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**October 12, 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.

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

Motion to accept the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes, of the BOFC, as Emailed to commissioners.  
Motion by Comr. Blados seconded by Comr. Finnican, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to approve the total of the September/October Audited Bills presented by Treasurer Zwerlein, in the amount of \$ 119,332.86. Motion by Comr. Blados seconded by Comr. Finnican, motion carried unanimously.

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

In reference to our Bid Notice posted in the Suffolk Times, one (1) sealed bid was received today. Secretary Martin open the bid, at this moment, and read its contents as follows:

Bid #1 for the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$ 8750.99 from Red Truck Sales

2<sup>nd</sup> Bid for 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$5151.00 from Patrick Hyland

Bid #2 for a Pickup Truck Cap. No bids were received.

Following a brief discussion on the bids, Motion by Comr. Talbot to accept the highest bid offer from Red Truck Sales for \$8750.99, seconded by Comr. Blados, carried unanimously. The bid noted that the Light Bar and radio console to be on the vehicle in working condition. Secretary Martin to notify Red Truck Sales of the award.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from United Fire Company No.1 advising of the following:

- Oreanna Kaelin # 476 returned to Active Status
- Dante Spielmann # 598 submitted his resignation.
- William Dermody # 397 Changed to Veteran Active Fireman
- Donald Richert # 442 Changed to Honorary member

Motion by Commissioner Talbot to approve the letter of changes in membership stated above, seconded by Commissioner Finnican, carried unanimously.

Letter from Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services informing that member L. Garbarino has completed the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program and a new certification card will be issued. County records indicate that Ms. Garbarino has successfully completed all the updated mandatory requirements set forth by the NYS DOH-BEMS. Discussion followed with the assistant chiefs present and they will follow up on Ms. Garbarino's reinstatement to our EMS squad.

A Proposal to replace 3-aging computers, in our department, from Adept Technology Consulting, Inc. for a total of \$4,815.87, installed. Also, a quote received from SCM, Inc. for a new Portable Finger Reader in the amount of \$2,245.00 delivered. Motion made by Comr. Blados to purchase the above 4 pieces of computer equipment to update our system. Seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

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A memo received from Commissioner John G. Jordan of FRES that tests will commence on the new UTAC43 radio communication in Western Suffolk County. The East End will be in the near future.

A request from the Suffolk County Police Department to see if our department can accommodate clinical hours, of EMT training, based on an 8-hour tour in our department. Each recruit must complete 2 rotational shifts assigned by PD. Tours are 7am to 3pm and 3pm to 11pm. Following a brief discussion with our chiefs, it was decided that we do not have “tour work hours” we cannot accommodate this request.

Notice of Suffolk County Water Main and Hydrants extensions for Dick’s Point Rd and Pine Wood Rd. requesting if Hydrants are to be installed, if so, they are to be added to our Public Hydrant Billing. Discussion ensued with the chiefs and it was decided to install one (1) new Fire Hydrant on Pinewood Road in near proximity to property marked 675.

Motion by Comr. Blados to install (1) Fire Hydrant on Pinewood Rd as stated above, with usual yearly billing. Seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously. Secretary to reply to SCWA.

Affidavits received for legal notices for Bid Opening on October 12<sup>th</sup> and Public Budget Hearing October 19<sup>th</sup>. For information only.

**Commissioner’s reports:**

**Comr. Zuhoski:** All equipment in good order following all repairs.

**Comr. Blados:** Reported as follows:

- Well cap on Well located Cox Land & Rt. 25, missing.
- Old fire well on Harbor Lane to be decommissioned, 2-hydrants are near-by.
- Annual Physicals to commence in December and February. Dates to be announced.
- Pumper 8-5-4 rear brakes rebuilt at a cost of approximately \$4000.00. Insurance to cover.
- Pumper 8-5-4 also to have pump valves and injectors repaired.
- Trucks 8-5-1 and 8-5-5 returned to service.
- The water Well Company has requested the board for a location to place a fire well on the Schreiber Minor sub division, located off the north end of Bridge Lane. Commissioners and Chiefs to review the property and advise at our next meeting. The well is to meet our specifications.

**Comr. Finnican:** Fan in men’s room replaced. Personnel is working out very well.

**Comr. Talbot:** Reimbursement checks received from Reeve Agency for the change over of our insurance agents.

**Chief Amos Meringer’s Report:**

**Fire School/Training:**

1. Monthly in-house training on the October 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm –  
Fire Police Refresher / Fireground safety
2. Taxpayer Drill October 19<sup>th</sup> at Yaphank
3. Well Pumping – Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Activities:**

- 1- Fire Prevention Visits to Cutchogue East – Wed. October 13<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. October 14<sup>th</sup>

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**Equipment/Repairs:**

1. 8-5-3 section of blue safety lighting on the ladder not working.
2. Well on harbor lane / briarwood receptacle unable to be plugged in.
3. 8-5-15 – Oil change and Electronic sign on top occasionally gets stuck in the up position.

**Requests:**

- 1- Vital signs total of 9 EMT's attending (list attached)  
Request the use of appropriate vehicle 8-5-19 and (1) other TBA.
- 2- Permission to hold and use grounds Annual NF Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Landing on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Purchases:**

- 1- (1) pair of 10.5 wide boots for replacement.
- 2- Replacement of (1) 2 ½" nozzle from 8-5-3 that was damaged at fire school and deemed unrepairable.

Motion by Comr. Blados to accept the chiefs report as presented, second by Comr. Finnican, carried

**New Business**

Secretary informed the board that Commissioners Elections will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> and a committee must be formed for the elections.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David Blados,

Whereas: The Annual Election for Fire Commissioner is to be held on Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 3-9 pm. It is therefore necessary, in accordance with town law, to appoint an election committee for this purpose.

Be it resolved: that the following persons be appointed as a committee for the District elections on December 8, 2020:

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| Chairperson | Carolyn Lubanski |
| Inspector   | Mary Colombo     |
| Teller      | Robert Scott     |
| Teller      | Arthur Brewer    |

Be it resolved: that each committee member is compensated \$100.00 for their services in accordance with town law.

Be it further resolved: That any candidate for the office shall file with the Fire District Secretary a letter stating the position he is seeking. Presently, there are two positions vacant. One (1) for a 1-year unexpired term for Commissioner and one (1) 5-year term for Commissioner.

Seconded by Commissioner Michael Finnican. Chairman Zuhoski called for a voice vote as follows:

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| Joseph S Zuhoski Jr. | Voting Aye |
| David Blados         | Voting Aye |
| Michael Finnican     | Voting Aye |
| Christopher Talbot   | Voting Aye |

Chairman Zuhoski declared the motion carried and instructed the secretary to proceed with the election process along with the public notices.

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Chairman Zuhoski brought for discussion the usual and customary yearly dinners, the board has, hosting the past Commissioners and the Christmas Dinner with the Board and their spouses. Due to the pandemic safety requirements, we have not held the dinners for two years. Discussion was held on the locations for each of the dinners. It was suggested that we hold the dinner with past commissioners at East on Main, in Mattituck. Chairman and secretary to visit the restaurant to review their dinners.

For the Annual Christmas Dinner, for many years we have been invited to the North Fork Country Club and have had excellent dinners and hospitality. Comr. Talbot offered to make the necessary arrangements at the club for our usual dinner.

Upon a motion by Comr. Zuhoski to hold the two dinners, as usual and customary, with all expenses. Seconded by Comr. Talbot, motion carried unanimously.

Comr. Blados informed the board that we now have the new Pickup Truck, for district maintenance however, it is without a Snow Plow. Comr. Blados has obtained two independent quotes for a snow plow. RW Truck Equipment Corp quoted \$6,244.00 and DEJANA Truck & Utility Equipment quoting \$6135.00. Both quotes meeting our specifications. A brief discussion ensued, followed by a motion from Comr. Blados to award the purchase to DEJANA in the amount of \$6135.00. Seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Chairman Zuhoski now announced that we should start the process to purchase a new Chiefs Car for the year 2023. With deliveries of new vehicle taking up to a year, we should consider starting to draw specifications for the purchase of the vehicle. Discussion followed and it was decided to start drafting specifications and to report at the next meeting. All commissioners to be involved.

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm 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  
 October 12, 2021  
Warrant 21-10

| Pay To                                 | Amount       |
|--|--------------|
| ABT DESIGN & FIRE.....                 | \$ 208.00    |
| ALL POWER PERFORMANCE.....             | \$ 225.00    |
| APPRAISAL AFFILIATES, INC.....         | \$ 4,600.00  |
| BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES.....           | \$ 2,610.09  |
| BIG GEYSER INC.....                    | \$ 258.60    |
| CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP. CARD.....      | \$ 1,428.50  |
| CHAMPION ELEVATOR.....                 | \$ 656.76    |
| CHEM-DRY OF SUFFOLK COUNTY.....        | \$ 575.00    |
| CUTCHOGUE HARDWARE.....                | \$ 44.13     |
| EESG CUSTOM APPAREL.....               | \$ 6,256.50  |
| FETTEN SIGN COMPANY, INC.....          | \$ 1,150.00  |
| FIREHOUSE TRAINING PLUS+.....          | \$ 2,625.00  |
| FIREMATIC SUPPLY.....                  | \$ 1,122.89  |
| GLOVER EVERETT (lawn maintenance)..... | \$ 150.00    |
| HARTFORD THE.....                      | \$ 137.09    |
| HENDRICKSON FIRE RESCUE EQUIP.....     | \$ 14,499.26 |
| M&T BANK.....                          | \$ 56,028.41 |
| MASON W.B.....                         | \$ 231.11    |
| MATTITUCK ENVIRO SERVICES.....         | \$ 448.85    |
| NATIONAL GRID.....                     | \$ 324.45    |
| NOFO WELLNESS CENTER.....              | \$ 550.00    |
| NORTH FORK REFRIGERATION.....          | \$ 365.00    |
| NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UL.....           | \$ 64.09     |
| OPTIMUM.....                           | \$ 536.78    |
| OTIS FORD, INC.....                    | \$ 21.00     |
| PAYCHEX.....                           | \$ 122.83    |
| PAYROLL.....                           | \$ 18,027.63 |
| PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES.....         | \$ 456.16    |
| PSEG LONG ISLAND.....                  | \$ 2,006.05  |
| RICHARD SECURITY, INC.....             | \$ 117.72    |
| ROGER RADIO, INC.....                  | \$ 285.00    |
| SOUTHOLD PHARMACY.....                 | \$ 15.00     |
| SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES.....       | \$ 494.79    |
| TIMES REVIEW NEWSPAPERS.....           | \$ 180.45    |

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| UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS.....       | \$ 1,378.79   |
| VALERO CUTCHOGUE.....                   | \$ 274.28     |
| VERIZON WIRELESS.....                   | \$ 163.39     |
| WITMER ASSOCIATES, INC.....             | \$ 396.18     |
| ZUMMO BRUCE.....                        | \$ 298.08     |
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| Total bills for approval 9/14/2021..... | \$ 119,332.86 |
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