

**2022 Minutes of the CUTCHOQUE FIRE DISTRICT Page 1 of 6**  
**December 21st, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cutchogue Fire District was called to order by David Blados, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, at 8pm.

Roll call of the Officers taken as follows; David Blados, present; Michael Finnican, present; Christopher Talbot, present; Treasurer Peter Zwerlein, present, also Matthew Martin, Secretary present.

A quorum was declared. Also present, Commissioners elect Steven Harned, present: Lawrence Behr, present.

Motion to accept the November, 2021 minutes as Emailed to commissioners.

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

Motion by Comr. Blados to approve the December 2021 Treasurer's report as printed and submitted to the Commissioners. Motion seconded by Comr. Finnican, carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the total of the Audited Bills presented by Treasurer Zwerlein, in the amount of \$274,573.63. Motion by Comr. Blados seconded by Comr. Talbot, motion carried unanimously.

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

**Correspondence:**

Report from the 2022 Commissioners elections informing that Lawrence Behr was elected to a 5-year term as Commissioner. Steven L. Harned was elected to a 1-year unexpired term of Sanford Friemann. All required documentation was submitted to the Town Clerk of Southold.

It was so noted, that Commissioner Friemann served 29 years until his untimely death in 2021. His commemorative Plaque will be presented to his family by President Zuhoski.

Letter from United Fire Company #1 in forming of their Officers Elections for 2022 for Board approval.

Motion by Comr. Blados to approve the list of Officers, subject to any training requirements on their respective vehicles. Seconded by Comr. Finnican, unanimously carried. Copy attached to rear if these minutes.

Also, application for new membership submitted by Joseph DePinto and approved by the fire company on December 2, 2021. Motion by Comr. Talbot to approve Joseph DePinto member 602, on Active Duty as a Probationary Member subject to the By-Laws of the Department/ United Fire Company #1. Motion seconded by Comr. Blados, unanimously carried.

Also submitted, a letter from Zachary Tyler resigning from the Department and accepted by the United Fire Company #1 on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Motion by Comr. Blados to honor his request, seconded by Comr. Finnican, unanimously carried.

Notice from Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and EMS, informing that due to the increase Covid-19 positive rates and the Omicron threat:

- 1, The county is supplying sanitary hand sanitizer and wipes in an emergency capacity.
- 2, Health Services also continues to operate vaccination pods. Including booster shots, at various pop-sites locations.

Quote received from Malvese Equipment Co, Inc. for a Kubota RTV-1100C Diesel Utility Vehicle in the amount of \$20,036.99 Plus a Kim Tec Life Transport slide in Unit Model MTB-101 for \$3,415.00.

Delivery is projected mid-2022.

Tax bill received from Town of Southold for the Cox Lane Property for \$335.25. This bill is to be attached to the annual lease billing to 8-Hands Farm, for reimbursement.

The NYS Fire Chiefs will host a Fire/Ems Expo February 11-13, 2022 at the Nassau Coliseum. 15 Training Seminars will be held during the two days.

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Certified letter received from Long Island Tower Partners confirming a new lease term will commence on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Commencement date.) for a term of Forty-Nine (49) years ending on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2070. Letter and Lease sent to Attorney Lark for review. Note: this lease is for the 140ft Cell Tower located on the Northeast corner on the East Side Property. Due to Covid expansion, meeting was postponed to January 2022.

From the NYS Department of Labor, notice of expanded legal obligations under NYS prevailing wage laws. The new law takes effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 for construction projects whose total cost exceed \$5 million. The DOL is requesting the name of a “point of contact” for this district. Effective immediately.

Fire Districts of NY Mutual Insurance Co. announcing that they have received and upgrade in their insurance rating to A- meaning “A Strong Financial Outlook”. Also noted, The State has proposed a 2.8% increase in premiums for 2022.

**Commissioner’s reports:**

**Comr. Zuhoski:** Expressed his sincere appreciation, to the Board, after working the district for 25 years. The board members responded with their congratulations for his retirement and best wishes for his future endeavors.

**Comr. Blados:**

- Offered his thanks to Comr. Zuhoski for his 25 years of service to the Board.
- First round for physicals have been completed, members had 6-months to complete their physicals, or face suspension.
- Fire Wells # 23 & 24 have been decommissioned and taken out of service.
- 2 old well caps have been received.
- New Plow installed on 8-5-11.
- Fire Boat trailer repaired and Boat Winterized.
- Brush Truck and Pumper 8-5-4 had minor repairs completed.
- Lupton & Luce Insurance Agency to visit during the Company January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to review our insurance changes with our members,

**Comr. Finnican:** Buildings to be inspected for necessary repairs.

**Comr. Talbot:** Discussed our LOSAP Plan Funding noting that other companies are getting higher gains for their money. He is suggestion that we review our plan, as soon as possible.

**Chief Amos Meringer’s Report, given by Asst, Chief Brewer:**

- 1, Dates being planned for Haz-mat, PESH, Blood Bourne yearly training.
- 2, Santa Parade was a success.
- 3, 5K stuff the sleigh, Santa’s arrival and Christmas Party all successful. Thank you for use of the grounds.
- 4, 8-5-1 Driver’s Door light switch, not working
- 5, Boy Scout request for Merit Badge training on pumper & ambulance.
- 6, Revise & implement a clear Covid quarantine protocol for all department members.
- 7, Purchase 6-Scott Air Bottles and accessories per quote from Costal Fire Systems.
- 8, Annual Pumper Test scheduled for December 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 9, Suffolk County is offering Covid Booster at firehouses.

Discussion the Boy Scout request ensued, chairman noted our insurance does not provide for this. Only our firemen should demonstrate what is needed.

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**New Business**

Chairman Zuhoski is retiring after 25 years as Commissioner for the District.

Comr. Blados & Secretary Martin presented Chairman Joseph Zuhoski, Jr. with a commemorative plaque for his 25 years of service to the Fire District, at the annual dinner meeting with the ladies, held at the North Fork Country Club on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Comr. Zuhoski is to present to the family of Commissioner Sanford H. Friemann, posthumously, who suddenly passed away in March of 2021, during his 29<sup>th</sup> year of service, as Commissioner.

Received from the Southold Town Clerk, copies of Constitutional Oaths for Lawrence Behr & Steve Harned for their ensuing terms of office as Fire Commissioners.

Cancer policy approval

A few jovial words were spoken about Comr. Zuhoski retirement also to welcome two new commissioners, Lawrence Behr and Steven Harned to the Board.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 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  
 December, 2021  
Warrant 21-12

Pay To	Amount
ACADEMY PRINTING	\$61.41
ADEPT TECHNOLOGY CONSULTG INC	\$4,815.87
ALL POWER PERFORMANCE	\$300.00
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	\$615.99
BEHR LARRY (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
BEHR THOMAS (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
BIG GEYSER INC	\$829.60
BLADOS DAVID (cell phone + cc reimbursement)	\$793.16
BOKEN MICHAEL C. (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	\$511.12
BREWER ARTHUR (election inspector)	\$100.00
BREWER WILLIAM (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
CAPITAL ONE, N.A. CORP. CARD	\$3,133.47
COLOMBO MARY	\$100.00
COOPER THOMAS M (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
CORWIN ROBERT E (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
CORWIN ROBERT J (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
CUTCHOGUE FIRE DEPT. CHIEFS	\$2,200.00
DINIZIO CHRISTOPHER A. (uniform allowance + Capt. mileage)	\$1,934.00
EESG CUSTOM APPAREL	\$194.85
FANNON III WILLIAM F (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
FICNER COURTNEY E (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
FIGURNIAK CHRISTIAN (uniform allowance)	\$100.00
FINNICAN MICHAEL (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
FIREHOUSE TRAINING PLUS+	\$2,625.00
FIREMATIC SUPPLY	\$656.40
FOGARTY JAMES SR. (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
FULL CYCLE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$41.50
GLOVER EVERETT (uniform allowance + lawn maintenance)	\$100.00
HENDRICKSON FIRE RESCUE EQUIP	\$3,845.67
J.R. HOME IMPROVEMENTS	\$748.00
JABLONSKI MARGARET (infection control officer services)	\$60.00
JAMES PUBLISHING, INC.	\$164.00
LARK & FOLTS, ESQS.	\$5,735.00
LUBANSKI CAROLYN	\$100.00

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LUPTON & LUCE, INC.	\$12,919.75
MARTIN C. AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY	\$187.49
MASON W.B.	\$448.53
MATTITUCK ENVIRO SERVICES	\$897.70
MERINGER AMOS (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
NASSAU DIAGNOSTICS, INC.	\$355.00
NATIONAL GRID	\$752.70
NOFO WELLNESS CENTER	\$550.00
NORTH FORK COUNTRY CLUB	\$3,000.00
NYS EMPLOYEES' RET. SYSTEM	\$30.00
NYS EMPLOYMENT TAXES UI	\$87.56
OCEAN JANITORIAL SUPPLY INC	\$574.86
OTIS FORD, INC.	\$79.12
PAYCHEX	\$124.61
PAYROLL	\$22,244.01
PEOPLES BANK BLDG RSV SVG A/C	\$68,000.00
PEOPLES BANK EQUIP RV SVG A/C	\$100,000.00
PETRO COMMERCIAL SERVICES	\$830.94
PSEG LONG ISLAND	\$1,293.99
RIVERHEAD BUILDING SUPPLY	\$420.72
ROSLAK ELECTRIC, INC.	\$351.32
SAFETY & ENV. SOLUTIONS, INC.	\$25.00
SARATOGA HILTON	\$4,296.00
SCM PRODUCTS INC	\$2,245.00
SCOTT ROBERT (election inspector)	\$100.00
SOUTH SHORE FIRE & SAFETY	\$2.50
SOUTHOLD HARDWARE	\$44.97
SOUTHOLD PHARMACY	\$15.00
SOUTHOLD TOWN RECEIVER OF TAXE	\$335.25
SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES	\$705.32
STARZEE DONALD DBA STAR MECH	\$750.00
STRATEGIC SECURITY SYSTEMS	\$166.00
STRYKER SALES CORPORATION	\$854.09
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY	\$210.33
TALBOT CHRIS (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
TIMES REVIEW NEWSPAPERS	\$176.53
UNITED FIRE COMPANY NO. 1	\$12,778.82
UNITED STATES TREASURY EFTPS	\$1,706.11
VALERO CUTCHOGUE	\$299.09

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VAN DUZER GAS SERVICE	\$606.97
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$213.34
VOEGEL CHRISTIAN W (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
VOEGEL, JR. CHRISTIAN W (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
WINTERS, TIMOTHY E (uniform allowance)	\$50.00
WITMER ASSOCIATES, INC.	\$1,528.72
ZUHOSKI JOSEPH JR. (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
ZUMMO BRUCE	\$271.25
ZWERLEIN PETER J. (cell phone reimbursement)	\$540.00
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Total bills for approval 12/21/2021.....	\$274,573.63
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