

Oceanside Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order on October 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

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

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

BID OPENING – None / COUNCIL – None / NEW MEMBER – None

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS -

- The District has been approved and is participating in the NYS EMS billing program.
- See Notice of Public Hearing for 2025 proposed budget for the Oceanside Fire District to be held October 15, 2024
- See Legal Notice for the Permissive Referendum for \$125,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund for the Emergency repair of the Training Tower at Fireman's Field
- See Resolution for the 2024 Department Elections
 1. Notwithstanding Sections 211,213, and 214 of the Bylaws of the Oceanside Fire Department, for the purposes of Department elections to be held in 2024 for the 2025 firematic year, the election shall be conducted as follows:
 - a. Voting will take place on all SCM Finger Readers;
 - b. Voting will be open for two weeks starting 11/21/24 at 0001 hours through 12/5/24 at 2000 hours;
 - c. No absentee ballots will be available except if a member meets the criteria set forth in Section 213(C) of the Bylaws: and
 - d. In the event of a tie, a runoff election will be held under the same terms as above during the period starting 12/6/24 at 0001 hours through 12/12/24 at 2000 hours.
 2. All other provisions of the Bylaws not directly superseded by this shall remain in full force and effect.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the resolution for electronic voting for the 2024 Department Elections. All in favor. Motion carried.

- See thank you letter from Tony Dasaro for the use of Head Quarters for his Mothers Memorial Service.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve a table of (10) to attend the Kiwanis Dinner at a cost of \$1,000. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve the Chief's award ribbons request as well as 55 award certificates and 150 Ceremony programs from PIP totaling \$435.00 and 55 certificate frames from Amazon for \$143.96. All in favor. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve the lights and siren package for 2453 from Code 1 Solutions at a cost of \$1,663.66. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve the request from South Side for a computer for SCM. All in favor. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve new gear for FF Chris Klein. FF Stankowski's gear has been repaired and does not need replacement. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve a new uniform for Former Chief Kevin Costigan. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to approve a new file cabinet for the Department EMS Squad office. 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 Fortin, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve the 2 Hall rentals approved by Chief paperwork and dates are good. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Lund III
District Manager

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosano, seconded by Commissioner Fortin, to approve two bills to be paid out of Capital Reserve #1: Motorola Solutions for \$11, 455.71 and \$2,674.00. These are for the New Radio Project. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Attached to my report is the abstract for Utility bills that were paid since the last board meeting.
- Also, attached are the updated 2024 Budget and current balances of all accounts.
- Reminder Budget Meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Grasing
Treasurer.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Thank you for Fire Prevention Day and the Awards.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Captain Butler – Thank you for the garage dedication to Joe Miano. Terrace really appreciates it.
Captain Brooks – Thank you for the file cabinet.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Fire prevention day went well. Good community event.

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

Motion made at 19:36 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to go into Executive Session with Ex-Captain Ferrucci Jr. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made at 20:35 by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Commissioner Rosano, to exit Executive Session and adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:35.

Submitted by,
Tricia Schields
District Secretary