

# MINUTES

## Cutchogue Fire District

01/04/2023 0500 pm Meeting called to order by Chairman Dave Blados  
Salute to flag

### In Attendance

David Blados, Chairman      Michael Finnican, Vice-Chairman      Christopher Talbot, Commissioner  
Commissioner's: Steven Harned, Lawrence Behr, Christopher Talbot  
Thomas Shalvey Jr. Secretary      Richard Lark, Attorney  
Absent: Peter Zwerlein, Treasurer

### Motions

- ▶ **23-100** Motion to nominate Michael Finnican as Chairman of the meeting. Motion by S. Harned. Second by L. Behr. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-101** Motion to nominate Michael Finnican as Chairman of the Board for 2023. Motion by S. Hamed. Second by L. Behr All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-102** Motion to nominate Christopher Talbot as Vice-Chairman of Board for 2023. Motion by S. Hamed. Second by D. Blados. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-103** Motion to appoint Thomas Shalvey Jr. as Secretary for 2023 at a salary of \$35,000.00 per year. Motion by M. Finnican. Second by S. Hamed. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-104** Motion to appoint Peter Zwerlein as Treasure for 2023 at the salary set forth in the 2023 adopted budget. Motion by M. Finnican. Second by S. Hamed. All in favor motion passed. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-105** Motion bond Treasurer Zwerlein for 2023 as in the past. Motion by D. Blados. Second by M. Finnican.
- ▶ **23-106** Motion to hold monthly Board meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm, except for December when the meeting will be held on the third Tuesday at 8pm. Motion by D. Blados. Second by L. Behr. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-107** Motion to pay the full-time, part-time custodial workers at the salary set forth in the adopted 2023 budget. Motion by C. Talbot. Second by S. Harned. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-108** Motion to have full-time employees receive paid holidays and paid vacations per District work policy now in effect. Motion by C. Talbot. Second by S. Hamed. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-109** Motion to accept Oath of Office from Southold Town Clerk for newly re-elected Commissioner Steven Harned. Motion by L. Behr. Second by C. Talbot. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-110** Motion to name M & T bank as primary depository for District funds. Motion by C. Talbot. Second by L. Behr. All in favor motion passed.
- ▶ **23-111** Motion to name The Suffolk Times, having circulation in the District as primary official paper of the District. In the event that The Suffolk Times cannot print a legal notice in a timely fashion Newsday having a circulation in the District is designated as the secondary newspaper of record. Motion by D. Blados. Second by C. Talbot. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-112** Motion to appoint Richard Lark as attorney for the District for 2023@ a rate of \$325.00 per hour and \$140.00 per hours for work completed by clerk. Motion by C. Talbot. Second by S. Hamed All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-113** Motion to permit video conferencing by a Commissioner upon written request a minimum of 5 days prior to the meeting date. Secretary to publish notice of change. Motion by S. Harned. Second by L. Behr. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-114** Motion to pay for membership in the following organizations:

- Association of Fire Districts (AFDSNY)
- Fireman's Association State of New York (FASNY)
- Suffolk County Fire Districts Association (SCFDA)
- Southold Town Fire Districts Association (STFDOA)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- New York State Fire Chief's Association (NYSFCA)
- Suffolk County Fire Chief's Association (SCFCA)
- Southold Town Fire Chief's Council STFCC)

Motion by D. Blados. Second by L. Behr. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-115** Motion to approve all nominated Department and Company Officer for 2023

- Chief's: William Brewer, Chief Christian Voegel 1<sup>st</sup>. Asst. Christopher Dinizo 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst.
- Captain: Joseph Hinton
- Lieutenants: Charles Witzak, Bryan Zissel, Christian Figurnaik, Michael C. Boken, Will Voegel, Ken Pearsall, Arthur Brewer, Thomas Behr. Timothy Winters.
- Chief Driver's: William Burns, James Burns, John Hinton, Alan Glover, Thomas Cooper, James Rocco, Garrett Lake, Mike Finnican, William Fannon, Steve Braverman
- Rescue: Captain Ken Pearsall                      Lieutenant :Andrea Parks
- Fire Police: Captain: Arthur Brewer
- Water Rescue: Captain: Ed Nicholson                      Lieutenant: Tom Robbins
- Secretaries/Treasurer: Treasurer: Tim Horton                      Recording Secretary: Tom Cybulski  
Financial Secretary Will Voegel
- Trustees:        Robert Scott, Andre Cybulski, Peter Zwerelin.

▶ **23-116** Motion to enter in yearly contracts with the following vendors.

- **Otis elevator:**                      service elevators.
- **SCM fire:**                              LOSAP & Dispatch.
- **Emerald Document:**                      Canon printers.
- **XCL Business:**                              Xerox printers.
- **IWT:**                                      Radio console and ambulance modems.
- **Lupton & Luce:**                              Insurance.
- **Sheehan & Company:**                      CPA and audit work.
- **NOFO Wellness:**                              Gym membership for members.
- **NOi:**                                        Member physicals.
- **HGC Group Buying:**                              Purchase equipment.
- **8 Hands Farm:**                              Lease Cox Lane property.
- **Waterway:**                                      Hose testing, Pump testing & weigh vehicles.
- **Commander Electric:**                              Generator service.
- **Firefly:**                                        Manage LOSAP program.
- **East End Financial:**                              Manage LOSAP funds.

- **Soloveiv Investors:** Lease office building.
- **Grant Guys;** Apply for government grants.
- **Stryker:** Service contract for EMS equipment.
- **District Finance:** Support for Treasurer software.

▶ **23-117 Additional:**

- Provide cancer insurance coverage for members.
- Follow COVID-19 safety regulations and sanitary procedures.

▶ **23-118** Motion to authorize Treasurer to pay in advance of an audit by this Board of Fire Commissioners the following claims; such claims must be presented at next regular Board meeting for audit.

- **PSE&G:** Lights and gas.
- **Postmaster:** Postage.
- **Freight Companies:** As required for timely deliveries.
- **Payroll:** Fixed salaries.
- **Payroll:** Services of Officers or employees engaged by District.
- **Town of Southold:** Town property taxes.

Motion by C. Talbot second by S. Harned. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-119** Motion to permit Southold Town Police to install and use existing radio antenna pole located on Fire District property for public service radio communication until further notice. Motion by C. Talbot Second by S. Harned. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-120** Motion to hold Fire District elections on December 12<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 9 pm. Motion by C. Talbot Second by D. Blados. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-121** Motion to pay for online or in-person training courses for elected/appointed district officers who attend mandatory courses offered by Association of Fire Districts. Motion by S. Harned Second by C. Talbot. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-122** Motion to continue with Southold PD & Suffolk FRES for dispatching calls and daily radio tests Monday to Saturday@ 602 pm by SPD and Sunday@ 610 pm by FRES. Motion by C. Talbot. Second by L. Behr. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-123** Motion to allow United Fire Company # 1 to utilize District owned/leased buildings for monthly meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday of every month. Motion by S. Harned. Second by M. Finnican. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-124** Motion to allow Cutchogue Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary to utilize District owned/leased buildings to hold monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday of every month. Motion by S. Harned Second by M. Finnican. All in favor motion passed.

▶ **23-125** Motion to allow Cutchogue Fire Department Juniors to utilize District owned/leased buildings to hold monthly meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of every month. Motion by S. Harned. Second by M. Finnican. All in favor motion passed.

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## Committees Appointed

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<b>Trucks &amp; Equipment:</b>	Dave Blados and Larry Behr
<b>Personnel:</b>	Mike Finnican and Dave Blados
<b>Water &amp; Hydrants:</b>	Chris Talbot and Steve Harned
<b>Physicals:</b>	Dave Blados and Mike Finnican

**Insurance & LOSAP** Larry Behr and Dave Blados  
**Building, Grounds and Clean-out:** Entire Board  
**Community Relations:** Mike Finnican and Dave Blados  
**Computers and Communication:** Chris Talbot and Steve Harned

▶ **23-126** Motion to adjourn meeting at 550 pm. Motion by C. Talbot Second by S. Harned.  
All in favor motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Shalvey Jr.  
District Secretary