.

The Office of State Comptroller is hosting an educational Webinar on July 21st, 10am-11am. Subject is Financial Condition Analysis for Board Members.

Southold Town Fire Districts will hold their July 22nd meeting in East Marion, 7pm to 9:30pm.

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Letter from Eclipse Elevator Company announcing that they will merge with Champion Elevator and will continue to service our elevator inspections and Repairs with the same technicians.

Pinsky Law Group is hosting a 2-day training class for Commissioners and Officers on November 5 & 6 2021 in Syracuse, NY.

Resident Ms. Fragaszy residing at 10100 New Suffolk Ave. has a sink hole near our removed Fire Well and thought we were involved. Secretary Martin visited the site and taking photos, only to find that some one has dug around the stake for an unknown reason. Town Highway Department was suggested to be contacted, being near the road.

Letter from the Department of Homeland Security, New York informing that 60 days remains to file any claim related to Covid 19 Public Assistance Declaration. A yes or no reply is required. Treasurer is presently working on the claims.

Commissioner's reports:

Comr. Zuhoski:

- The new Chiefs car has finally arrived and ready for service. If board has no objections to the vehicle being put into service, a motion is in order to do so. Upon a motion by Comr. Talbot to place the 2021 Ford F-150 4WD Pickup into service as of July 12, 2021. Motion seconded by Comr. Zuhoski, carried unanimously.
- Due to the Covid Pandemic, the usual and customary, Chiefs Installation was postponed till a later date. Comr. Zuhoski suggested we hold the Installation on the fire department grounds, in a Bar B-Q type affair, on August 1st, in the afternoon. The Chief informed that the Department was holding its annual Family Bar B-Q during the same day and time. It was suggested to combine the two events, with the costs share by both the district and department.
- Held each year was a dinner meeting with past district commissioners, to discuss past and present issues. Also, in December the board hosted a lady's night, with their spouses. Comr. Talbot was asked to look in dates and a place to hold the meetings.

Comr. Blados:

- All repairs to the district vehicles have been made to date.
- Truck 8-5-4 lights are being reviewed for repair.
- Will the arrival of a new utility vehicle, we have one vehicle that is 22 years old and costly to maintain? He suggested that the vehicle be surplus and sold to the highest bidder. A minimum bid of \$5,000.00. Discussion ensued followed by a motion from Comr. Blados to surplus the 1999 Dodge Pickup Vehicle, to be sold to the highest bidder, with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00. The Bids to be opened at the Districts August 10th, 2021 meeting at 8pm. Motion seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously. Secretary directed prepare the Legal Notice and paper work.

Comr. Finnican:

- Tuesday July 20th at 9 am, Architect Nemschick will meet with the board to review plans for a firehouse replacement.
- There is a roof leak in the north end roof of the firehouse. A contractor to be contacted for repairs.

Comr. Talbot:

- The Board recently met with Sara Talerico of Glatfelter Insurance Company to review our present insurance coverage and its costs. The board asked for options on funding our LOSAP program. Sarah replied yes, other options were available, an agent can visit us to discuss their financial plan options. A date will be set, as soon as possible.

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- Lupton & Luce, a local Insurance agency, will visit on July 15th to discuss our options.
- VFIS/ Glatfelter Insurance will meet as soon as a date can be set.
- The North Fork Country Club has made a request for our members to cook chickens for their outing. Comr. Zuhoski said it would be proper for them to contact the Department or Fire Company for this is up to them to do.

Chief Amos Meringer's Report:

Fire School/Training:

1. Monthly in-house training on the 15th 7pm
2. RIT drill July 19 at Yaphank
3. Ask permission to train in Hartman's pool for EMS. Insurance Form Required.

Motion by Comr. Blados to approve the above training requests, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Activities:

- 1- Jamesport parade on the 21st
- 2- Family picnic on the 1st of August, request to use the firehouse grounds.

Motion by Comr. Talbot to approve the above 2 Activities, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Equipment/Repairs:

- 1- 2-4x4x8 A-C to replace damaged cribbing. Motion by Zuhoski, seconded by Blados to purchase above item 1.
- 2- 8-5-5 possible problem with A/C compressor, when fan is turned on engine sounds different
- 3- 8-5-5 Drivers side rear brake light out
- 4- 8-5-5 Drivers side high beam headlight flasher not working
- 5- 8-5-4 Drivers side brake light is out
- 6- 8-5-4 Cab control will not lift cab
- 7- 8-5-4 clearance light-rear driver side out
- 8- 8-5-17 ac recharge
- 9- 8-5-32 has rust in fender well.

Above items 2-9 are either finished or in process.

Requests:

- 1- Vital signs hotel block? Nov 11-14 Saratoga springs
- 2- Send the 30 truck back to Pro-Liner for the final charger/radio installs. OK to do so.
- 3- Like to look into the feasibility of having Bruce Zummo handle EMS ordering. This can be included within his duties as narcotics officer.

Discussion was held on SCUBA Divers returning to the department for water rescue.

Also discussed was the use of Nitrous Oxide units to be installed on the Ambulances.

Chairman Zuhoski said the board would discuss the two items mentioned.

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

Matthew J. Martin
Fire District Secretary

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Attachment #1

Cutchogue Fire District
 Abstract of Transactions for Approval
 July 13, 2021
Warrant 21-07

<u>Pay To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A To Z Radiator.....	\$735.00
Academy Printing.....	\$134.30
Barnwell House Of Tires.....	\$330.00
Big Geyser Inc.....	\$372.40
Blu-J Marine Llc.....	\$1,226.72
Capital One, N.A. Corp. Card.....	\$4,905.07
Colonial Coffee Service.....	\$189.90
Commander Power Systems.....	\$240.00
EESG Custom Apparel.....	\$20.00
ESSC Inc.....	\$320.00
Fetten Sign Company, Inc.....	\$750.00
Firehouse Training Plus+.....	\$2,625.00
Firematic Supply.....	\$1,133.64
Fleetpride.....	\$884.16
Glover Everett (lawn maintenance).....	\$200.00
Grainger.....	\$57.60
Hartford The.....	\$133.65
Hendrickson Fire Rescue Equip.....	\$720.00
Imperial Bag & Paper Co Llc.....	\$63.12
Martin C. Automotive Supply.....	\$176.40
Mason W.B.....	\$690.24
Mattituck Enviro Services.....	\$897.70
Mayday Communications.....	\$379.00
National Auto Fleet Group.....	\$66,792.54
National Grid.....	\$524.13
NOFO Wellness Center.....	\$550.00
NYS Employment Taxes UI.....	\$130.51
Ocean Janitorial Supply Inc.....	\$233.30
Optimum.....	\$537.83
Orlowski Hardware Company.....	\$532.19
Paychex.....	\$182.57
Payroll.....	\$16,740.09
Peconic Automotive.....	\$37.00
Petro Commercial Services.....	\$181.80
PSEG Long Island.....	\$2,128.30

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Richard Security, Inc.....	\$117.72
Rich's Quality Auto Body.....	\$3,287.00
Riverhead Beverage.....	\$150.00
Riverhead Building Supply.....	\$384.91
South Shore Fire & Safety.....	\$4,021.00
Southold Pharmacy.....	\$150.00
Speedy Sign Fx.....	\$30.00
Sprague Operating Resources.....	\$842.41
Starzee Donald dba Star Mechanical.....	\$145.00
Suffolk County Water Authority.....	\$14,978.70
Times Review Newspapers.....	\$186.00
United Fire Company No. 1.....	\$4,798.89
United States Treasury EFTPS.....	\$1,280.28
UPS.....	\$22.04
Verizon Wireless.....	\$163.54
Witmer Associates, Inc.....	\$343.78
Zummo Bruce.....	\$70.00
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Total bills for approval 7/13/2021.....	\$136,725.43