

**2021 Minutes of the CUTCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT Page 1 of 6**  
**August 10, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cutchogue Fire District was called to order by Comr. David Blados, at 8pm with the salute to the Flag.

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

Motion to accept the July 2021 minutes as Emailed to commissioners.

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

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

Motion to approve the total of the July-August Audited Bills presented by Treasurer Zwerlein, amounting to \$46,729.52. 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:**

Sealed Bids received from Public Notice:

From Seabreeze Tennis Inc. a sealed bid for the 1999 Dodge Surplused Pick-up. Amount of \$ 5,251.00.

From Peconic Energy Corp for 1999 Dodge Pick-up in amount \$6,702.00.

From Red Truck Sales for Golf Kart in amount \$500.00.

From Red Truck Sales for Floor Machine in amount \$175.00.

Motion by Comr. Talbot to award the 1999 Dodge Pickup to Peconic Energy for \$6,702.00, seconded by Comr. Blados, carried unanimously.

Motion by Comr. Blados to award the Golf Kart to Red Truck Sales for \$500.00, seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Motion by Comr. Blados to award the Tennant Floor Washer to Red Truck sales for \$175.00, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Letter from United Fire Company #1 informing that member #550 John Hinton was placed on the Honorary List as of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Reminder from Waterway Inc. stating that they will test all hose tomorrow, Wednesday, at 8am. Chiefs were so informed.

Notice from Southold Town Clerk's Office to furnish a detailed estimate, in writing, of the amount of revenues to be received and expenditures to be made during fiscal year 2022. Submit the proposed budget no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 followed by the adopted 2022 budget no later than October 30, 2021.

NYS Compensation Board informing of being selected for premium verification on our policy effective 4/01/2020 to 4/01/2021. All audits will be conducted via electronic means.

Spartan Fire Chassis Co. advises of a possible defect on a pump shift solenoid that may become corroded and subsequently fail, on our Mini-Pumper truck #8-5-2. Spartan is to remove and replace the defective solenoid, at no charge.

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Ford Motor Company advising the on-board diagnostic system, on truck #8-5-2, may not illuminate the malfunction indicator light (MIL). Ford is to have the dealer reprogram the powertrain control module.

Ford Motor Company also advising of the possibility the door lock system malfunctioning, at some time. Ford is extending the vehicle warranty coverage to a total of 10-years or 150,000 miles from warranty date.

The Fire News Publications is printing a special issue on 9/11 Reflections of the Past 20 years. They are asking for a donation toward the printing. No action taken.

Notice for the NYS Senate of an Amendment to Town Law 175, subdivisions 1 and 6, to increase the stipend to of the election clerks. Referred to New Business, later in meeting.

Proposal received from Adept Technology for monthly support of our computer equipment in the amount of \$660.70 per month. Motion by Comr. Blados to approve the proposal for monthly computer maintenance. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

Notice of Amendment Change from Chubb, ACE American Insurance Company, in the Description of Benefits, Lump Sum Cancer Benefits, **deleting the Statement #2. The Insured must be alive.** All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

**Commissioner's reports:**

**Comr. Zuhoski:** Absent due to medical issues.

**Comr. Blados:** Reported the following:

- All Fire Wells are being tested for flow and service, also maintenance around each well.
- Heavy Rescue Truck 855 is out of service for Generator Maintenance and Oil Change.
- Assistant Chiefs Car required new Battery Installed.
- Car 8-5-23 will now be parked outside and 19 car to be inside barn. Following the new Chiefs car being fully equipped and in service, car 23 will be declared as surplus.
- Motion by Comr. Blados to declared car 8-5-23, a 2009 Chevrolet, as surplus equipment, upon the new Chiefs car being fully in service. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.
- Fire Well on corner of Alvah's Lane and Oregon Rd. requires pump and electric motor to be replaced for \$14,107.00. Motion by Comr. Talbot to repair the well as quoted, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.
- Truck 8-5-4 has running lights out of service and to be replaced with new LED system. Motion by Comr. Blados to have Hendrickson Truck Co. install a new system for \$2,080.42, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

**Comr. Finnican:** Three new Part-Time Employees will be in training and to fill our vacancies, thereafter.

**Comr. Talbot:** Informed that the Board had a meeting with Insurance Agency, Lupton & Luce of Riverhead, for a presentation of Insurance coverage for the District. Their projection was to save the district about \$8,000.00 in premium and offer better coverage. No other insurance agencies quoted, at this time. Following a brief discussion, Comr. Talbot moved to award the General Insurance coverage for the district to Lupton & Luce Agency, representing ESIP Insurance Company, quoting the annual premium at \$56,107.00 commencing September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Motion seconded by Comr. Blados, carried unanimously.

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**Chief Amos Meringer's Report:**

**Training:**

1. August 19<sup>th</sup>, Monthly in-house training with the County Helicopter.
2. August 15<sup>th</sup>, Water Rescue with combined 8<sup>th</sup> division, in Greenport.

**Activities:**

1. August 16<sup>th</sup>, Chiefs Council in Southold
2. August 25,26,27 BBQ set up.
3. August 28<sup>th</sup> BBQ day

**Requests:**

1. Entertain Loretta Garbarino's letter requesting a decision to continue PEMT Training at a cost of \$225.00. Discussion ensued followed by a motion by Comr. Finnican to have the district pay the \$225.00, for Training, with the provision that Ms. Garbarino participate in a minimum of 10% of the Rescue Calls or the Chief to reimburse the district for the expense. Effective January thru December 2020. Seconded by Comr. Blados, carried unanimously.
2. December 12<sup>th</sup>, approve the annual 5K Stuff the Sleigh Race. Motion by Comr. Blados, seconded by Comr. Finnican to approve the annual race, carried unanimously.
3. Approve FF Tim Winters as new Chief Driver for truck 8-5-12, effective immediately, with a grace period of 30 days to qualify on the vehicle. Motion by Comr. Blados to approve Tim Winters as Chief Driver of 8-5-12, allowing 30 days for training. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- Question arose concerning the expenses for Family Picnic and Awards Ceremony on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> held on Department grounds. The affair was to take the place of the usual Installation of Officers dinner, due to the Covid epidemic. The District customarily shared expenses with the Company and Auxiliary, for this even, and was asked to consider doing the same for this event. The Board requested an expense report be submitted, for further consideration. Chief to comply.
- The Districts Fork Lift needed a new battery and it was replaced. The fork truck also has other maintenance issues and is to be taken to Island Fork Lift for estimates.
- Treasurer advised that Appraisal Affiliates is to do an inventory review in September.
- Chief Meringer asked if our Narcotics Officer, Bruce Zummo, could order necessary rescue supplies for the Ambulances. Motion by Comr. Finnican to allow Bruce Zummo order directly the needed supplies for our ambulance's operations. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held on the traffic flow for customers picking up dinners during our BBQ the end of this month. Several options were discussed with the emphasis on the health safety of the many people arriving to pick up dinners due to the Covid issues. It was resolved that a drive-by be implemented that would keep customers inside their cars to minimize their exposure to the event. The dinners would be delivered directly to the cars by department staffing. This is to be accommodated on the Districts East side property, only.

**New Business**

Secretary Martin informed the board of recent changes in New York State Town Law, in relation to compensation of chairman, election inspectors and ballot clerks for fire districts elections. Due to the present set hours for voting, 3pm to 9pm, the compensation may be set at \$100.00 per person. The changes would have to be approved, by a resolution, from the Board, as follows:

**Be it resolved:** The State of New York, in regular session on February 2, 2021, the Senate adopted changes to Town Law concerning compensation of chairman, election inspectors and ballot clerks for fire district elections.

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**Whereas:** The Board of Fire Commissioners may adopt a resolution providing that such chairman, election inspectors and ballot clerks shall be paid for their respective services at any such annual election or at any special election the fire district. Such resolution, if adopted, shall fix the amount of such compensation, as follows: if the hours during which the polls will be open for the receipt of ballots are from six o'clock in the evening until nine o'clock in the evening, a sum of not to exceed seventy dollars for each such official: if additional consecutive hours prior to six o'clock in the evening are determined and specified in the notice of election, a sum not to exceed one-hundred dollars for each such official.

**Be it resolved:** That the Cutchogue Fire District has previously set the hours for elections to be from three o'clock in the afternoon till nine o'clock in the evening, each such person, conducting the election, is to be compensated at a sum not to exceed \$100.00.

**Be it further resolved:** This resolution made by Commissioner Christopher Talbot be adopted and effective immediately. Resolution seconded by Commissioner Michael Finnican, followed by a voice vote as follows:

Commissioner Joseph Zuhoski voting:	Absent
Commissioner David Blados voting:	Yes
Commissioner Michael Finnican voting:	Yes
Commissioner Christopher Talbot voting:	Yes

Chairman Blados declared the resolution adopted.

Hearing no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Blados called for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm by Comr. Talbot, seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Matthew J. Martin  
Fire District Secretary

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Attachment #1

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Cutchogue Fire District  
Abstract of Transactions for Approval  
August 10, 2021  
Warrant 21-08

Pay To:	Amount
ACADEMY PRINTING .....	\$65.00
ADEPT TECHNOLOGY CONSULTG INC .....	\$1,243.50
ALL POWER PERFORMANCE .....	\$4,165.00
ATCO INTERNATIONAL .....	\$82.95
BIG GEYSER INC .....	\$356.20
CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP. CARD .....	\$4,094.69
CAREER CERT .....	\$500.00
CUTCHOGUE HARDWARE .....	\$27.13
FETTEN SIGN COMPANY, INC .....	\$1,325.00
FIREMATIC SUPPLY .....	\$245.00
GERM FREE PRO .....	\$398.00
GLOVER EVERETT (lawn maintenance) .....	\$200.00
GRAINGER .....	\$286.00
J. ZEE'S PLUMBING & HEATING .....	\$120.00
LONG ISLAND CAULIFLOWER ASSOC .....	\$68.95
MARTIN C. AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY .....	\$154.82
MASON W.B .....	\$207.34
MATTITUCK ENVIRO SERVICES .....	\$448.85
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS .....	\$3,311.80
MULLEN MOTORS, INC .....	\$37.00
NATIONAL GRID .....	\$340.03
NOFO WELLNESS CENTER .....	\$550.00
NORTH FORK REFRIGERATION .....	\$498.98
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES .....	\$176.82
OCEAN JANITORIAL SUPPLY INC .....	\$116.34
OPTIMUM .....	\$537.83
OSPREY SECURITY SYSTEMS, INC .....	\$211.40
PAYCHEX .....	\$129.39
PAYROLL .....	\$17,099.72
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES .....	\$443.83
PSEG LONG ISLAND .....	\$2,201.70
REEVE AGENCY .....	\$884.00
RIVERHEAD BEVERAGE .....	\$1,180.00
RIVERHEAD BUILDING SUPPLY .....	\$44.28
ROSLAK ELECTRIC, INC .....	\$496.29

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SAFETY & ENV. SOLUTIONS, INC .....	\$1,235.00
SOUTH SHORE FIRE & SAFETY .....	\$308.22
SOUTHOLD PHARMACY .....	\$185.29
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES .....	\$902.64
TIMES REVIEW NEWSPAPERS .....	\$54.36
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS .....	\$1,308.17
VALERO CUTCHOGUE .....	\$324.46
<u>VERIZON WIRELESS .....</u>	<u>\$163.54</u>
<u>Total bills for approval 8/10/2021 .....</u>	<u>\$46,729.52</u>

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