

Oceanside Fire District

Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order on November 12, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Presiding:	Chairman Vincent Staffa	
In Attendance:	Commissioner Charles Fortin	Chief Michael Gress
	Commissioner John Madden	1 st Asst Chief Sean Costigan
	Commissioner Michael Graham	2 nd Asst Chief Sean Lynch
	District Manager John Lund	3 rd Asst Chief Kevin Klein
	District Supervisor Matthew Martin	
	District Secretary Tricia Schields	
	District Treasurer Kevin Grasing	
	Deputy Treasurer Patrick Cunningham	

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to approve the last meeting's minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

BID OPENING – None / COUNCIL – None / NEW MEMBERS - None

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS -

- See letter from the Nassau County Firefighters Museum thanking the District for their support with the 2024 Badge of Courage Celebration.
- See letter from Oceanside Middle School thanking the District for lending them tables for their Superintendent Conference Day.

A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve the Annual Maintenance Contract with SCM at a cost of \$18,213.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT-

- See email from Chief Klein about Inter Department burn off kit drill with Long Beach FD's Engine 4 on Sunday December 8, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve up to 20 members attend the "Taxpayer & Mixed Occupancy Fires" seminar hosted by The Fire Chiefs Council of Nassau County on January 25, 2025 at a cost of \$35 per member. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Gress has forwarded letters from Captain Butler requesting the following:

1. Hanging donated Smartboard in meeting room and installing new outlet.

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to Deny the request to Hang the donated Smartboard in meeting room and installation of a new outlet. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Requesting orange hoods for all Company members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to deny the district's purchase of orange hoods for Hose 3 members. As per the precedent set by Hose 1, members of Hose 3 can purchase and use the hoods if they choose. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Requesting PFF Dylan Lisi be taken off school leave as of December 14, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve PFF Dylan Lisi be taken off school leave as of December 14, 2024. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Gress has forwarded letters from Captain Massimillo requesting the following:

1. Requesting a meeting with the Board to discuss a new shed for Marine 6
 - a. **Approved, the District will get prices for a shed prior to the meeting.**

2. Requesting that FF Charles Artino return to service from his 6-month leave

A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve FF Charles Artino return to service from his 6-month leave. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Chief Gress was sent a letter advising him of decisions affecting the Department at the last Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve the five (5) Hall rentals approved by the Chief, all paperwork and dates are good. All in favor. Motion carried.

- I have 2 items for Executive sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Lund III

District Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve the engagement letter from Craig, Fitzsimmons & Meyer for our independent audit for the year ending December 31, 2024. The fee is \$15,950. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Madden, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve certifying a member is entitled to begin receiving his benefit. All in favor. Motion carried.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to approve paying two invoices out of Capital Reserve #1 (New Radio Project):
Motorola in the amounts of \$7,386.33 and \$36, 933.00 for a total of: \$44,319.33. All in favor.
Motion carried.**

- Also, attached are the updated 2024 Budget and current balances of all accounts.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grasing
Treasurer.

CHIEF'S REPORT

One item for Executive Session. Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support for the awards ceremony. Commended the Department Members who went upstate to assist with the wildfires. Our members went above and beyond and represented the District with pride and dignity.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Thank you for your support. Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you for the response on all the calls lately. Good Luck with the Officer Elections.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve the purchase of Adobe for the Training Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to pay all bills. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made at 19:41 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to go into Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made at 20:21 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Madden, to exit Executive Session and adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:21.

Submitted by,
Tricia Schields
District Secretary